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BY virtue of His Majesty's Commission under the Great Seal, and in obedience to His Majesty's Commands, Parliament was prorogued on the above-mentioned day to Tuesday the Eighth day of February next, to be then here holden.
Tuesday, 8th February 1927.

PRAYERS at Twelve of the clock.

A MESSAGE from His Majesty, 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 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 Three of
the clock; and acquainted the House, that
he had issued, during the Recess, A Warrant
to the Clerk of the Crown to make out a new
Writ for the Election of a Member to serve in
this present Parliament for the County of
Worcester (Stourbridge Division), in the room
of Douglas Percival Pielou, Esquire, deceased.

Oswald Ernald Mosley, Esquire, Member for
the Borough of Smethwick, was sworn.

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

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

Ordered, That the Votes and Proceedings of this House be printed, being first 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.

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

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

Ordered, That the said Journal and Index be printed by the appointment and under the direction of Sir Thomas Lonsdale Webster, K.C.B., the Clerk of this House.

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

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported, at London, 30th November 1926, and Notes accompanying Declaration. Signed at London, 10th December 1926.

Ordered, That a Committee of Privileges be appointed.

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

- Copy of Agreement between the United Kingdom and Greece respecting the Measure of Tonnage of Merchant Ships. Signed at London, 30th November 1926, and Notes exchanged 30th November-1st December 1926.
- Copy of Treaty of Commerce and Navigation between the United Kingdom and Portugal renewing the (No. 1, 1927.)
- Copy of Treaty of Commerce and Navigation (No. 5, 1927.)
- Copy of Declaration and Memoranda by the Chinese Commissioner. Presented to the Com. (No. 1, 1927.)
- Copy of Correspondence respecting the Agreement between the United Kingdom and Italy, (No. 1, 1927.) of 14th-20th December 1925, in regard to Lake Tsana.

Isle of Wight Water.
Littlehampton Harbour and Arun Drainage Outfall.
Liverpool Corporation.
Maidstone Water.
Mersey Tunnel (Birkenhead Entrance, &c.).
North Metropolitan Electric Power Supply.
Peterborough Corporation.
Royal Albert Hall.
St. Catherine's College, Cambridge (Canonship of Norwich).
Salford Corporation.
Scarborough Gas Company (Consolidation).
South Staffordshire Mond Gas Company.
Sunderland Corporation.
Thorne Colliery Railway and Wharf.
Tyne Improvement.
Wallasey Corporation.
Wessex Electricity.
West Cheshire Water Board.
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Copy of Accounts of the Irish Sailors and Soldiers Land Trust for year ended 31st March 1926.

Copy of Account of the Fee Fund of the House of Lords from 1st April 1925 to 31st March 1926.

Copy of Agreement for the Settlement of the War Debt of Portugal to Great Britain.

Copy of Statistical Abstract for British India from 1915-16 to 1924-25, Fifty-ninth Number.

Copy of Report for the period up to November 1926 of the Chairman of the Inter-departmental Committee appointed to survey the Prices of Building Materials.

Copy of List of Exceptions to the Ministry of Pensions Regulations as to Pay, Non-effective Pay, and Allowances sanctioned during the year ended 31st March 1926.

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

Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899.

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Destructive Insects and Pests Acts, 1877 and 1907.

Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889 (Ordinance).

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Education (Scotland).

Irish Sailors and Soldiers Land Trust.

Fee Fund (House of Lords)

Portuguese War Debt.

East India (Statistical Abstract)

Prices of Building Materials.

Ministry of Pensions.

Copy of University Court Ordinance, No. 147 (St. Andrew’s, No. 29) (Pensioning and Superannuation of Principals and Professors) made under the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889.

Copy of University Court Ordinance, No. 148 (St. Andrew’s, No. 30) (Regulations as to Taylour Thomson Bursaries for Women, supplementary to Ordinance No. 46 (St. Andrew’s, No. 5) of the Commissioners under the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889.

Copy of Rules made by the Secretary of State for the treatment and custody of Prisoners who inform the Governor that they desire to appeal in accordance with the provisions of the Criminal Appeal (Scotland) Act, 1926.

Copy of Order made by the Secretary of State under the Prisons (Scotland) Act, 1877, closing the Prison of Edinburgh.

Copy of Minute of the Committee of Council on Education in Scotland, dated 11th November 1926, providing for the payment of grant from the Education (Scotland) Fund under the Education (Scotland) Act, 1918.

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

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Colonel Ashley presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament—Copies of Provisional Regulations made by the Minister of Transport under the London Traffic Act, 1924,—

(1) dated 27th August 1926, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) (Clapham Road) Provisional Regulations, 1926;

(2) dated 2nd September 1926, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Amendment (No. 7) Provisional Regulations, 1926;

(3) dated 2nd September 1926, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Amendment (No. 8) Provisional Regulations, 1926;

(4) dated 27th September 1926, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Amendment (No. 9) Provisional Regulations, 1926;

(5) dated 21st October 1926, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Amendment (No. 10) Provisional Regulations, 1926;

(6) dated 6th November 1926, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Amendment (No. 11) Provisional Regulations, 1926;

(7) dated 10th November 1926, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) (Barking Road) Amendment Provisional Regulations, 1926;

(8) dated 24th November 1926, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Amendment (Route No. 95) Provisional Regulations, 1926;

(9) dated 24th November 1926, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Amendment (Route No. 9b) Provisional Regulations, 1926;

(10) dated 3rd December 1926, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Amendment (Route No. 15d) Provisional Regulations, 1926;

(11) dated 10th January 1927, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Amendment (Route No. 108) Provisional Regulations, 1927;

(12) dated 24th January 1927, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Amendment (Routes Nos. 80b and 180a) Provisional Regulations, 1927;

(13) dated 25th January 1927, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Amendment (Route No. 183) Provisional Regulations, 1927;

(14) dated 27th January 1927, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Amendment (Route No. 408a) Provisional Regulations, 1927;

(15) dated 31st January 1927, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Amendment (Route No. 503) Provisional Regulations, 1927;


Copy of Regulations, dated 2nd February London 1927, made by the Minister of Transport under Traffic Act, the London Traffic Act, 1924, and entitled the

Copies of Special Orders made by the Electricity Commissioners, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919,—

(1) in respect of the compulsory acquisition of lands for a transforming station;
(2) in respect of the Urban District of Milford Haven, in the County of Pembrokeshire;
(3) in respect of parts of the Rural Districts of Lutterworth, in the County of Leicester, and Rugby, in the County of Warwick;
(4) in respect of part of the Rural District of Hameldon, in the County of Surrey;
(5) in respect of the Parishes of Whitstable-cum-Seasalter and Swalecliffe, in the Rural District of Blean, in the County of Kent;
(6) authorising the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the County Borough of West Ham to supply electricity in bulk to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the County Borough of East Ham and the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Ilford, and for purposes incidental thereto;
(7) in respect of certain Burghs and Parishes in the Counties of Berwick, Midlothian, Peebles, Roxburgh, and Selkirk;
(8) in respect of the Urban District of Holbeach, in the parts of Holland, in the County of Lincoln;
(9) in respect of the Urban District of Boswell, in the County of Derby;
(10) in respect of the Urban District of Clayton, in the West Riding of the County of York.

Electricity (Supply) Acts.

Copy of Rules, dated 14th January 1927, made by the Electricity Commissioners under Section 34 of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, with respect to applications by statutory gas companies for Special Orders under the Statutory Gas Companies (Electricity Supply Powers) Act, 1925, and entitled the Electricity Commissioners (Statutory Gas Companies Capital Powers) Rules, 1927.

Roads Act, 1926.

Copy of Regulations, made by the Minister of Transport under the Roads Act, 1926, dated 1st January 1927, entitled the Hackney Motor Vehicles (Seating Capacity) Regulations, 1927.

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

East India (Loans raised in India.)

Earl Winterton presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—

Copy of Return of all Loans raised in India chargeable on the Revenues of India, outstanding at the commencement of the half-year ended 30th September 1926.

Copy of Amendment of the Indian Legislative Rules made by the Governor General of India in Council, with the sanction of the Secretary of State in Council, under Sections 67 and 139a of the Government of India Act.

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

8th February.

1927.

Secretary Sir William Joynson-Hicks presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Draft of Rules proposed to be made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department under the Prison Act, 1898, for the government of Local and Convict Prisons.

Copy of an Order for the insertion of an additional Condition in a Licence granted to a female Convict.

Copy of the Royal Irish Constabulary Pensions (Supplemental) (No. 3) Order, 1926, made by the Secretary of State with the concurrence of the Treasury.

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

County Borough of Middlesbrough.
County Borough of Lancaster (with Amendment).
County Borough of Barnsley (with Amendment).
City and County of Newcastle-upon-Tyne.
County Borough of Warrington (with Amendment).

Copy of Reports of His Majesty's Inspectors of Constabulary for the year ended 29th Sept_ember 1926.

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

Major Tryon presented, pursuant to the War Pensions directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Acts, Order, dated 11th December 1926, made by the Minister of Pensions under the War Pensions Acts, entitled the North of Scotland War Pensions Committee Order, 1927.

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 Acts, Order, dated 23rd December 1926, entitled the North of Scotland War Pensions Committee Order, 1927.

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

Mr. Neville Chamberlain presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Provisional Regulations made by the Minister of Health,—

(1) dated 23rd December 1926, entitled the National Health Insurance (Insurance Committees) Amendment Regulations (No. 3), 1926;
(2) dated 1st January 1927, entitled the National Health Insurance (Medical Benefits) Amendment Regulations, 1927.
National Health Insurance (Joint Committee) Regulations.

(1) dated 3rd December 1926, entitled the National Health Insurance (Navy, Army, and Air Force) Amendment Regulations (No. 2), 1926;

(2) dated 13th December 1926, entitled the National Health Insurance (Approved Societies) Amendment Regulations, 1926;

(3) dated 23rd December 1926, entitled the National Health Insurance (Joint Committee) Regulations (No. 2), 1926.

Contributory Pensions (Regulations.)

Copy of Provisional Regulations made by the National Health Insurance Joint Committee, the Minister of Health, and the Scottish Board of Health,—

(1) dated 20th November 1926, entitled the National Health Insurance Exempt Persons Amendment Regulations;

(2) dated 29th December 1926, entitled the National Health Insurance Deposit Contributors Amendment Regulations (No. 2), 1926.

Rating and Valuation Act, 1926.

Copies of Orders made by the Minister of Health under the Rating and Valuation Act, 1925,—

(1) dated 14th September 1926, entitled the Rating and Valuation (Doncaster Assessment Area and Committee) Order, 1926;

(2) dated 30th November 1926, entitled the Rating and Valuation Act (County Valuation Committees) Order, 1926;

(3) dated 3rd December 1926, entitled the Rating and Valuation (Brecon Rating Area) Order, 1926.

Copy of Central Valuation Committee (Constitution) Scheme, 1926, made by the Minister of Health under the Rating and Valuation Act, 1925, for the constitution of a Central Valuation Committee.

Copies of Orders made under the Local Government Act, 1888,—


(2) The Wolverton (Union of Parishes) Confirmation Order, 1927.

(3) The Oxfordshire (Headington Urban District) Confirmation Order, 1927.

(4) The Nottinghamshire (Kingston and Ratcliffe) Confirmation Order, 1927.


Copy of Order made by the Minister of Health under the Poor Law Amendment Acts, 1834 and 1844, entitled the Upper Mitton Order, 1927.

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

Secretary Sir Laming Worthington-Evans presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, —Copy of Report by the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Acts, 1898, in connection with the Shanghai Defence Forces.

Copy of Scheme made by the Army Council Army for the establishment and constitution of an Association for the West Riding of the County of York under the Territorial and Reserve Forces Act, 1907.

Copy of Draft Order in Council authorising Army Military Manoeuvres in 1927.

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

Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, —Copy of Order amending in certain respects His Majesty's Order, dated 15th April 1925, as amended by subsequent Orders, 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.

Copy of Order made under the Air Force (Constitution) Act, 1917, providing that Chaplains holding short service commissions in the Royal Air Force, who have been permitted to extend their service to seven years, may further extend their service so as to complete nine years in all.

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

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, —Copy of Order amending in certain respects His Majesty's Order, dated 15th April 1925, as amended by subsequent Orders, 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.

Copy of Regulations, dated 1st February 1927, made by the Board of Trade, as to the proportion of Value of Optical Goods resulting from Labour within the British Empire.

Copy of the Weights and Measures (Amendment No. 2) Regulations, 1926, dated 30th December 1926, made by the Board of Trade under the Weights and Measures Act, 1904, extending the period of allowance for certain Weighing and Measuring Appliances.

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; and that the Paper relative to Merchant Shipping Acts (Dispensing Powers) be printed.

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, 1898, for the purpose of the levying of Light Dues in pursuance of the Act.
Copy of Order in Council applying the Air Navigation (Consolidation) Order, 1923, with modifications, to Guernsey.

Copy of Orders in Council, dated 14th December 1926, approving Admiralty Memorials under the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1895.

Mr. McNeill presented, by His Majesty's Command.—Copy of Report of the Committee on National Debt and Taxation.

Mr. McNeill also presented, pursuant to the Resolution of the House, dated 8th February 1879.—Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 10th January 1827, under Section 4 of the Appropriation Act, 1925, authorising the temporary application of surpluses on certain Air Votes for the year 1925-26, to meet excesses on other Air Votes for the same year.

Mr. McNeill also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Abstract Accounts of the Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, for the year ended 31st March 1926, together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Copy of Statement of Guarantees under the Trade Facilities Acts which the Treasury have stated their willingness to give up to 31st December 1926.

Account showing the money received, expended, and borrowed, and the securities created under the provisions of the West Indian Islands (Telegraph) Act, 1924, together with a Statement showing the receipts and expenses of the system from 1st October 1924 to 31st March 1926.

Account of the Gross Amount of all Moneys received and paid by the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt on account of the Fund for Military Savings Banks, from 19th September 1845 to 5th January 1827.

Appropriation Accounts of the sums granted by Parliament for Civil Services for the year ended 31st March 1926, together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon and upon certain Store Accounts.

Appropriation Accounts of the sums granted by Parliament for Revenue Departments for the year ended 31st March 1926, together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon, and upon Revenue and certain Store Accounts.

Copy of Treasury Minute under the Public Accounts and Charges Act, 1891, dated 1st January 1927, directing the application of certain receipts as Appropriations-in-Aid of the Vote for the Government Chemist and the Vote for the Charity Commission.

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

Mr. Secretary Amery presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Orders in Council applying the Air, Public Estimates, Civil Services, Taxation, Marine Pay and Pensions Acts.

Col. Lane-Fox presented, pursuant to Mines and the directions of several Acts of Parliament, Quarries.

Copy of Reports of His Majesty's Inspectors of Mines under the Coal Mines Act, 1911, the Metalliferous Mines Regulation Acts, 1872, and the Quarries Act, 1894, for 1925.


Copy of Fifth Annual Report of the Secretary of Mines for 1925 and Annual Report of His Majesty's Chief Inspector of Mines for the same year, with a Statistical Appendix to both Reports.

Copy of Order, dated 23rd December 1926, directing the application of the Table.

Mr. Guinness presented, pursuant to the Titre Acts, directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Statutory Rule and Order under the Titre Acts, dated 30th December 1926, Schedule of Fees in respect of the transactions under the Titre Acts, 1836 to 1925.

Copy of Order, dated 23rd December 1926, directing the application of the Table.

Copy of Order in Council applying the Air, Public Estimates, Civil Services, Taxation, Marine Pay and Pensions Acts.

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Copy of Third Schedule, containing a List and Particulars of certain classes of documents existing or accruing in the Ministry of Pensions which are not considered of sufficient public value to justify their preservation in the Public Record Office.

Copy of Accounts of the Land Purchase Commission (Northern Ireland) for the year ended 31st March 1926, together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Copy of Report to the Lord Chancellor of the number of Visits made, the number of Patients seen, and the number of Miles travelled, by the Visitors of Lunatics between 1st April and 30th September 1926.

Copy of the Supreme Court Funds (No. 2) Provisional Rules, 1926, dated 20th December 1926.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Land Purchase Commission (Northern Ireland) be printed.

Mr. Speaker reports 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 League of Nations has been strengthened, and a further step taken towards the restoration of normal international relations in Europe by the entry of Germany into the League and her appointment to a permanent seat on the Council of the League. In continuation of this policy it was found possible at the end of last month to terminate the system of Allied military control in Germany as set up by the Treaty of Versailles and to hand over to the League all questions affecting the military clauses of the Treaty.

The continuation of civil war in China and the anti-Foreign and particularly the anti-British agitation by which it has been accompanied, have caused Me grave anxiety. In consequence of what happened at Hankow and in other places, My Government have felt it necessary to despatch to the Far East a sufficient force to protect the lives of My British and Indian subjects against mob violence and armed attack. But I earnestly desire a peaceful settlement of the difficulties which have arisen, and My Government have caused proposals to be made to the Chinese authorities which should convince public opinion in China and throughout the world that it is the desire of the British people to remove all real grievances, to renew Our treaties on an equitable basis, and to place Our future relations with the Chinese people on a footing of friendship and goodwill.

My Government will maintain Our traditional policy of non-interference in the internal affairs of China.

I rejoice that a fair and friendly settlement has been reached regarding the funding of the War Debt due to this Country by Portugal.

Members of the House of Commons,
The Estimates for the Public Services will be laid before you in due course.

My Lords and Members of the House of Commons,

There are, I am happy to note, encouraging signs of improvement in the state of trade and industry. I earnestly pray that those engaged in the various industries of the Country will use their utmost endeavours to ensure that the improvement in the volume of employment among My people, which may now be reasonably anticipated, will not be arrested by industrial strife.

Proposals will be laid before you at an early date to enable effect to be given to the change in the style and titles of the Sovereign to which, on the recommendation of the Imperial Conference, I have given My approval. At the same time you will be invited to make consequential alterations in the title of Parliament.

Recent events have made evident the importance of defining and amending the law with reference to industrial disputes. Proposals for this purpose will be laid before you.

Proposals will also be made for an amendment of the law relating to leasehold premises so as to secure to an outgoing tenant compensation for the loss of his goodwill and unexhausted improvements.

Bills in connection with Agriculture will be laid before you.

You will be invited to pass a measure dealing with Insurance against Unemployment.

A Bill to encourage the production and exhibition of British films will be presented to you.

Proposals for the amendment of the Companies Acts will be introduced to your notice.

Proposals will also be submitted to you for the reorganisation of certain of the Departments in Scotland.

Other important matters, as the time of the Session permits, will be introduced to your notice; and I pray that your deliberations may, under the Divine blessing, result in the happiness and contentment of My people.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, as followeth:

Most Gracious Sovereign,

We, Your Majesty’s most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, in Parliament assembled, beg leave to offer our humble thanks to Your Majesty for the Gracious Speech which Your Majesty has addressed to both Houses of Parliament—(Mr. Oliver Stanley)—And a Debate arising thereupon:

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.

—(Mr. Thomas Kennedy.)

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.

—(Commander Eyres-Monsell.)

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

In pursuance of Standing Order No. 1 (Sittings of the House); —

I hereby nominate —

Lieutenant-Colonel Herbert Henry Spender-Clay, C.M.G., M.C.,
Sir Archibald Henry Macdonald Sinclair, Baronet, C.M.G.,
Dennis Henry Herbert, Esquire, 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.

8th February 1927.

Liverpool Corporation.
Maidstone Water.
Mersey Tunnel (Birkenhead Entrance, &c.).
North Metropolitan Electric Power Supply.
Peterborough Corporation.
Royal Albert Hall.
St. Catharine's College, Cambridge (Canonship of Norwich).
Salford Corporation.
Scarborough Gas Company (Consolidation).
South Staffordshire Mond Gas Company.
Sunderland Corporation.
Tyne Improvement.
Wallasey Corporation.
Wessex Electricity.
West Cheshire Water Board.
Yeadon Waterworks.
Yorkshire Electric Power.

And that they had certified that the Standing Orders have not been complied with in the following case, viz.:

Thorne Colliery Railway and Wharf.

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

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

London and Home Counties Joint Electricity Authority.

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

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

Thorne Colliery Railway and Wharf.

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

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

Thorne Colliery Railway and Wharf.

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

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

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

Mr. Neville Chamberlain presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Copy of Regulations, dated 11th November 1926, entitled the Contributory Pensions (Workmen's Compensation Notification) Regulations, 1926.

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

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

(1) dated 1st February 1927, regarding the examination and defining the quarantine station of six Camels from Algeria;

(2) dated 3rd February 1927, revoking the Order dated 2nd July 1926, applying the Foreign Animals Order, 1910, to Jamaica.

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

Mr. McNeill presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Annual Account for the High Court of Justice (Northern Ireland) Probate Division, for the year 1926.

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

Colonel Ashley presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Copy of Provisional Regulations made by the Minister of Transport under the London Traffic Act, 1924, dated 7th February 1927, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Amendment (Harrow) Provisional Regulations, 1927.

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 Annual Accounts of Exchequer Bills and other Government Securities purchased, and amount of Balances of Sums issued for the Payment of Dividends, &c., by the Bank of England, for the year ended 5th January 1927.

Return to the Lord Chancellor of the Lunacy, 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 31st December 1926.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Trade and Navigation of the United Kingdom for each month during the year 1927.—(Sir Philip Culilffe-Lister.)

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 communicate that they have Consolidation Bills introduced in this Session, and that it is desirable that all Consolidation Bills in the present Session be referred to a Joint Committee of both Houses of Parliament.

Ordered, That no Bills, other than Government Bills, be introduced in anticipation of the Ballot, and that all Members who desire to Ballot, whether for Bills or for Motions for Tuesdays 15th and 22nd February and Wednesdays 16th and 23rd February, do hand in their names at the Table during the Sitting of the House on Tuesday 8th February or Wednesday 9th February, and that a copy of the Notice of such Bill or Motion be handed in at the latest during the Sitting of the House on Thursday 10th February.

Ordered, That the Ballot for the precedence of the said Bills and Motions be taken on Thursday 10th February, at a convenient time and place, to be appointed by Mr. Speaker, and that the presentation of Bills on Friday 11th February be taken at the commencement of Public Business.—(The Prime Minister.)

Resolved, That during the present Session Sittings of the House do meet on Fridays at Eleven (2) half-past Four of the clock, and that Four 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 King's Speech the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 8th day of this instant February, 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. —(Major Sir George Hennessy.)

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

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The Order of the day being read, for resuming King's Speech the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 8th day of this instant February, 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 regret the delay of the Government China,

in dealing with the Chinese situation, and deplore the despatch of armed forces to the Far East as calculated not only to increase the risks to which British subjects in various parts of China may be exposed but also to put obstacles in the way of arriving at an equitable and permanent friendly understanding with the Chinese people on the basis of a frank recognition of their national independence; and this House accordingly calls for the immediate diversion and recall of the forces now on their way to China."

The House divided.

And the Yeas to the Right.

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas,

Mr. Parkinson, 
Mr. Charles Edwards :

Tellers for the Noes,

Commander Eyres-Monsell, 
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.

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Barnsley Corporation (Water) Bill.

A BILL to empower the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Barnsley to construct additional waterworks, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Birmingham Extension Bill.

A Bill to extend the boundaries of the City of Birmingham, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Bradford Corporation Bill.

A Bill to confer further powers upon the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Bradford with reference to the running of omnibuses and trolley vehicles; to authorise the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Keighley to run omnibuses between Keighley and Bradford; to authorise the acquisition by the said Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of part of the trolley vehicle undertaking of the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Leeds, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Bristol Water Bill.

A Bill to authorise the Bristol Waterworks Company to construct new works; to acquire additional lands and to raise additional capital, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Buxton Corporation Bill.

A Bill to provide for the transfer to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Buxton of the undertaking of the Buxton Gardens Company, Limited, and to confer powers upon the Corporation with regard to that undertaking; to make further provision in regard to the electricity and water undertakings of the Corporation and the health, local government, and improvement of the Borough, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Chelsea Borough Council (Superannuation and Pensions) Act, 1914, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Chepping Wycombe Corporation Bill.

A Bill to extend the boundaries of the Borough of Chepping Wycombe; to provide for the extinction of the rights of depasturage in the Rye Mead; to empower the Corporation of the said Borough to provide and run omnibuses; and to confer further powers upon them in regard to their water undertaking, and the health, local government, and improvement of the Borough, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to amend the Chelsea Borough Council (Superannuation and Pensions) Act, 1914, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to extend the boundaries of the Borough of Colchester to provide and work trolley vehicles and omnibuses, 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 County of London Electric Supply Company, Limited, with reference to the supply of electricity in the County of Essex and with reference to their existing areas of supply, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for the establishment in the Metropolis of a market and conveniences connected therewith in lieu of the existing Covent Garden Market; for authorising the construction of railways and other works in connection with such market, 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 Derwent Valley Water Board, 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 East Anglian Electric Supply Company, Limited, relative to the supply of electricity in Essex, Norfolk, and Suffolk, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to empower the Farnham Gas and Electricity Company to raise further monies, and to confer additional powers upon that Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to empower the Primley and Farnborough District Water Company to construct further works and to borrow moneys; to authorise a profit-sharing scheme for the employees of the company; to confer additional powers upon the company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

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

A Bill to extend the boundaries of the Greenock Burgh of Greenock; to unite the portions of the Parishes within the extended Burgh into one Parish; to make further provision in relation to streets, sewers, buildings, and other matters; to confer further powers upon the Corporation with regard to their water, gas, and electricity undertakings, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to consolidate the Parishes of the Grimsby Borough of Grimsby; to alter the boundaries of the said Borough; to empower the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough to...
provide and work omnibuses, and to confer further powers upon them with regard to the provision and working of trolley vehicles; to extend the area of the Corporation for the supply of electricity; to make further provision with respect to the tramway, trolley vehicle, omnibus, and electricity undertakings of the Corporation, and the health, local government, and improvement of the Borough, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to confer further powers upon the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Leeds relative to the acquisition of the undertaking of the Crossgates, Halton, and Seacroft Gas Company, Limited; the construction of street improvements and other matters, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to extend the boundaries of the City of Manchester; to empower the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of that City to construct additional waterworks, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to confer further powers upon the London County Council and upon the Corporation of the City of London and Metropolitan Borough Councils, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to extend the period for repayment of moneys borrowed by, and to confer new borrowing powers on, the Nar Valley Drainage Board, 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 Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City and County of Newcastle-upon-Tyne with reference to the running of omnibuses, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to empower the Reading Gas Company to acquire land for the construction of additional gasworks for the storage of gas and to store gas thereon; to raise additional capital, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to extend the boundaries of the Smethwick Borough of Smethwick; to confer further powers upon the Corporation of that Borough with respect to their gas undertakings; to consolidate the local rates leviable in and to make further provision for the finance 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 extend the area of the Corporation for the supply of electricity; to confer further powers upon the Corporation of the City of Leeds; to make further provision with respect to the tramway, trolley vehicle, omnibus, and electricity undertakings of the Corporation, and the health, local government, and improvement of the Borough, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to extend the boundaries of the City of Manchester; to confer further powers upon the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of that City to construct additional waterworks, 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, Midland, and Scottish Railway Company to construct railways and works and to acquire lands; to extend the time for the compulsory purchase of certain lands, and for the completion of certain works, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to extend the boundaries of the City of Leeds; to confer further powers upon the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of that City relative to the acquisition of the undertaking of the Crossgates, Halton, and Seacroft Gas Company, Limited; the construction of street improvements and other matters, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to extend the period for repayment of moneys borrowed by, and to confer new borrowing powers on, the Nar Valley Drainage Board, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to extend the boundaries of the City of Manchester; to confer further powers upon the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of that City to construct additional waterworks, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to provide for the consolidation with The Matlocks Amendments of the local Acts and Orders in urban force in the Matlocks Urban District; to confer further powers upon the Matlocks Urban District Council in relation to their tramway, gas, water, and other undertakings, and in relation to the provision and working of omnibuses; to make further provision for the improvement, health, and good government of the District, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to confer further powers upon the Torquay Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgess of the Borough of Torquay with respect to their water, electricity, and harbour undertakings, and to make further provision for 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 extend the boundaries of the Smethwick Borough of Smethwick; to confer further powers upon the Corporation of that Borough with respect to their gas undertakings; to consolidate the local rates leviable in and to make further provision for the finance 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 empower the Southern Railway Southern Company to construct works and acquire Railway Bill, lands; to extend the time for the completion of certain works and the compulsory purchase of certain lands, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to confer further powers upon the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Leeds; to extend the period for the completion of certain works and the compulsory purchase of certain lands, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.
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 all Applications made by the First Bank of England, 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 1926 to 5th January 1927, and the answers of the said Court thereto.

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

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

Mr. Mitchell Banks, supported by Sir Basil Peto, Mr. Cassels, Mr. West Russell, Colonel Vaughan-Morgan, Sir Park Goff, and Mr. Herbert Williams, presented a Bill to prohibit any person or association from inviting, or using funds from Foreign sources for the furtherance or maintenance of industrial disputes in Great Britain: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday next; and to be printed.

Lord Fernoy, supported by Sir Douglas Glyn, Mr. Robert Hudson, Mr. Somerville, Mr. Mitchell Banks, supported by Sir Basil Peto, Mr. Cassels, Mr. West Russell, Colonel Vaughan-Morgan, Sir Park Goff, and Mr. Herbert Williams, presented a Bill to prohibit any person or association from inviting, or using funds from Foreign sources for the furtherance or maintenance of industrial disputes in Great Britain: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday next; and to be printed.

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

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.

Mr. McNeill presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account of the moneys paid out of the Consolidated Fund under the Acts 2 & 3 Will. 4, c. 121, and 6 & 7 Will. 4, c. 94, for interest and sinking fund on that part of the Greek Loan which is guaranteed by this country under the authority of the said Acts, and of the amount repaid by the Greek Government on account of the same, up to 31st December 1926.

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


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United Kingdom Mutual War Risks Association, Limited; and the West of England Mutual War Risks Association, Limited, to distribute their war risks reserve funds, 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 Urban District Council of West Bridgford in regard to the running of omnibuses; to make further and better provision for the health, local government, and improvement of their District, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to alter the boundaries of the Borough of West Bromwich; to empower the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of that Borough to acquire lands and to purchase portions of certain tramways outside the Borough; to provide and work trolley vehicles and omnibuses, 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 Westgate and Birchington Water Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

The Lord Advocate presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Return showing Payments into and out of the Local Taxation Fund, and for other purposes connected therewith: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 4th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Mitchell Banks, supported by Sir Basil Peto, Mr. Cassels, Mr. West Russell, Colonel Vaughan-Morgan, Sir Park Goff, and Mr. Herbert Williams, presented a Bill to prohibit any person or association from inviting, or using funds from Foreign sources for the furtherance or maintenance of industrial disputes in Great Britain: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 25th day of this instant February; and to be printed.

Lord Fernoy, supported by Sir Douglas Glyn, Mr. Robert Hudson, Mr. Somerville, Mr. Mitchell Banks, supported by Sir Basil Peto, Mr. Cassels, Mr. West Russell, Colonel Vaughan-Morgan, Sir Park Goff, and Mr. Herbert Williams, presented a Bill to prohibit any person or association from inviting, or using funds from Foreign sources for the furtherance or maintenance of industrial disputes in Great Britain: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 25th day of this instant February; and to be printed.

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


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Bill to regulate further the lighting of vehicles:
And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 1st day of April next; and to be printed.

Sir Clive Morrison-Bell, supported by Sir Gervase Beckett, Mr. Cadogan, Mr. Duff Cooper, Major Hills, Mr. Hilton Young, Colonel McDonnell, and Sir Douglas Newton, 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 Friday the 25th day of March next; and to be printed.

Sir Clement Kinloch-Cooke, supported by Captain Fairfax, Sir Loolin Forestier-Walker, Mr. Hannon, Mr. Lougher, Colonel McDowell, Sir John Newton Moore, Colonel Moore, Mr. O'Neill, Sir John Pennefather, Mrs. Philipson, and Colonel Watts-Morgan, presented a Bill to provide for the registration of Architects: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 4th day of April next; and to be printed.

Mr. George Hall, supported by Mr. Clynes, Mr. Webb, Mr. Lees Smith, Mr. Oliver, Mr. Greenwood, Mr. Lansbury, Mr. Hogdesly, and Mr. William Graham, presented a Bill to make provision for the prevention of unemployment, and for other purposes connected therewith: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 6th day of May next; and to be printed.

Mr. West Russell, supported by Mr. Bird, Mr. Forrest, Sir Walter Greaves-Lord, Mr. Herbert Williams, Brigadier-General Charteris, Captain Fairfax, and Mr.更iter, presented a Bill to secure the registration of optical practitioners, and to regulate the practice of sight-testing, and for purposes incidental thereunto: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 13th day of May next; and to be printed.

Mr. Haden Guest, supported by Mr. Arthur Henderson, Mr. Whiteley, Miss Lawrence, Mr. Pethick-Lawrence, Mr. Lees Smith, Mr. Snowden, Mr. Lums, Mr. Lansbury, Mr. Barr, Mr. Frederick Roberts, and Miss Bousfield, 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 the 20th day of May next; and to be printed.

Mr. Tinker, supported by Mr. Arthur Henderson, Mr. Rhys Davies, Miss Wilkinson, Mr. Mackinder, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Thomas Shaw, Mr. Haden Guest, and Mr. Duncan, presented a Bill to consolidate, with Amendments, the enactments relating to factories, and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 27th day of May next; and to be printed.

Sir Robert Newman, supported by Sir Henry Sloane, Viscountess Astor, Miss Bousfield, Mr. Gerald Hurst, Mr. Briant, Major Hills, Mr. Core, and Mr. Pethick-Lawrence, presented a Bill to prevent the refusal to employ women in the public service by reason only of their being married: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 29th day of April next; and to be printed.

Colonel Vaughan-Morgan, supported by Sir Cyril Cobb, Sir Arthur Shirley Bevan, Sir Ronald Blades, Sir Henry Jackson, and Sir John Pennefather, presented a Bill to confer the local government franchise upon mercantile corporations and companies: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 25th day of this instant February; and to be printed.

Mrs. Philipson, supported by Mr. Gerald Hurst, Sir Basil Peto, Major Hills, Mr. Rose, Mr. Cecil Wilson, Mr. Salt, Mr. Haden Guest, Captain Fairfax, Mr. Hege-Belisha, Colonel Crookshank, and Mr. Penny, presented a Bill to provide for the registration and inspection of nursing homes, and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 1st day of April next; and to be printed.

Mr. Skelton, supported by Major MacAndrew, Feu Duties, Mr. Rosslyn Mitchell, Major Sir Archibald Long, Captain Sinclair, and Colonel Thor, presented a Bill to amend the Law of Scotland with regard to feus and long leases: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 20th day of March next; and to be printed.

Sir Arthur Shirley Bevan, supported by Mr. Marriage Barr, Commander Bellairs, Mr. William Thorne, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Trevor-Townson, presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to the marriage of persons with their nephew or niece by marriage: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 4th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Barclay-Harvey, supported by Sir George Midwives and Berry, Mr. James Stewart, Sir Robert Hamilton, Mr. Skelton, Major MacAndrew, Mr. Westwood, and Colonel Fremantle, presented a Bill to amend the Midwives (Scotland) Act, 1915, and to provide for the registration and inspection of maternity homes, and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 16th day of March next; and to be printed.

Major McLean, supported by Sir George Courthope, Sir Donald Nevin, Mr. Christie, Colonel Thomas Davies, Mr. Shepperson, Colonel Acland-Troyte, and Captain Fairfax, presented a Bill to amend the Protection of Animals Act, 1911: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 13th day of May next; and to be printed.

Mr. Bennie Smith, supported by Mr. Lans. Common- bury, Mr. Scutt, Mr. Sear, Mr. Whitley, Mr. Soper, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Barr, and Mr. Scovil, presented a Bill to confer the franchise of the city of Ipoh within the British Empire a Commonwealth of India: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 4th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Lansbury, supported by Mr. Webb, Mr. Omnibuses Palin, Mr. Robert Richardson, Mr. Greenwood, and Mr. Stephenson, presented a Bill to secure the registration of electric vehicles, and to provide for the registration and inspection of electric undertakings, and for other purposes connected therewith: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 29th day of April next; and to be printed.

Mr. Skelton, supported by Mr. Waddington, Mr. Churchill, Mr. Gwilliam, and Mr. Thomas, presented a Bill to provide for the registration and inspection of schools, and for the prevention of frauds and for other purposes connected therewith: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 5th day of May next; and to be printed.

Mr. Skelton, supported by Major MacAndrew, 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 the 13th day of May next; and to be printed.

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Interest Bill.

Mr. Thomas Williams, Mr. Scurr, Mr. Thurtle, Miss Wilkinson, and Mr. Hadam Guest, presented a Bill to make provision for enabling local authorities to provide and run omnibuses within and without their districts: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 25th day of March next; and to be printed.

Licensing Act (1921) Amendment Bill.

Mr. Remer, supported by Sir Walter Greaves-Lord, Sir Alfred Butt, Colonel Sir Arthur Hollbrook, Major Sir Richard Barnett, Sir Philip Dawson, Mr. Clarry, Colonel Grant Morden, and Mr. Mellor, presented a Bill to amend the Licensing Act, 1921: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 25th day of this instant February; and to be printed.

Coal Mines Bill.

Mr. Lunn, supported by Mr. Charles Edwards, Mr. William Adamson, Mr. Varley, Mr. Walsh, Mr. Frederick Hall, Mr. Whiteley, and Mr. Lee, presented a Bill to repeal the Coal Mines Act, 1926, and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 8th day of April next; and to be printed.

Redemption Tithe Bill.

Major Career, supported by Sir Henry Coatey, Sir Granville Wieler, and Colonel Acland-Troyte, presented a Bill to amend the Law as to the ascertainment and payment of the charges on the redemption of tithe: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 29th day of April next; and to be printed.

Rent and Mortgage Interest Bill.

Mr. Frederick Roberts, supported by Mr. Greenwood, Mr. Thomas Kennedy, Mr. Westwood, Mr. Wheatley, Mr. Tinker, and Miss Lawrence, presented a Bill to prolong the duration of the Increase of Rent and Mortgage Interest (Restrictions) Act, 1920, as amended by any subsequent enactment, and to postpone the date of expiry of Part II. of the Rent and Mortgage Interest Restrictions Act, 1923, and for purposes consequential thereon: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 11th day of March next; and to be printed.

Local Authorities (Enabling) Bill.

Mr. Charles Edwards, supported by Mr. Frederick Roberts, Mr. George Hall, Mr. Greenwood, Mr. Thomas Kennedy, Mr. Barnes, Mr. March, and Mr. Hartshorn, 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 6th day of May next; and to be printed.

Government of Scotland Bill.

Mr. Barr, supported by Mr. William Adamson, Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Wheatley, Mr. Johnston, Mr. Muxton, Mr. Stephen, Mr. Wright, Mr. Rosslyn Mitchell, Mr. Westwood, Mr. James Stewart, and Mr. Kirkwood, presented a Bill to provide for the better government of Scotland: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 13th day of May next; and to be printed.

Local Authorities (Bank) Bill.

Mr. Thomas Williams, supported by Mr. Scurr, Mr. Dennison, Mr. Paling, Mr. Palm, Mr. Charleton, and Mr. Parkinson, presented a Bill to authorise local authorities to establish banks: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday next; and to be printed.

SIR HUGH LOWES-Tooth, supported by Dr. Maternity Benefit Bill.

Mr. Herbert Williams, and Sir Wilfrid Sugden, presented a Bill to extend maternity benefits to mothers in cases of miscarriage, and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 8th day of April next; and to be printed.

Commander Fanshawe, supported by Sir Adoption of Children Bill.

Mr. Frederick Roberts, supported by Mr. Sprot, Mr. Barr, and Major Sir Archibald Sinclair, presented a Bill to make provision with respect to the adoption of children in Scotland: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 13th day of May next; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 8th day of this instant February, 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 deplore that the Government do not Local rates propose to bring forward measures for the relief of the burden of local rates, by which expenditure in many districts has risen to almost unbearable dimensions, and which now so impedes the revival of our industrial and agricultural prosperity; and for the reduction of rating upon improvements by placing a fair share of the burden upon the monopoly values in the Urban Districts which have been created by these communities."—(Mr. Fenby.)

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, 

Sir Robert Hutchison, 

Mr. Fenby: 

88.

Tellers for the Noes, 

Commander Eyres-Monsell, 

Colonel Gibbe: 

244.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Main Question being again proposed, and a Debate arising thereupon;

And it being after Four of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Monday next.
Ordered, That the Lords' Message of the 9th 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 Message be sent to the Lords to acquaint them therewith: And that the Clerk do carry the said Message.

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, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of this day. [No. 5.]

Monday, 14th February 1927.

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

P R A Y E R S.

Death of the Emperor of Japan.

The Vice-Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, that their Address of the 10th day of this instant February, relative to the Death of His Majesty the Emperor of Japan, had been presented to His Majesty: And that His Majesty had been pleased to receive the same with very graciousness, and to give the following Answer:

I thank you for your loyal and dutiful Address.

I join most sincerely in your expression of deep regret at the melancholy tidings of the death of My illustrious friend His Majesty the Emperor of Japan and I shall without fail communicate to His Majesty the present Emperor your message of profound sympathy with the Imperial Family and the Government and people of Japan in the loss which they have sustained.

Secretaries Sir William Joyman-Hicks presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Draft of Rules proposed to be made by the Attorney General, with the approval of the Lord Chancellor and the Secretary of State for the Home Department, in pursuance of Section 2 of the Poor Prisoners Defence Act, 1908.

Copy of Order made under the Shops Act, 1912, by the Council of the aforementioned Local Authority, and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department:—

Borough of Swindon.

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

Mr. McNeill presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Draft of Rules of the Irish National Health Insurance Fund, established pursuant to the National Health Insurance Act, 1911, showing the Receipts and Payments during the three months ended 31st March 1922, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General therefore.

Abstract Account showing the issues made Consolidated from the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom in the financial year ended 31st March 1926, for the Interest and Management of the Debt, for the Civil List, and for all other issues in the financial year for services charged directly on the said Fund, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General therefore.

Copy of Accounts and Balance Sheets of Trading or Commercial Services conducted by Government Departments during the period ended 31st March 1926, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General therefore.

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

Sir Robert Gower, supported by Colonel Protection Moore, Mr. Macquisten, Captain Arthur Evans, of Dogs Bill.

Mr. Sexton, Mr. Thurtle, Mr. Radford, Mr. G. W. H. Jones, and Mr. Bromley, presented a Bill to prohibit the vivisection of dogs: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 26th day of April next; and to be printed.

Mr. Frederick Hall, supported by Mr. Clynes, Workmen's Mr. Thomas Shaw, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Sexton, Mr. Lunn, Mr. Walsh, Mr. Smillie, and Mr. Charleton, presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to workmen's compensation: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 26th day of May next; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming King's Speech the adjourned Debate on the Question pro. (Motion for passed upon the 8th day of this instant February, 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 regret the reference to proposals for Industrial defining and amending the law with regard to industrial disputes as indicating the intention of Your Majesty's advisers to continue the partisan policy pursued by them in recent industrial conflicts, and, in the absence of any mandate, to diminish the power of organized labour to resist encroachments upon, or to
improve, the already inadequate standard of living of the workers, and declare that legislation to restrict the service of the trade unions would not be in the national interest."——
(Mr. Clynes.)

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. Parkinson, Mr. Charles Edwards; Commander Eyres-Monsell, Colonel Gibbs; 135.

Tellers for the Noes, Commander Eyres-Monsell; 313.

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, Mr. Speaker proceeded to interrupt the business.

Whereupon Commander Eyres-Monsell rose in his place and claimed to move, That the
Resolution be now put:—It was resolved in the
Affirmative.

And the Question being accordingly 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.)

Ordered, That the Estimate presented to this House on the 8th day of this instant February, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

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

Ways and Means.

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

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

Tuesday, 15th February 1927.
The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Charles Edwards, Sir Lionel Forestier-Selecte.
Walker, Colonel Gretton, Mr. Frederick Hall, Mr. Thomas Heneage, Colonel Nicolson, Major Owen, Sir John Pennefather, Mr. David Reid, Major Sir Granville Wheler, and Mr. Murrough Wilson were nominated Members of the Committee of Selection.—(Sir Harry Barnston.)

Colonel Acland-Troyte, Mr. Broad, Mr. Standing Cadogan, Brigadier-General Charteris, Major, Orders.
General Sir Newton Moore, Mr. Neville, Mr. Paling, Mr. Somerville, Mr. George Thorne, Colonel Sir Geoffrey Dolpemly-White, and Mr. Robert Young were nominated Members of the Select Committee on Standing Orders.—(Sir Harry Barnston.)

Mr. McNeill presented, by His Majesty's Civil Services Command,—Revised Estimate of the further sum required in the year ending 31st March 1927 for the House of Commons.

Mr. McNeill also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account of the Imperial Ottoman Guaranteed Loan of 1855 for the period to 31st December 1926.

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; and be printed.

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 Borough of Rye, the Urban District of Battle, the Rural Districts of Hastings, Rye, and Battle, and the Parish of Ninfield, in the Rural District of Hailsham, all in the administrative County of East Sussex;

(2) the Urban District of Seaham Harbour, and the Parish of Seaham, in the Rural District of Easington, in the County of Durham.

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

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister presented, by His Industry and Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Trade Committee on Industry and Trade on Factors in Industrial and Commercial Efficiency, being Part I. of a Survey of Industries, with an Introduction by the Committee.

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

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Mr. Hannon, supported by Sir Evelyn Cecil, Sir Francis Lovel, Commander Oliver Locker-Lampson, Sir Edward Higie, Mr. Burnman, Mr. Smedley Crooke, Mr. Jephcott, and Sir Philip Dawson, presented a Bill to amend the Merchandise Marks Acts, 1887 to 1911, and to define certain trade descriptions as applied to articles in the fancy jewellery and allied trades: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 28th day of this instant February; and to be printed.

Solicitors

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to Solicitors: And that Mr. Dennis Herbert, Sir William Bull, Sir John Simon, Sir Henry Slessor, and Mr. Withers do prepare and bring it in.

Solicitors Bill

Mr. Dennis Herbert accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to Solicitors: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next; and to be printed.

Supply.

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

(Civil Services Supplementary Estimates. 1926-27.

Class I.

1. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £37,000 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 1927 for Expenditure in respect of Customs and Excise, Inland Revenue, Post Office and Telegraph Buildings in Great Britain, certain Post Offices Abroad, and for certain Expenses in connection with Boats and Launches belonging to the Customs and Excise Department: Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a sum not exceeding £36,900 be granted for the said Service.—(Mr. John Jones.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Hay, Mr. Thomas Henderson : 127.

Tellers for the Noes, Major Sir George Hennessy, Captain Bowyer : 250.

Original Question put.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Major Sir George Hennessy, Captain Bowyer : 242.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Hay, Mr. Thomas Henderson : 127.

2. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £42,473 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 1927 for Expenditure in respect of sundry Public Buildings in Great Britain, not provided for on other Votes, including Historic Buildings, Ancient Monuments, and Brompton Cemetery: Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a sum not exceeding £42,373 be granted for the said Service.—(Mr. March.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Charles Edwards : 119.


Original Question put.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Captain Bowyer : 253.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Charles Edwards : 119.

Resolutions to be reported.

Class II.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £450,000 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 1927 for a Subsidy on Sugar and Molasses manufactured from Beet grown in Great Britain: 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 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 Public Works Loans Bill;

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being House of proposed, That bearing in mind the Preamble Lords. to the Parliament Act, 1911, as to the intention to substitute for the House of Lords as it at present exists a Second Chamber constituted on a popular instead of hereditary basis, it is desirable to remodel the House of Lords by increasing its representative element and reducing its hereditary character.—(Mr. Gerald Hurst.)

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, in l. 1, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, and adding the words "in the opinion of this House the proposed changes in the House of Lords are intended to gerrymander the Constitution in the partisan interests of the Conservative
party, and that the present Government has no constitutional right to proceed with such proposals since it does not represent a majority of the electors and since such proposals were not submitted to the people at the last election."—(Mr. Lees Smith),—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. Lees Smith rose in his place and claimed, but Mr. Speaker withheld his assent.

And it being Eleven of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

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 Agyg-Gardner, Mr. Compton, Sir Walter de Free, Sir Nicholas Groaton Doyle, Mr. Dunsmo, Sir Park Goff, Mr. George Harvey, Major Sir George Hennessey, Lieutenant-General Sir Aymer Hunter-Weston, Sir Robert Hutchinson, Mr. Kircwood, Mr. Macpherson, Sir Kenneth Murchison, Sir Herbert Field, Mrs. Philpion, Colonel Lambard Ward, 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.—(Major Cope.)

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

[No. 7.]

Wednesday, 16th February 1927.

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 His Majesty, having been attended with their Address of Monday the 14th day of this instant February, was pleased to receive the same very graciously, and to give the following answer:

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

The Barnsley Corporation (Water) Bill was read a second time, and committed.

The Birmingham Extension Bill was read a second time, and committed.

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The Nar Valley Drainage Bill was read a second time, and committed.

Ordered, That the Newcastle-upon-Tyne Corporation Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

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

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

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

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

Ordered, That the Stoke-on-Trent Corporation (Gas) Bill was read a second time, and committed.

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

The Matlocks Urban District Council Bill was read a second time, and committed.

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

The War Risks Associations (Distribution of Reserve Funds) Bill was read a second time, and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ordered, That the West Bridgford Urban District Council Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

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

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

Major Elliot presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Regulations, dated 4th February 1927, made by the Scottish Board of Health, entitled the Public Health (Infective Jaundice) Regulations (Scotland), 1927.

Ordered, That the said Paper 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 1926, with which is incorporated the Annual Report on Recruiting.

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

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

The Lords have appointed a Committee consisting of six Lords to join with a Committee of the Commons to consider all Consolida tions in the present Session, and request the Commons to appoint an equal number of their Members to be joined with the said Lords.

Mr. Rainey, supported by Sir Charles Wilson, presented, by His Majesty's Command, Mr. Webb, Sir Henry Cauley, Mr. Trevelyan Thomson, Mr. Robert Richardson, Colonel Gadie, Mr. Womersley, and Mr. Jephcott, presented a Bill to remove doubts as to the legality of certain payments by Parish Councils: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Jacob, supported by Mr. Clayton, Mr. Sale of Food Hayes, Mr. Tissier, Mr. Womersley, Colonel and Drugs England, and Mr. Feaby, presented a Bill to amend the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts, 1875 to 1907: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

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

Civil Services Supplementary Estimates, 1926-27.

Class II.

1. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £450,000 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 1927 for a Subsidy on Sugar and Molasses manufactured from Beet grown in Great Britain:—Debate anaying;

Mr. Guinness rose in his place and claimed Closure, but claimed, then to put that Question to move, That the Question be now put; but the Chairman withheld his assent, and declined to put that Question:—Debate resumed;

Question put, and agreed to.

2. £50,000, Supplementary, for a Grant in Aid of the Forestry Fund.

Resolutions to be reported.

Closure claimed, but Chairman witheld his assent.
Advances under the Light Railways Act, 1896, Expenses of maintaining Holyhead Harbour, Advances to meet Deficit in Ramsgate Harbour Fund, Advances to Caledonian and Crinan Canals, and for Expenditure in connection with the Technical Survey for a General Scheme of Generation and Transmission of Electricity in Great Britain, and with the Severn Barrage Investigation:

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

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 the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 15th day of this instant February;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Works Loans Bill;

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House welcomes the Report of the Consultative Committee of the Board of Education on the education of the adolescent, and calls on the Government at once to take all the legislative and administrative action necessary to secure a universal system of post-primary education on the lines recommended by the Committee.—(Mr. Short.)

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, in l. 1, by leaving out from the word "welcomes" to the end of the Question, and adding the words "the fact that the general trend of the Report of the Consultative Committee of the Board of Education on the education of the adolescent is in accordance with the policy of His Majesty’s Government and with the programmes of the local education authorities, and hopes that the Committee’s recommendation will assist the Board and the authorities in taking all practicable steps to develop a system of post-primary education for children over 11"—(Mr. Somerville),—instead thereof.

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

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The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the	Mr. Parkinson,
   Yeas, 	Mr. Whiteley :
   Noes,  	Mr. Cadogan :

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.

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

[No. 8.]

Thursday, 17th February 1927.

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

PRAYERS.

THE Order of the day being read, for the Bradford Second Reading of the Bradford Corporation Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Buxton Second Reading of the Buxton Corporation Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Covent Garden Market Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Great Western Railway Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Greenock Burgh Extension, &c., Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Leeds Second Reading of the Leeds Corporation 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 County Council (General 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 London, Midland, and Scottish Railway Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Newcastle-upon-Tyne Corporation 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 Smethwick Corporation Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Southern Railway (Superannuation Fund) Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The West Bridgford Urban District Council Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.  

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

A Petition of the Trustees of the British Museum being offered to be presented—(Mr. Ramsay MacDonald);  

Secretary Sir William Jowyn-Hicks, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House that His Majesty, having been informed of the contents of the said Petition, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Then the said Petition was brought up, and read; setting forth, That the only funds belonging to the Petitioners for the support of the British Museum consist of thirty thousand pounds Two and one-half per cent. Consolidated Annuities, the annual dividends whereof amount to forty-two pounds; of a bequest of the amount bequeathed by the late Honourable Nathaniel Charles Rothschild, and invested in four thousand pounds India Four and one-half per cent. Stock, 1950–55, four thousand pounds Nigerian Government Four per cent. Stock, 1934–39; that the establishment is necessarily attended with an expense far beyond the annual produce of the above-mentioned sums, and the Trust cannot with benefit to the public be carried on without the aid of Parliament; and praying the House to grant them such further support towards enabling them to carry on the execution of the Trust reposed in them by Parliament for the general benefit of learning and useful knowledge as to the House shall seem meet.  
Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply.

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 Rothbury, and parts of the Rural Districts of Alnwick and Rothbury, in the County of Northumberland.  
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. McNeill presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts 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 1927.  

Copy of Regulations dated 8th February 1927, made by the Commissioners of Customs and Excise under Section 46 (5) of the Finance Act, 1909–10, Act, 1910.  
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the said Account be printed.

Secretary Sir Laming Worthington-Evans Army.(Territorial Army.) presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Amendments to the Regulations for Officers of the Supplementary Reserve of Officers and for the Supplementary Reserve.

Copy of Amendments to the Regulations for Army (Territorial Army.)  
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Selection Committee of Selection; That they had selected the following Ten Members to be the
Mr. James Stewart, supported by Mr. Tem-  
pleton, Mr. Morgan Jones, Mr. Barr, Mr.  
Hayes, Mr. Sutton, Mr. John Jones, Sir  
Samuel Chapman, Colonel  
Thomas Moore, and Mr. Womersley, presented  
a Bill to provide for the compulsory closing  
of hairdressers' and barbers' shops on Sundays :  
And the same was ordered to be read a second  
time upon Wednesday next; and to be printed.

Secretary Sir John Gilnour, supported by  
the Lord Advocate, Mr. Solicitor General for  
Scotland, and Major Elliot, presented a Bill to  
make provision as to poor relief to dependants  
of persons involved in a trade dispute in  
Scotland, to enable relief to be given by way  
of loan, and to extend further the duration of  
the Poor Law Emergency Provisions (Scott-  
land) Act, 1921, as amended by subsequent  
Acts: And the same was ordered to be read  
a second time upon Monday next; and to be  
printed.

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

In the Committee.

Civil Services Supplementary Estimates,  
1926-27.

Class II.

1. 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  
1927 for the Salaries and Expenses of 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 Har-  
bour, Advances to meet Deficit in Ramsgate  
Harbour, Advances to Caledonian and  
Crinan Canals, and for Expenditure in  
connection with the Technical Survey for a  
General Scheme of Generation and Trans-  
mission of Electricity in Great Britain, and  
with the Severn barrage Investigation :  
Whereupon Motion made, and Question,  
That a sum not exceeding £5 be granted for  
the said Service—(Mr. Walter Baker),—put,  
and negatived.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

2. £1,150, Supplementary, for the Salaries  
and Expenses of the Charity Commission for  
England and Wales.

3. Motion made and Question proposed,  
That a Supplementary sum not exceeding  
£37,000, 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 1927 for Stationery Office;  
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:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put,  
That a sum not exceeding £35,000 be granted for the said Service.—(Lieutenant-Commander Kenworthy.)
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Charles Edwards, Mr. Hayes]
Yeas, [Major Sir George Hennessey, Mr. Frederick Thomson]
235.

Tellers for the [Noes, Mr. Parkinson]
Original Question put.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Major Cope, Mr. Frederick Thomson]
Yeas, [231.]

Tellers for the [Noes, Mr. Hayes]

4. £3,924, Supplementary, for the Salaries and Expenses of the House of Commons.

Class III.

5. £3,000, Supplementary, for the Salaries and Expense of the Lord Advocate's Department, and other Law Charges, the Salaries and Expenses of the Courts of Law and Justice and of Pensions Appeals Tribunals in Scotland, and Bonus on certain Statutory Salaries.

Class V.

6. £142,000, Supplementary, for the Expenses connected with Oversea Settlement, including certain Grants in Aid, and Expenses arising out of the Empire Settlement Act, 1922, and the Free Passage Scheme for Ex-Service Men and Women.

7. £5,537, to make good the Net Loss on Transactions connected with the raising of Money for the various Treasury Chests Abroad in the year 1925.

Class VI.

8. £418,000, Supplementary, for the payment of Old Age Pensions, for certain Administrative Expenses in connection therewith, and for Pensions under the Blind Persons Act, 1920.

9. £7,000, as a Grant in Aid of the mission of their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of York to Australia and New Zealand.

Resolutions to be reported.

Class VII.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £229,000 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 1927 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Ministry of Health; including Grants and other Expenses in connection with Housing, Grants to Local Authorities, &c., in connection with Public Health Services, Grants in Aid in respect of Benefits and Expenses of Administration under the National Health Insurance Acts, certain Expenses in connection with the Widows', Orphans', and Old Age Contributory Pensions Act, 1925, and certain Special Services.

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 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 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.

Major Cope reported from the Committee of Supply of the 15th day of this instant February, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Civil Services Supplementary Estimates, 1926–27.

Class I.

1. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding Revenue £37,000 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 1927 for Expenditure in respect of Customs and Excise, Inland Revenue, Post Office and Telegraph Buildings in Great Britain, certain Post Offices Abroad, and for certain Expenses in connection with Boats and Launches belonging to the Customs and Excise Department.

2. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding Public £42,473 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 1927 for a Subsidy on Sugar and Molasses manufactured from Beet grown in Great Britain.

3. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding Revenue £450,000 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 1927 for a Subsidy on Sugar and Molasses manufactured from Beet grown in Great Britain.

4. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding Forestry £50,000 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 1927 for a Grant in Aid of the Forestry Fund.

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

Major Cope reported from the Committee of Supply of the 16th day of this instant February, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Civil Services Supplementary Estimates, 1926–27.

Class II.

1. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding Beet Sugar Subsidy £450,000 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 1927 for a Subsidy on Sugar and Molasses manufactured from Beet grown in Great Britain.

2. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding Forestry £50,000 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 1927 for a Grant in Aid of the Forestry Fund.

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

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 Second Reading of the Public Works Loans Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

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, Mr. Clynes, Mr. Arthur Henderson, Sir Ellis Home-Williams, Mr. Ransay Macdonald, Mr. Robert Sanders, Mr. John Simon, and Colonel Spender-Clay.

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

Ordered, That Five be the quorum of the Committee.—(Colonel Eyres-Monsell.)

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 services generally.

The Committee was nominated of Sir Rowland Blades, Mr. Bowker, Mr. Birman, Mr. Gates, Mr. Hall Cuine, Mr. Horie-Betisha, Mr. Looker, Mr. Naylor, Colonel Perkins, Mr. Ramsden, and Mr. Frederick Roberts.

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

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

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

[No. 9.]
Friday, 18th February 1927.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Foreign Contributions (Interference with Trade and Industries) 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 words "now" and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day six months."—(Mr. Kelly.) And the Question being proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:—Then the House resumed the Debate.

Mr. Kelly rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put; but the Mr. Speaker withheld his assent, and declined then to put that Question:—Then the House accordingly proceeded to take the said Message into consideration.

Mr. Mitchell Banks rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put. And the Question being put, That the Question be now put; The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the (Mr. Mitchell Banks, Sir Basil Peto : 75.
Tellers for the (Mr. Womersley, Mr. Shelton : 97.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative. And the Question being accordingly put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:—Then the House resumed the Debate.

Mr. Mitchell Banks rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

And the Question being put, That the Question be now put; The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the (Mr. Mitchell Banks, Sir Basil Peto : 75.
Tellers for the (Mr. Kelly, Mr. Rose : 183.

So it passed in the Negative. And the Question being put, That the words "upon this day six months" be added at the end of the Question:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the Main Question, so amended, being put:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon this day six months.

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Second Reading of the Local Authorities (Banks) 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.
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Public Works Second Reading of the Public Works Loans Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Ordered, That the Lords' Message of the Consolidation 16th day of this instant February, relating Bills, to Consolidation Bills, be now taken into consideration.—(Colonel Gibbs):—The House accordingly proceeded to take the said Message into consideration.
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 accordingly nominated of Colonel England, Sir Malcolm Macnaghten, Mr. Neville, Mr. Robert Hudson, Colonel Windsor-Clive, and Sir Henry Slesser.

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

Ordered, That the Committee do consist of Fifteen Members.

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

Ordered, That Five be the quorum of the Committee. — (Colonel Gibbs.)

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

The Committee was accordingly nominated of Mr. Walter Baker, Mr. Briggs, Captain Craig, Sir Henry Crank, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Gillett, Mr. William Graham, Sir Robert Hamilton, Colonel Vivian Henderson, Sir John Marriott, Mr. McNell, Mr. Pethick-Lawrence, Colonel Sir Ashton Pownall, Major Salmond, 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.)

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

[No. 10.]

Monday, 21st February 1927.

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 Bradford Corporation 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 Buxton Corporation 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 Great Western Railway Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next at a quarter of an hour after eight of the clock.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Greenock Burgh Extension, &c., Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Leeds Second Reading of the Leeds Corporation 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 London County Council (General Powers) 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 Newcastle-upon-Tyne Corporation 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 Smethwick Corporation 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 Southern Railway Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next at a quarter of an hour after Eight of the clock.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Southern Railway (Superannuation Fund) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next at a quarter of an hour after Eight of the clock.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the West Bromwich Corporation Bill;

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

Mr. McNell presented, by His Majesty's Civil and Command,—Estimate for Civil and Revenue Departments for the year ending 31st March 1928, with Memorandum. No. 21.

Estimate showing the several Services for which a Vote on Account is required for the year ending 31st March 1928.

Copy of Memorandum on the proposed Public Works Financial Resolution relative to the Public Works Loans Bill.

Copy of Statement relative to the employment of Ex-Service Men in Government Offices on 1st July 1919 and 1st January 1927, employed in Government Offices.
Army

Government

Local

London

Act, 1924.

(Regulation)

Wages

Council.

Research

Medical

Bill.

(Scotland)

Provisions

Emergency

Poor Law

1927.

Estimates,

1927.

Estimates,

1924.

Agricultural

No. 23.

Wages (Regulation) Act, 1924, for the

tions of the Union of Benefices Measure, 1923,

of which part of the balance outstanding is

proposed to be remitted or written off from the

assets of the Local Loans Fund (in con-

tinuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 136, of

Session 1924-25).—(Mr. McNeill.)

Mr. Withers, supported by Sir John Simon, Stabilisation

Mr. Travelgan, Sir Malcolm Macnaughten, Mr. Macpherson, Mr. Dalton, and Mr. Ellis, pre-

sented a Bill to regulate the date of Easter

Day and other periods and occasions
depending thereon: And the same was ordered
to be read a second time upon Monday next;

and to be printed.

Sir James Remnant, supported by Mr. Hayes, Police
Sir Basil Peat, Mr. Hore-Belisha, Mr. William
Thorne, Sir John Pennefather, and Sir Robert
Newman, presented a Bill to amend Section Bill.

(3) The Lancaster (Haverthwaite) Confirma-
tion Order, 1927;

(2) the West Sussex (Horsham Urban Dis-

trict) Confirmation Order, 1927;

(3) The Lancaster (Haverthwaite) Confirma-

tion Order, 1927.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon

the Table.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon

the Table; and that the said Estimates be

referred to the Committee of Supply, and be

printed.

The following Paper, pursuant to the direc-
tions of the Union of Benefices Measure, 1923,

was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the

House:—

Copy of Memorandum by the Secretary of

the Union of Benefices Measure, 1923, 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 Acts,

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certain Expenses in connection with the Widows', Orphans', and Old Age Contributory Pension Act, 1925, and certain Grants in Aid.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the

Captain Margesson,

Sir Harry Barnston : 178.

Mr. Charles Edwards,

Mr. Hayes : 78.

3. Motion made, and Question proposed, 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 1927 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Ministry of Health; including Grants and other Expenses in connection with Housing, Grants to Local Authorities, &c., in connection with Public Health Services, Grants in Aid in respect of Benefits and Expenses of Administration under the National Health Insurance Acts, certain Expenses in connection with the Widows', Orphans', and Old Age Contributory Pension Acts, 1925, and certain Special Services: Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £219,900 be granted for the said Service (Mr. Wheatley) ;—Debate arising;

Sir Kingsley Wood rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Original Question be now put.

Original Question put accordingly. The Committee divided.

Tellers for the

Major Sir George Hennessy,

Mr. Parkinson : 187.

Major Cope,

Mr. Charles Edwards : 75.

Resolutions to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for re-supply of the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 17th day of this instant February : Report.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Public Works Second Reading of 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 Poor Law Second Reading of the Poor Law Emergency Provisions (Scotland) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Betting Second Reading of the Betting Overseas (Prohibition) Bill;

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

Resolved, That the Statement of the estimated Greenwich Income and Expenditure of Greenwich Hospital and of Travers' Foundation for the year 1926 be approved. (Colonel Headlam.)

The Sale of Food and Drugs Bill was, Sale of Food according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Second Reading of the Local Authorities (Banks) Bill ;

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

Mr. McNeill presented,—Return to an Order Public Works dated the 21st day of this instant February, Loans, for a Return relative to Public Works Loans. No. 20.

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

And then the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
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Captain Robert Henderson, Colonel Henage, Mr. Hilton, Colonel Sir Arthur Holbrook, Captain Holt, Mr. Austin Hopkinson, Mr. Haydn Jones, Major Kenyon-Stanley, Major-General Sir Alfred Knox, Miss Lawrence, Brigadier-General Makins, Mr. Montague, Mr. Sandeman, Mr. Scour, Major Sir Archibald Sinclair, Colonel Stott, Mr. Waddington, Colonel Lambert Ward, Dr. Watts, Mr. John Williams, and Mr. Windsor.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from Standing Committee A, that they had nominated Standing Committee A as the Committee on which Government Bills shall not have precedence.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords' Committee as followeth:

The Lords propose that the Joint Committee Consolidation Bills should not have precedence.

Ordered, That the Committee appointed by the 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. Rhys Davies, supported by Mr. Hayes, Education in Prisons Bill.

Mr. Morgan Jones, Mr. Johnston, and Mr. Prisons Bill.

Thomas Kennedy, presented a Bill to provide for education in prisons and other places of detention, and to extend enactments relating to superannuation allowances and gratuities to teachers, and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 9th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Taylor, supported by Mr. Rhys Davies, Shops Bill.

Mr. Riley, Mr. Thomas Williams, Mr. David Grenfell, Mr. Paling, Mr. Thurtle, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Mackinder, and Mr. George Hall, presented a Bill to amend the Shops Acts, 1912 and 1913: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 2nd day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Herbert Williams, supported by Sir Engineers Martin Conway, Rear-Admiral Sueter, Colonel Bill, Sir Alan Burgoyne, Mr. Clarry, Colonel Crookshank, and Mr. Bird, presented a Bill to provide for the registration of, and to regulate the qualifications of, engineers: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 9th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Strathmore, supported by the Lord Provost of Glasgow, Mr. Clarry, Colonel Crookshank, and Mr. Remer, presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to the sale and supply of intoxicating liquors to bona fide travellers: And the same was ordered to be read a second time on Monday next; and to be printed.

Colonel Sir Arthur Holbrook, supported by Sir Engineers Martin Conway, Rear-Admiral Sueter, Colonel Bill, Sir Alan Burgoyne, Mr. Clarry, Colonel Crookshank, and Mr. Bird, presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to the sale and supply of intoxicating liquors to bona fide travellers: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Poor Law Emergency Provisions (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time

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, being of opinion that the additional cost thrown upon Parish Councils in Scotland in the provision of relief to dependants of miners affected by the stoppage in the mining industry should be made a national charge, cannot assent to the Second Reading of a Bill which limits the contribution from the National Exchequer to a maximum of 40 per cent. of this expenditure," —(Mr. William Adamson),—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;

Secretary Sir John Gilmour rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put;

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, and adding the words "this House holds that it is not proper that Parliament should intervene to force selling combinations on particular industries," —(Mr. Story Deans),—instead thereof.

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

And it being Eleven of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Solicitors 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 Parish Councils (National Association Expenses) 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 Poor Law Emergency Provisions (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 17th day of this instant February;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 21st day of this instant February;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 21st day of this instant February;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Betting Overseas (Prohibition) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time

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; and 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 Colonel Acland-Troyte, Major Ainsworth, Mr. Batey, Mr. Blundell, Captain Bourne, Sir William Bull, Sir Charles Cayzer, Mr. Clarcy, Mr. Clowes, Mr. John Guest, Colonel James, Major Kenyon-Slaney, Mr. Foot Mitchell, 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.)

And then the House, having continued to sit till four 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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ECCLESIASTICAL COMMITTEE.

I hereby nominate—

Major John Waller Hills,
The Right Honourable Walter Bunciman, and
Charles George Ammon, Esquire,
to serve on the Ecclesiastical Committee, in the room of—

Frank Briant, Esquire,
George Lansbury, Esquire, and
Dr. Leslie Haden Guest, M.C., resigned.

J. H. Whitley, Speaker.

22 February 1927.

[No. 12.]

Wednesday, 23rd February 1927.

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

PRAYERS.

THE Order of the day being read, for the Bradford Corporation Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Buxton Corporation Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Leeds Corporation Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the London, Midland, and Scottish Railway Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 9th day of March next, at a quarter of an hour after Eight of the clock.

The Order of the day being read, for the Newcastle-upon-Tyne Corporation Bill;

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

The Smethwick Corporation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the West Bromwich Corporation Bill;

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

Mr. McNeill presented, pursuant to the Air directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Appropriation Account of the Sums granted by Parliament for Air Services for the year ended 31st March 1926, together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon, and upon the Store Accounts of the Air Services.

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

Mr. Guinness presented, pursuant to the Diseases directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Appropriation Account of the Sums granted under the Diseases of Animals Acts, dated 17th February 1927, regarding the examination and defining the quarantine station of one Goat, the property of the Welch Regiment.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
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Mr. McNeill presented a Bill to appoint additional commissioners for executing the Acts granting a land tax and other rates and taxes: And the same was 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 prohibit the erection of buildings and structures on certain lands in the administrative County of London, and for other purposes: And that Mr. Scour, Sir James Bertram, Sir Henry Jackson, Mr. Harris, Mr. Naylor, Mr. Gillett, and Mr. Dalton do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Scour accordingly presented a Bill to prohibit the erection of buildings and structures on certain lands in the administrative County of London, and for other 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 amend the Law governing the relations between landlords and tenants: And that Major Owen, Mr. Lloyd George, Mr. Haydn Jones, Captain Garro-Jones, Mr. Harris, Mr. Fenby, and Mr. C. P. Williams do prepare and bring it in.

Major Owen accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Law governing the relations between landlords and tenants: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Secretary 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 Poor Law Emergency Provisions (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.)

Motion made, and Question proposed, That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make provision as to poor relief to dependants of persons involved in a trade dispute in Scotland, to enable relief to be given by way of loan, and to extend further the duration of the Poor Law Emergency Provisions (Scotland) Act, 1921, as amended by subsequent Acts, it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of sums equal to forty per centum of the amounts expended by Parish Councils in Scotland between the thirtieth day of April and the sixth day of December 1926, on the provision of relief to the destitute dependants of destitute able-bodied persons out of employment owing to being directly involved in a trade dispute, in so far as such amounts shall be approved by the Scottish Board of Health.—(Secretary Sir John Gilmour.)

Question amended, in l. 6, by leaving out the words 'not exceeding,' and inserting the words 'equal to'—(Mr. William Graham), and, as amended, agreed to.

Resolved, That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make provision as to poor relief to dependants of persons involved in a trade dispute in Scotland, to enable relief to be given by way of loan, and to extend further the duration of the Poor Law Emergency Provisions (Scotland) Act, 1921, as amended by subsequent Acts, it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of sums equal to forty per centum of the amounts expended by Parish Councils in Scotland between the thirtieth day of April and the sixth day of December 1926, on the provision of relief to the destitute dependants of destitute able-bodied persons out of employment owing to being directly involved in a trade dispute, in so far as such amounts shall be approved by the Scottish Board of Health.

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.

Sir Harry Barnston reported from the Supply Committee of Supply of the 17th day of this instant February, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Civil Services Supplementary Estimates, 1926-27.

Class II.

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 1927 for the Salaries and Expenses of 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 Tramway Act, 1924, Expenses in respect of Advances under the Light Railways Act, 1896, Expenses of maintaining Holyhead Harbour, Advances to meet Deficit in Ramsgate Harbour Fund, Advances to Caledonian and Crinan Canals, and for Expenditure in connection with the Technical Survey for a General Scheme of Generation and Transmission of Electricity in
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Great Britain, and with the Severn Barrage Investigation.

2. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £1,150 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 1927 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

3. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £37,000 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 1927 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.

4. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £3,924 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 1927 for the Salaries and Expenses of the House of Commons.

5. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £3,000 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 1927 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Lord Advocate's Department, and other Expenses connected with the raising of Money for the Scottish Board of Health, including Grants and other Expenses in connection with Housing, Grants to Local Authorities, &c., in respect of Benefits and Expenses of Administration under the National Health Insurance Acts, certain Expenses in connection with the Widows', Orphans', and Old Age Contributory Pensions Act, 1925, and certain Grants in Aid.

6. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £142,000 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 1927 for the Expenses connected with Overseas Settlement, including certain Grants in Aid, and Expenses arising out of the Empire Settlement Act, 1922, and the Free Passage Scheme for Ex-Service Men and Women.

7. That a sum not exceeding £4,537 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 1927 to make good the Net Loss on Transactions connected with the raising of Money for the various Treasury Chests Abroad in the year 1925.

8. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £18,800 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 1927 for the payment of Old Age Pensions; for certain Administrative Expenses in connection therewith, and for Pensions under the Blind Persons Act, 1920.

9. That a 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 1927 as a Grant in Aid of the mission of their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of York to Australia and New Zealand.
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 local loans, it is expedient—

(a) to authorise the remission of arrears of principal and interest due to the Public Works Loans Commissioners in respect of Eyemouth Harbour; and

(b) to authorise the National Debt Commissioners to accept the payment by the Government of the Irish Free State of an annuity of six hundred thousand pounds for twenty years in discharge of the liability of the said Government outstanding on the first day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-six, in respect of the Local Loans Fund.—(Mr. McNell.)

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 Committee on the Poor Law Emergency Provisions (Scotland) 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 Poor Law Emergency Provisions (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Committee do consist of Twenty-eight Members.

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 Betting Overseas (Prohibition) Bill;

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

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. Ammon, Major Astor, Mr. Walter Baker, Mr. Bennett, Captain Bourne, Mr. Brocklebank, Mr. Charlton, Brigadier-General Charteris, Captain Craig, Mr. Dalton, Captain Ernest Evans, Colonel Sir Frederick Hall, Mr. Hannon, Colonel Vivian Henderson, Captain Loder, Sir John Marriott, Captain Geoffrey

Peto, Sir Philip Pilditch, Mr. Potts, Mr. Ramsden, Colonel Spender-Clay, Mr. Townend, Colonel Vaughan-Morgan, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Thomas Williams, Sir Frederick Wye, Commander Charles Williams, and Colonel Woodcock.

Ordered, That the Committee have power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit notwithstanding any Adjournment of the House.

Ordered, That the Committee have power, if they so determine, to appoint one or more Sub-Committees, and in that event to apportion the subjects referred to the Committee between the Sub-Committees, any of which shall have the full powers of the undivided Committee; and that Four be the quorum of any of the Sub-Committees.

Ordered, That the Committee do report any evidence taken by the Committee or by any of the Sub-Committees to the House.—(Mr. Frederick Thomson.)

The London County Council (General Powers) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Bill to leave out Clause 29 (Licensing of street traders)—(Mr. Harris) —

And a Debate arising thereupon;

Mr. Harris rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put; but Mr. Speaker withheld his assent, as he thought that the House was willing to come to a decision without that Motion.

And the Question being put;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left;

Tellers for the Yeas—

Mr. Nagler, 154.

Mr. Ammon:

So it passed in the Negative.

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Ordered, That the Committee do report any evidence taken by the Committee or by any of the Sub-Committees to the House.—(Mr. Frederick Thomson.)

The London County Council (General Powers) Bill.
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 copies of Orders in Council under the Foreign Jurisdiction Act, 1890, dated 7th February 1927, entitled—
(1) The Palestine Currency Order, 1927; and
(2) The Kenya Protectorate (Disposition of Lands) Order in Council, 1927.

Copy of Order in Council under the Representation of the People Acts, dated 7th February 1927, amending the provisions of the Representation of the People Order.

Copy of Order in Council under the Territorial and Reserve Forces Act, 1907, dated 7th February 1927, providing for the transfer of certain property to the Territorial Army Association for the County of the City of Edinburgh.

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

Mr. Bridgenman presented, by His Majesty's Navy
Command,—Estimate for the Navy for the year 1927.

Mr. Bridgenman also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, 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 East Dereham, in the County of Norfolk.

Copy of Report by the Minister of Transport of his Proceedings for Session 1927 under the General Pier and Harbour Act, 1861, and the General Pier and Harbour Act, 1861, Amendment Act, 1862.

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

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, and be printed.

Lieutenant-Commander Kenworthy, supported by Mr. Broad, Mr. John Edwards, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Scour, Colonel Wedgwood, Sir Patrick Ford, and Mr. Hoyes, presented a Bill to amend the Widows', Orphans', and Old Age Contributory Pensions Act, 1923: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Major Ouse, supported by Mr. Ellis Davies, Mr. Hoyles Jones, Mr. Hayes, Sir Murdoch Macdonald, Mr. C. P. Williams, and Mr. Herbert Williams, presented a Bill to provide for the inspection and maintenance of dams, embankments, and reservoirs, and for other purposes relating thereto: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Raine, supported by Mr. Charles Wilson, Mr. Webb, Sir Henry Coutley, Mr. Trevelyan, Mr. Robert Richardson, Colonel Gadie, Mr. Womersley and Mr. Jephcott, presented a Bill to provide for the popular control of Parish Councils and Parish Meetings: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Ammon, supported by Viscountess Astor, Mr. Briant, and Mr. James Hudson, presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to the manufacture, sale, and supply of intoxicating liquor, and to provide for the popular control thereof and of the grant and renewal of licences, and for other purposes incidental thereto: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That other Government Business have precedence this day of the Business of the House.
Supply and that, notwithstanding anything in Standing Order No. 8, any Private Business set down at a quarter-past Eight of the clock this evening, by direction of the Chairman of Ways and Means, may be taken after half-past Nine of the clock.—(Commander Eyres-Monsell.)

The Lord Advocate reported from the Committee on Poor Law Emergency Provisions (Scotland) [Money.] a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make provision as to poor relief to dependants of persons involved in a trade dispute in Scotland, to enable relief to be given by way of loan, and to extend further the duration of the Poor Law Emergency Provisions Act, 1921, as amended by subsequent Acts, it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of moneys to be provided by subsequent Acts, of sums equal to forty per centum of the amounts expended by Parish Councils in Scotland between the thirtieth day of April and the sixth day of December, 1926, on the provision of relief to the destitute dependants of destitute able-bodied persons out of employment owing to being directly involved in a trade dispute, in so far as such amounts shall be approved by the Scottish Board of Health.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Poor Law Emergency Provisions (Scotland) Bill.

Clause No. 1 (Relief to dependants of persons involved in trade dispute).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 11, at the end, to insert the words,—

"Provided that, before any such relief as is proposed shall be given, the Parish Council for the area affected may decide to take a ballot of the ratepayers in such area in order that such ratepayers may decide whether the relief proposed shall or shall not be allowed, and the grant or avoidance of such relief shall be determined by the decision indicated by such ballot. Such ballot shall be conducted by such Parish Council on the lines appropriate to a Parish Council election, and the expenses thereof shall be a charge on the rates of the Parish affected."—(Mr. Kidd.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 15, to leave out from the word "force." to the end of l. 16, in order to insert the words "until the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven."—(Sir Alexander Sprat.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 2 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 3 (Power to give relief on loan).

An Amendment made.

Question put, That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas,

Mr. Frederick Thomson, 290.

Mr. Charles Edwards, 107.

Tellers for the Noes,

Lord Stanley:

Mr. Parkinson, 290.

Mr. Charles Edwards, 107.

Clauses No. 4 and No. 5 agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

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

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

Mr. Frederick Thomson reported from the Committee on Public Works Loans [Money.] a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That for the purpose of any Act of the present Session relating to local loans, it is expedient—

(a) to authorise the remission of arrears of principal and interest due to the Public Works Loans Commissioners in respect of Eyemouth Harbour; and

(b) to authorise the National Debt Commissioners to accept the payment by the Government of the Irish Free State of an annuity of six hundred thousand pounds for twenty years in discharge of the liability of the said Government outstanding on the first day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-six, in respect of the Local Loans Fund.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Public Works Loans Bill.

Clause 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, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

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

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

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

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the betting Second Reading of the Betting Overseas Overseas (Prohibition) 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 Great Western Railway Bill;

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

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day six months."—(Mr. Charleton.)

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 referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Southern Railway 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 Southern Railway (Superannuation Fund) Bill;

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

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day six months."—(Mr. James Henry Thomas.)

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 referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

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

[No. 14.]

Friday, 25th February 1927.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bradford Corporation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next after Eight of the clock.

The Bradford Corporation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Greenock Burgh Extension, &c. 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 Newcastle-upon-Tyne Corporation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next at a quarter of an hour after Eight of the clock.

The West Bromwich Corporation Bill was, according to order, read a second time, and committed.

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 having regard to Section 2 (2) of the Act, the North British and Mercantile Insurance Company, Limited, Order, and the Scottish Provident Institution 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. Guinness presented, by His Majesty’s Agricultural Command,—Copy of Report on certain Statistical Enquiries made in connection with the Census of Production Act, 1906, relating to the output of all kinds of Agricultural Produce and to the Agricultural Industry generally, together with a brief Survey of Agricultural Statistics up to 1925.

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

Secretary Sir Laming Worthington-Evans presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—(Supplementary Estimate of the further amount which will be required during the year ending 31st March 1926–7, to meet expenditure not provided for in No. 28, the Army Estimates of the year.

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

Earl Winterton presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Statement exhibiting the Moral and Material Progress and Condition of India during the year 1925–6.

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

Mr. Attorney General presented, pursuant to Brighton Standing Order 175,—Copy of Report of the Corporation Attorney General on the Brighton Corporation Bill [Lords.]

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Copy of Report of the Attorney General on the Coventry Corporation Bill (Lords).

Copy of Report of the Attorney General on the Coventry Corporation (Boundary Extension) Bill (Lords).


Ordered, That the Reports be referred to the Committees on the Bills.

Earl Winterton, supported by Mr. Bridgeman, presented a Bill to amend the Government of India Act with a view to facilitating the provision of an Indian Navy, and to make consequential amendments in the Naval Discipline Act: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. McNeill presented a Bill to authorise an increase of the number of Forestry Commissioners; to empower the Commissioners to make byelaws with respect to land vested in them or under their management or control; and for purposes consequential upon the matters aforesaid: 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 Auctions (Bidding Agreements) 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."—(Colonel Wedgwood.)

And the Question being proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question;—And a Debate arising thereupon:

Lord Fermoy rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

And the Question being accordingly put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the "Lord Fermoy, Yes, Sir Douglas Newton:"

Tellers for the "Mr. Tinker, Noes, Mr. Scurr:"

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being accordingly put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the "Lord Fermoy, Yes, Sir Douglas Newton:"

Tellers for the "Mr. Tinker, Noes, Mr. Scurr:"

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Government (Franchise (Extension to Mercantile Corporations and Companies) Bill)

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

And it being Four of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Monday next.

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 Friday next.

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

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

Whereupon Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to Standing Order No. 3, it being then one minute after Four of the clock, till Monday next.
[No. 15.]

Monday, 28th February 1927.

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 Bills should originate in the House of Lords, viz.:

North British and Mercantile Insurance Company, Limited (Substituted Bill).
Scottish Provident Institution (Substituted Bill).

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Leeds Corporation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

Ministry of Health
Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill.
Order, read a second time, and committed.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Minister of Health relating to Bilston, Bournemouth, Carnarvon, Longtown and Border Joint Hospital District, Reigate Joint Hospital District, and Thurrock Grays and Tilbury Joint Sewerage District: And the same was read the first time.
Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.


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

Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare presented by His Majesty's Command,—Air Estimates for the year 1927.

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

Air
Estimates, 1927.
No. 30.
Copy of Memorandum by the Secretary of State for Air relative to the Air Estimates, 1927.

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

Duchy of Cornwall.

Mr. McNeill presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account of the Receipts and Disbursements of the Duchy of Cornwall for the year 1926.

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

Railway
Rates
Tribunal.

Colonel Ashley presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Vol. 182.

Fifth Annual Report of the Railway Rates Tribunal for the year 1926.

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

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister presented, pursuant Lighthouses, to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Reports to the Board of Trade by the Trinity House of Deptford Strond and the Commissioners of Northern Lighthouses, of their Inspection of Local Lighthouses, Buys, and Beacons, and by the Commissioners of Irish Lights of their Inspection of Local Lighthouses, Buys, and Beacons in Northern Ireland in 1926.

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

Wilfred Wellock, Esquire, Member for the New Member County of Worcester (Stourbridge Division) affirmed.

The House, according to Order, resolved Supply itself into the Committee of Supply. [1st allotted Day.]

(In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates and Estimates for Revenue Departments, 1927 (Vote on Account).

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £114,650,000 be granted to His Majesty, on account, for or towards defraying the charges for the following Civil and Revenue Departments (including Pensions, Education, Insurance, and other Grants) for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1928, viz.:

Civil Estimates.

CLASS V.

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Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That Item Class V, Vote 7 (Ministry of Labour), be reduced by £100.—(Mr. Hayday.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the 'Mr. Haynes, Yeas, Mr. Whiteley': 108.

Tellers for the 'Major Cope, Noes, Captain Margesson': 199.

Original Question again proposed;

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That Item Class VI, Vote 12 (Ministry of Transport), be reduced by £100.—(Lieutenant-Commander Kenworthy.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the 'Mr. Haynes, Yeas, Mr. Whiteley': 76.

Tellers for the 'Major Cope, Noes, Captain Margesson': 203.

Original Question again proposed.

And it being Eleven of the clock, the Chairman proeceded, pursuant to Standing Order No. 15, to put forthwith the Questions necessary to dispose of the Vote.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

Resolution to be reported.
The Order of the day being read, for the Police (Widows' Pensions (Widows' Pensions Amendment) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Second Reading of the Local Authorities (Banks) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Bonâ Fide Second Reading of the Bonâ Fide Travellers Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the London Second Reading of the London Squares and Enclosures (Preservation) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Landlord and Tenant Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Hairdressers' Second Reading of the Hairdressers' and Barbers' Shops (Sunday Closing) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Widows', Second Reading of the Widows', Orphans', and Old Age Contributory Pensions Act (1925) Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Parish Second Reading of the Parish Councils (National Association Expenses) (No. 2) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

And then the House, having continued to sit till five 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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The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

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

Reading Gas Bill.
Farnham Gas and Electricity Bill.
Frimley and Farnborough District Water Bill.
Southern Railway (Superannuation Fund) Bill.
Southern Railway Bill.
Great Western Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be committed.

The Greenock Burgh Extension, &c., Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Buxton Corporation Bill that they shall have regard to the provisions of Section 56 of the Public Health Act, 1925, so far as Clause 14, sub-clause (2), is concerned.

Mr. McNeeil presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account of the Receipts and Disbursements of the Duchy of Lancaster in the year ended 21st December 1926; also a separate Account of the Capital of the Duchy to the same date.

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

The Lord Advocate presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order by the Secretary of State closing the prison of Ayr.

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

Sir Frank Meyer, supported by Colonel Howard-Bury, Colonel Harlick, Captain Brass, and Sir Edward Higgs, presented a Bill to provide for the licensing of petrol pumps by highway authorities; And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Naylor, supported by Mr. Montague, Mr. Viant, Mr. Chute, Dr. Salt, Mr. William Thorne, Mr. Thurtle, and Mr. Snell, presented a Bill to render illegal certain agreements as to the selling prices of coal; And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Urban District Bill to alter the dates of elections of Urban District Councillors; And that Mr. Looker, Colonel Heneage, Dr. Vernon Davies, and Mr. Thomas Williams do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Looker accordingly presented a Bill to Urban District Councillors: 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, proceeded to take into consideration the Poor Law Emergency Provisions (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

An Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 16, by leaving out Clause 3. (Mr. Johnston.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "an," in l. 32, stand part of the Bill;

The House divided.

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

Tellers for the Yeas.
Lord Stanley : 185.
Captain Bouverie : 92.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read the third time;

The House divided.

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

Tellers for the Yeas.
Major Sir George Hennery : 233.
Lord Stanley : 185.
Tellers for the Noes.
Mr. Hayes : 104.
Mr. Thomas Hender son : 92.

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 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 Land Tax Commissioners Bill was, Land Tax Commissioners Bill.

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

Ordered, That the Members for counties do prepare lists of the christian names and surnames of Commissioners for executing the Land Tax Acts for their respective counties.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Urban District Bill to alter the dates of elections of Urban District Councillors; And that Mr. Looker, Colonel Heneage, Dr. Vernon Davies, and Mr. Thomas Williams do prepare and bring it in.

Bill 58.

Roadside Petrol Pumps Bill.

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

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

Ordered, That the Members for counties do prepare lists of the christian names and surnames of Commissioners for executing the Land Tax Acts for their respective counties.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Urban District Bill to alter the dates of elections of Urban District Councillors; And that Mr. Looker, Colonel Heneage, Dr. Vernon Davies, and Mr. Thomas Williams do prepare and bring it in.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords and desire their concurrence.
Ordered, That Members for boroughs and places having Commissioners exercising exclusive jurisdiction within the same under the said Acts do prepare similar lists of Commissioners for executing the said Acts within such boroughs and places, respectively.

Ordered, That Members for other boroughs and places do prepare similar lists of Commissioners for executing the said Acts for the counties in which such last-mentioned boroughs and places are situate.—(Mr. McVey.)

The Police (Appeals) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 25th day of February last;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

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

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

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bet ing Overseas (Prohibition) 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 (Indian Navy) 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.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the abnormal industrial conditions through which the Country has been passing having placed upon local authorities in many areas burdens which cannot be met from local resources, and having regard to the fact that heavy local rates enter directly into the cost of production and thus hamper industrial revival in the areas affected, it is in the national interest that the community as a whole should accept some responsibility for these exceptional local burdens.—(Mr. Compton.)

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, in l. 1, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, and adding the words "this House deprecates any increase in the grants by the Exchequer to local authorities except under conditions which involve local authorities being responsible for the results of extravagant expenditure incurred by them, and considers that the method of giving Exchequer subventions to local authorities should be reviewed under a general reconsideration of the relations of national and local taxation with a view to assistance being given to the more heavily burdened areas"—(Mr. Herbert Williams), instead thereof.

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

The House divided.

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

Tellers for the [Mr. Parkinson,].


Tellers for the [Mr. Herbert Williams,].

Noes, [Mr. Mitchell Banks : ] 221.

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 Inspection Second Reading of the Inspection of Dams, Embankments, and Reservoirs Bill;

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

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Fancy Second Reading of the Fancy Jewellery (Standard and Trade Descriptions) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Stabilisation Second Reading of the Stabilisation of Easter of Easter Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Police Second Reading of the Police (Widows' Pensions (Widows' Amendment) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Second Reading of the Local Authorities (Banks) Bill;

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

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

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

And then the House, having continued to sit till nine minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
Wednesday, 2nd March 1927.

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

PRAYERS.

Mr. Robert Young reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders several Resolutions, which were read as follows:—

1. That in the case of the Thorne Colliery Railway and Wharf [Lords], Petition for Bill, the Standing Orders ought not to be dispensed with; that the parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.

2. That in the case of the London and Home Counties Joint Electricity Authority, Petition for Bill, the Standing Orders ought not to be dispensed with.

3. That in the case of the London and Home Counties Joint Electricity Authority (No. 2), Petition for leave to deposit a Petition for Bill, the Standing Orders ought not to be dispensed with; that the parties be permitted to deposit their Petition for a Bill.

The First and Third Resolutions, being read, a second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Order for reading a second time upon Monday next the London Squares and Enclosures (Preservation) Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Mr. Gosling, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, and Mr. Lloyd George, presented a Bill to confer powers on the Imperial War Graves Commission with respect to the erection of a memorial to the officers and men of the Mercantile Marine who perished in the late war: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday the 10th day of this instant March; and to be printed.

Secretary Sir William Joynson-Hicks, supported by Mr. Secretary Amery, presented a Bill to provide for the alteration of the Royal Style and Titles and of the Style of Parliament; and for purposes incidental thereto: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Secretary Sir John Gilmore, supported by the Lord Advocate, Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland, and Major Elliot, presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to the offices of Sheriff Clerk, Procurator Fiscal, and Commissary Clerk in Scotland, and to make further provision regarding Sheriff Courts: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Colonel Headlam, supported by Mr. Bridge, Royal Naval man, presented a Bill to amend the enactments relating to the Naval Reserve Forces: And the same was 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 Law with respect to auctioneers, and to prohibit the holding of mock auctions: And that Mr. Womersley, Mr. Dickworth, Mr. Fenby, Colonel Gadie, Mr. Grotton, Mr. Hayes, Lieutenant-Commander Kenworthy, Mr. Looser, and Dr. Shields do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Womersley accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Law with respect to auctioneers, and to prohibit the holding of mock auctions: And the same was read the first time and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the 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:

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. Johnston.)

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 Noes, [Mr. Parkinson, Mr. Whiteley: ] 125.

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 Government of India (Indian Navy) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Land Tax Committee on the Land Tax Commissioners Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday the 28th day of this instant March, 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 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 Local Second Reading of the Local Authorities (Banks) Bill:

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

STANDING COMMITTEES.

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

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Mr. Speaker 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.:

Bristol Water Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed.

Captain Hacking 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.

Secretary Sir Austen Chamberlain presented, Treaty Series by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Protocol (No. 6, 1927.) respecting the Boundary between Tanganyika Territory and the Belgian Mandated Territory of Ruanda-Urundi. Signed at Kigoma, 5th August 1924, and Notes exchanged between the British and Belgian Governments, Brussels, 17th May 1926 (with three maps).

Copy of Arbitration Convention between the Treaty Series United Kingdom and Siam. Signed at London, (No. 7, 1927.)

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

Mr. Bridgeman presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Statement of the First Lord of the Admiralty explanatory of the Navy Estimates, 1927.

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

Mr. Neville Chamberlain presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of the Hartfordshire (Welwyn Garden City Urban District) Confirmation Order, 1927, made under the Local Government Act, 1888.

Copy of Order, dated 18th February 1927, made by the Minister of Health under the Rating and Valuation Act, 1925, for removing difficulties arising in connection with the transfer of certain officers to Assessment Committees and Rating Authorities, and entitled the Rating and Valuation Act (Transfer of Officers) Order, 1927.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Copy of Account of the Receipts and Payments of the Accounting Officer of the Vote for the Supreme Court on behalf of the Admiralty Division in Prize for the year ended the 31st day of March 1926, and for the period 4th day of August 1914 to 31st day of March 1926; together with Copy of the Correspondence with the Comptroller and Auditor-General thereon. (Mr. McNeill.)

Ordered, That the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills do examine the Mercantile Marine Memorial Bill, with respect to compliance with the Standing Orders relative to Private Bills.

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. William Nicholson reported from the Chairmen’s Panel; that they had come to the considera- tion of a particular Bill to provide for the abolition of capital punishment and to substitute other punishment therefor, and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Miss Wilkinson, supported by Mr. William Officers, Mr. Thomas Kennedy, Mr. Towner, Mr. Delton, Dr. Salter, Dr. Shiel, Dr. Yog Davies, Mr. Charleston, Mr. Walter Baker, Mr. Monique, and Mr. Robert Vifien, 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 Wednesday the 3rd day of this instant March; and to be printed.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Chairmen’s Panel; That they had appointed Mr. Short to act as Chairman of Standing Committee A (in respect of the Sale of Food and Drugs Bill); and Sir Robert Struthers of Standing Committee B (in respect of the Forestry Bill).

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

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Ordered, That there be laid before this House the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee A,—Sir Robert Grover; and had appointed in substitution, Brigadier-General Warner.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from the Standing Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee A.—Mr. Kidd.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

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Mr. Mackenzie Livingstone, supported by Sir Robert Hamilton, Sir Godfrey Collins, Captain Garro-Jones, Mr. Macpherson, Sir Murdoch Macdonald, Mr. Morris, Mr. Runciman, and Major Sir Archibald Sinclair, presented a Bill to amend 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 24th day of this instant March; and to be printed.

Mr. Bridgeman reported from the Committee of Supply of the 28th day of February last, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

Civil Estimates and Estimates for Revenue Departments, 1927 (Vote on Account).

That a sum not exceeding £114,650,000 be granted to His Majesty, on account, for or towards defraying the charges for the following Civil and Revenue Departments (including Pensions, Education, Insurance, and other Grants) for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1928, viz.:

Civil Estimates.

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The said Resolution, being 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. Ramsden.)

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 Cadle, Yeas; Mr. Paling; 128.
Tellers for the Mr. Ramsden, Noes, Sir Francis Watson; 203.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the words “upon this day six months” be added at the end of the Question:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the Main Question, so amended, being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon this day six months.

The Order of the day being read, for the Newcastle-upon-Tyne Corporation Bill;

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

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

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

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Liquor (Popular Control) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Bonâ Fide Travellers Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Landlord and Tenant Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Roadside Petrol Pumps 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 Shops (Hours of Employment) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Widows', Orphans', and Old Age Contributory Pensions Act (1925) 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 Solicitors Bill;

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

And then the House, having continued to sit till five 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. 19.]

Friday, 4th March 1927.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Disease of Animals Acts.

Mr. Guinness presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order, dated 25th February 1927, under the Diseases of Animals Acts, regarding the examination of, and defining the quarantine station of, five Wildebeest and five Waterbuck from Africa.

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

Mr. McNeill presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 3rd day of this instant March, for a Return relative to Supreme Court (Prize, &c., Deposit Account, 1925-26).

Supreme Court (Prize, &c., Deposit Account, 1925-26.) No. 32.

Mr. McNeill also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Accounts of Gross and Net Expenditure, and of the Sums appropriated by Parliament, for Army Services for 1925-26, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon, and upon the Store Accounts of the Army.

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Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time;

Mr. Attorney General presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Committee on the Law of Arbitration.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue a Writ for the electing of a Member of Parliament for the Manor of Northstead, in the County of York.

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 the Yeadon Waterworks Act, to extend the time limited for the completion of certain works; to confer further powers on the Yeadon Waterworks Company, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled the Metropolitan Electric Supply Bill, to empower the North Metropolitan Electric Power Supply Company to raise additional capital; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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

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

The Yeadon Waterworks Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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The Order for reading a second time, upon Thursday next, the Abolition of Capital Punishment Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time, upon Friday the 1st day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Moneylenders 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 put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Marriage (Prohibited Degrees of Relationship) Bill;

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

Mr. Ammon rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put; but Mr. Speaker withheld his assent, and declined then to put that Question:—Then the House resumed the Debate.

Sir Arthur Shirley Benn rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put; but Mr. Speaker withheld his assent, and declined then to put that Question:—Then the House resumed the Debate.

And it being Four of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Commonweal of India 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 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 Liquor (Popular Control) Bill;

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

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

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

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

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

Whereupon Mr. Speaker 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.
Protection of Animals Bill

Sir Walford Sugden, supported by Mr. Barr, Mr. Boothby, Mr. Fenby, Sir George Hume, Mr. MacKenzie Livingstone, Sir Frank Sanderson, Dr. Shiela, Mr. Smillie, Mr. Whiteley, Mr. Herbert Williams, and Mr. Thomas Williams, presented a Bill to extend the operation of the enactments relating to the protection of animals in respect of animals kept in captivity or confinement, and released for the purpose of being hunted or cours ed: and the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Business of the House.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings of the Committee of Supply be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order ;—(The Prime Minister);
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Supply (Army Estimates.)
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;
And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair (for Committee on the Army Estimates);—(Secretary Sir Laming Worthington-Evans);
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 interests of both peace and economy and in order to inspire national confidence and security other than by large standing armies, His Majesty's Government should, in the preparatory commission for the forthcoming Disarmament Conference, initiate proposals to secure international agreement on reductions in land forces—(Mr. Greenwood),—instead thereof.

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.

Reductions in land forces.

Tellers for the Yeas, Captain Goble, 223.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Penny, 108.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Supply.
The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Army Estimates, 1927.

1. That a number of Land Forces, not exceeding 106,500, 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 1928.
2. £8,229,000 for Pay, &c., of His Majesty's Army at Home and Abroad (exclusive of India).
3. £3,299,000 for Works, Buildings, and Lands, including military and civilian staff, and other charges in connection therewith.
4. £3,065,000 for Rewards, Half-Pay, Retired Pay, Widows' Pensions, and other Non-effective charges for Officers.
5. £4,145,000 for the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, and Kilmainham Hospital, for Out-Pensions, Rewards for Distinguished Service, Widows' Pensions, and other Non-Effective charges for Warrant Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers, Men, &c.

6. £247,000 for Civil Superannuation, Compensation, and Additional Allowances, Gratuities, Injury Grants, &c.

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 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 Royal and Parliamentary Titles Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Government Second Reading of the Government of India (Indian Navy) 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 Betting Overseas (Prohibition) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.
Hairdressers' and Barbers' Shops (Sunday Closing) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Hairdressers' and Barbers' Shops (Sunday Closing) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Urban District Councillors Election Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Urban District Councillors Election Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

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

Fancy Jewellery (Standard Trade Descriptions) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Fancy Jewellery (Standard Trade Descriptions) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

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

Police (Widows' Pensions Amendment) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Police (Widows' Pensions Amendment) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Inspection of Dams, Embankments, and Reservoirs Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Inspection of Dams, Embankments, and Reservoirs Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Shops (Hours of Employment) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Shops (Hours of Employment) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Widows', Orphans, and Old Age Contributory Pensions Act (1925) Amendment Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Widows', Orphans', and Old Age Contributory Pensions Act (1925) Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

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

Marrriages (Prohibited Degrees of Relationship) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 4th day of this instant March, That the Marrriages (Prohibited Degrees of Relationship) Bill be now read a second time;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till to-morrow.

Liquor (Popular Control) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Liquor (Popular Control) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

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 three 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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Tuesday, 8th March 1927.
The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

P R A Y E R S.
Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bills, referred on the Second Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz. :—
Westgate and Birchington Water Bill.
East Anglian Electricity Bill.
War Risks Associations (Distribution of Reserve Funds) Bill.
Ordered, That the Bills be committed.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Private Bills (Standing Orders not previously inquired into complied with.)
Scottish Provident Institution (Lords) (Substituted Bill).
Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Mercantile Marine Memorial Bill.
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 Newcastle-upon-Tyne Corporation Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow, at a quarter of an hour after Eight of the clock.

Dentists Act, 1921.

Lord Eastate Percy presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Account of the Income and Expenditure of the Dental Board of the United Kingdom for the year 1926.

Ordered, That the minute be printed.

Medical Act, 1858.

Accounts of the Income and Expenditure of the General Medical Council and of the Branch Councils, and apportionments of the amounts payable to the General Council by the Branch Councils for the year 1926.

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

Prices of Building Materials.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report, for the period up to February 1927, of the Chairman of the Inter-departmental Committee appointed to survey the prices of Building Materials.

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

Royal Naval Reserve Bill.

Mr. Bridgeman presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Memorandum explanatory of the proposed Financial Resolution relative to the Royal Naval Reserve Bill.

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

Standing Committee A. Sale of Food and Drugs Bill.

No. 37.

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 71.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee B:—Mr. Bird and Mr. Sandeman; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Ernest Alexander and Mr. Nuttall.

Standing Committee B.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from the Committee; That they had nominated the following Members to serve on Standing Committee B in substitution of the Forestry Bill:—Mr. Britton, Sir George Courthope, Earl of Dalkeith, Sir Leoš Forester Walker, Secretary Sir John Gilmore, Sir Alfred Hopkins, Lieutenant-General Sir Algernon Hunter-Weston, Mr. Johnston, Mr. McNelis, Sir Douglas Newton, Mr. Purcell, Mr. Riley, Sir Alexander Sprout, and Mr. Hilton Young.

Ordered, That the following Members representing Scottish Constituencies are appointed to serve on the Standing Committee for the consideration of all Public Bills relating exclusively to Scotland and committed to a Standing Committee:—Mr. William Adamson, Brigadier-General Sir William Alexander, Duchess of Atholl, Mr. Blore-Harvey, Mr. Barr, Sir George Berry, Mr. Boothby, Mr. James Brown, Mr. Buchanan, Sir Samuel Chapman, Brigadier-General Charteris, Commander Cochran, Sir Geoffrey Collins, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Cowan, Sir Henry Craik, Colonel Crookshank, Earl of Dalkeith, Captain Elliot, Commander Fanshawe, Sir Patrick Ford, Secretary Sir John Gilmore, Mr. Duncan Graham, Mr. William Graham, Sir Robert Hamilton, Mr. Hardie, Mr. Thomas Henderson, Sir Harry Hope, Sir Robert Horne, Lieutenant-General Sir Algernon Hunter-Weston, Mr. Clark Hutchison, Sir Robert Hutchison, Mr. Johnston, Mr. Thomas Kennedy, Mr. Kield, Mr. Kirkwood, Major Brown-Lindsay, Mr. Livingston, Major MacAndrew, Sir Murchestado Macdonald, Mr. Robert MacDonald, Mr. MacIntyre, Mr. Neil Maclean, Mr. Macpherson, Mr. Macquisten, Mr. Maitson, Mr. Rosslyn Mitchell, Mr. Stephen Mitchell, Colonel Thomas Moore, Mr. Murnin, Mr. Roos, Mr. Scongour, Colonel McInnes Shaw, Mr. Shields, Major Sir Archibald Sinclair, Mr. Skelton, Mr. Robert Smith, Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland, Mr. Alexander Sprout, Mr. Stephen, Mr. James Stewart, Captain Streetfield, Mr. James Stewart, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Templeton, Colonel Thom, Mr. Frederick Thomson, Mr. McLean Watson, Mr. Weir, Mr. Welsh, Mr. Westwood, Mr. Wheatley, and Mr. Wright.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

Sir Wilfrid Sugden, supported by Colonel Vinegar Bill, Fremanville, Dr. Davies, Mr. Lamb, Sir John Leigh, Mr. Jephcott, Mr. Smellie Crooke, and Mr. Grooten, presented a Bill to define Vinegar and liquids made in imitation of Vinegar, and to regulate the sale thereof, and for purposes relating thereto: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday, the 21st day of this instant March; and to be printed.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Sale of Bill to make illegal any arrangement or agree-
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Government of India (Indian Navy) 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 Betting Overseas (Prohibition) Bill:

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being Unemployment proposed, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider schemes of work of national benefit designed to provide employment for unemployed persons and to report upon such schemes, together with an estimate of the financial assistance required from moneys provided by Parliament; that the Committee do report to this House at intervals not exceeding one month during the sittings of this House; that the Committee have power to send for persons, papers, and records—(Mr. Greenall);

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, in L. I., by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, and adding the words "at a time when employment is improving, it is undesirable that industrial capital should be diminished in order to provide relief schemes and that large sums should be drawn off from the normal channels of trade for extemporised measures which can only be palliatives."—(Mr. Cadogan)—instead thereof.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved that the Committee do sit again.

Tellers for the Mr. Charles Edwards, Mr. Geoffrey Peto
Yeas, 1142.
Noes, 1252.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Royal and Parliamentary Titles 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 Royal Naval Reserve Bill;

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Urban District Councillors Election Bill; 
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The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 4th day of this instant March, That the Marriage (Prohibited Degrees of Relationship) Bill be now read a second time; 
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday 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, till to-morrow.

 ordered, That the said Paper be referred to the Committee of Supply; and be printed.

Earl Winterton presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Rules for the appointment to the Indian Civil Service otherwise than by competitive examination of persons domiciled in India made by the Secretary of State for India in Council under Section 97 (6) of the Government of India Act.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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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 passed a Bill, intituled An Act to amend the Diseases of Animals Acts, 1894 to 1925; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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 Forestry Bill)—Secretary Sir John Gilmour; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Roslyn Mitchell, supported by Mr. William Adamson, Mr. William Graham, Mr. Johnston, and Mr. Barr, presented a Bill to amend the law of intestate succession in Scotland: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday next; and to be printed.

Sir Edward Hinge, supported by Sir William Ammon, Sir Frank Meyer, Sir Frank Nelson, and Colonel Vaughan-Morgan, presented a Bill to facilitate the construction, improvement, and maintenance of roads by highway authorities; and for other purposes connected therewith: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The Royal and Parliamentary Titles 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.

—(Secretary Sir William Jowson-Hicks.)

The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Government of India (Indian Navy) 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, being desirous of extending the powers of the elected representatives of the Indian people in the control of Indian affairs, cannot assent to the Second Reading of a Bill for the provision of an Indian Navy which fails to place such Navy under the control of the Indian Legislative Assembly, has not been submitted to and approved by that Assembly, and incidentally involves an increase in Imperial Naval Forces”—(Mr. Ammon),—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 [Sir Harry Burnston, 245.

[Major Cope, 117.]

The Yeas were:—

Mr. Barnes, 120.

Mr. Hayes, 244.

The Noes were:—

Mr. Nicholson reported from the Committee of Supply of the 8th day of this instant March; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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. Ammon);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Hayes, Yes, 120.

[Mr. Barnes, Noes, 244.]

So it passed in the Negative.

The Bill was committed to a Standing Committee.

So it was resolved in the Negative.

The Order of the day being read, for the Royal Naval Reserve Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for 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 receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 8th day of this instant March;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the 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 the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 7th day of this instant March;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Betting Overseas (Prohibition) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Betting Reserve Bill;

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

The Newcastle-upon-Tyne Corporation Bill Newcastle—upon-Tyne was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.
Adjournment. Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.
—(Sir Harry Barnston.)

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

[No. 23.]
Thursday, 10th March 1927.

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.:

Yeadon Waterworks Bill [Lords].
North Metropolitan Electric Power Supply Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

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, 1929, on the application of the British Gas Light Company, Limited, with respect to the Norwich undertaking of that Company.

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

Mr. Guinness presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Copy of Report of Proceedings of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries under the Tithe Acts and certain other Acts for the year 1926.

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 Rule made by the Secretary of State for Scotland under the Prisons (Scotland) Act, 1877, for the discontinuance of certain legalised police orders.

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 the Woodworking Machinery (Amendment) Regulation, 1927, dated 3rd March 1927, made under the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901.

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

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Sir Robert Saunders reported from Standing Committee B, to whom the Forestry Bill was referred; That they had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto.

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

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Standing Committee be printed.

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

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Select Committee of Selection, That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee B:—Colonel Mason and Colonel Windy; and had appointed in substitution: Rear-Admiral Beamish and Sir Henry Cautley.

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 the Lords' one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Public Works Loans Bill, without any Amendment.

Mr. Lansbury, supported by Mr. Snell, Mr. Blasphemy Thurtle, Mr. Dunnico, Dr. Salter, Mr. Scarr (Amendment) and Mr. Wallhead, presented a Bill to amend the Blasphemy Laws: And the same was Bill 77, ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Mr. Scarr, supported by Sir James Renmant, London Sir Henry Jackson, Mr. Naylor, Mr. Gillett, Mr. Davis, Mr. Dalton, and Mr. Harris, presented a Bill to prohibit the erection of buildings and structures on certain lands in the administrative county of London, and for other purposes: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Whiteley, supported by Mr. Bates, Local Mr. Parkinson, Mr. George Hall, Mr. Ritson, Government Mr. Robert Wilson, and Mr. Welsh, presented a Bill to amend section forty-six of the Local Government Act, 1894: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 22nd day of this instant March; and to be printed.

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister, supported by Cinematographic Secretary Sir John Gilmore, Mr. Solicitor General, and Sir Burton Chadwick, presented a Bill to restrict blind booking and advance booking of cinematograph films, and to secure the renting and exhibition of a certain proportion of British films, and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Guinness presented a Bill to amend the Crown Lands Crown Lands Acts, 1829 to 1913: And the Bill, 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 expunged, 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 Noses to the Left.
Tellers for the {Colonel Gibbs, Yeas,
Sir Harry Barnston : } 251.
Tellers for the {Mr. Parkinson, Noes,
Mr. Charles Edwards : } 125.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Supply (Air Estimates.)
The Order of the day being read, for the
Committee of Supply;
And a Motion being made, and the Question
being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now
leave the Chair (for Committee on the Air
Estimates)—(Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare);

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 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:
Public Works Loans Act, 1927.

Supply (Air Estimates.)
And the Question being again proposed,
That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;

Disarmament.
An Amendment was proposed to be made to
the Question, by leaving out from the word
"That." to the end of the Question, and
adding the words "in view of the growing
menace to national security and international
peace arising from the competitive development
of Air Forces, it is incumbent upon the League
of Nations to strive for a common agreement
to reduce these forces and to set limitations upon
their use as steps towards their ultimate
elimination; and this House urges that
proposals to this end be initiated by His Majesty's
Government in the preparatory commission
for the forthcoming Disarmament Conference
—(Miss Laurence),—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 Noses to the Left.
Tellers for the {Sir Harry Barnston, Yeas,
Major Cope : } 225.
Tellers for the {Mr. Parkinson, Noes,
Mr. Barnes : } 112.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
And the Main Question being put;
Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the
Chair.

The House accordingly resolved itself into Supply,
the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)
Air Estimates, 1927.

1. That a number of Air Forces, not exceeding 33,900, 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 1928.
2. £3,160,000, for Pay, &c., of His Majesty's Air Force at Home and Abroad.
3. £1,900,000 for Works, Buildings, Repairs, and Lands of the Air Force, including Civilian Staff and other charges connected therewith.
4. £1,365,000, for Quartering, Stores (except Technical), Supplies, and Transport of the Air Force.
5. £6,424,000, for Technical and Warlike Stores of the Air Force (including Experimental and Research Services).

Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the
Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That
the Committee had come to several Resolutions,
Ordered, That the Report be received
to-morrow.
The Chairman of Ways and Means also
acquainted the House that he was directed
to move, That the Committee may have leave
to sit again.
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow,
again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for 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 Royal and Parliamentary
Committee on the Royal and Parliamentary
Titles Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday
next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Sheriff Courts
Second Reading of the Sheriff Courts and Legal and Legal
Officers (Scotland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply
the Report from the Committee of Supply of the
8th day of this instant March;
Ordered, That the Report be received upon
Monday next.
The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 7th day of this instant March;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Betting Overseas (Prohibition) 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 Mercantile Marine Memorial 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 Bonâ Fide Travellers 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 Landlord and Tenant 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 Commonwealth of India 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 Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Inspection of Dams, Embankments, and Reservoirs 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 Coal (Selling Price Agreements) 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 in Prisons 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 (Banks) 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 Parish Councils (National Association Expenses) (No. 2) Bill;

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

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

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

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

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Friday, 11th March 1927.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

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

The Order for reading a second time upon Crown Lands Monday next the Crown Lands Bill was read, Bill, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.
The Diseases of Animals Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Seditious and Blasphemous Teaching to Children Bill;

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

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day six months."—(Mr. James Hudson.)

And the Question being proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Captain Holt rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put; but Mr. Speaker withheld his assent, as he thought that the House was prepared to come to a decision without that Motion.

And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

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

Tellers for the Mr. James Hudson,
Mr. Barr:
Tellers for the Mrs Philipson,
Captain Hall:

213.
85.

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 Rent and Mortgage Interest 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 Liquor (Popular Control) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sale of Honours (Prohibition) 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 4th day of this instant March, That the Marriage (Prohibited Degrees of Relationship) 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 Blasphemy Laws (Amendment) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 12th day of April 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.

[No. 25.]

Monday, 14th March 1927.

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

PRAYERS.

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister presented, pursuant Gas 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——

(1) Budleigh Salterton Gas Company, Limited;
(2) Earby and Thornton Gas and Lighting Company, Limited;
(3) Uxbridge, Maidenhead, Wycombe, and District Gas Company.

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,—Account of Moneys received and paid by the Chamberlain of the City of London in relation to the Metropolitan Cattle Market for the year 1925-26; also an Account of extraordinary works executed, other than the repairs, for the same period.

Ordered, That the said Account do lie upon the Table.
Mr. McNeill presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account of the Unemployment Fund established pursuant to Section 14 (1) of the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1920, showing the Receipts and Payments for the period 6th July 1925 to 4th July 1926, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

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

Mr. Attorney General presented, pursuant to Standing Order 1754,—Copy of Report of the Attorney General on the Leeds Corporation Bill.

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Committee on the Bill.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 7th March 1927, made by the Minister of Health, entitled the National Health Insurance (Committees) Amendment Regulations, 1927.

Copy of Provisional Regulations, dated 4th March 1927, made by the National Health Insurance Joint Committee in conjunction with the Treasury, entitled the Contributory Pensions (Calculation of Contributions) Regulations, 1927.

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:—


Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

Southwark Borough (No. 2) Bill

Writ, No. 41.

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 Southwark, North Division, in the room of Doctor Leslie Haden Guest, M.C., who, since his Election for the said Borough, hath accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of His Majesty's Three Chiltern Hundreds of Stoke, Desborough and Burnham, in the County of Buckingham.—(Mr. Thomas Kennedy.)

Crown Lands (No. 3) Bill, Bill 83.

Mr. Guinness, supported by Mr. McNeill and Mr. Solicitor General, presented a Bill to incorporate the Commissioners of Crown Lands; to amend the Law relating to the powers and duties of the said Commissioners in respect of the possessions and land revenues of the Crown under their management; to provide for the transfer to the London and Gloucester Diocesan Boards of Finance, respectively, of certain moneys held by the said Commissioners for ecclesiastical purposes in those dioceses, and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Business of the House.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House)—(The Prime Minister); Vol. 182.

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Colonel Gibbs.]

Yea, [Sir Harry Barnston : 216.

Tellers for the [Mr. Thomas Kennedy.]

Noes, [Mr. Whiteley : 77.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply (Navy Estimates.)

Committee of Supply;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair (for Committee on the Navy Estimates)—(Mr. Bridgeman);

An Amendment was proposed to be made Scientific to the Question by leaving out from the word research. "That" to the end of the Question, and adding the words "in view of the great and increasing importance of the results of scientific research, every effort should be made to ensure that full use is made in advances in pure and applied science in securing and increasing the efficiency of the ships and weapons of the Navy".—(Mr. Tasker).—instead thereof.

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

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

The House accordingly resolved itself into Supply the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Navy Estimates, 1927.

1. Motion made, and Question proposed, That 102,275 Officers, Seamen, Boys, and Royal Marines be employed for the Sea Service, together with 450 for the Royal 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 1928:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That 102,175 Officers, Seamen, Boys, and Royal Marines, together with 450 for the Royal Marine Police, be employed for the said service.—(Lieutenant-Commander Kenworthy.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Benjamin Smith,]

Yea, [Mr. Whiteley : 91.

Tellers for the [Major Sir George Hen-

Noes, [Lord Stanley : 250.

nery,]

Original Question put, and agreed to.

2. £14,715,309, for Wages, &c., of Officers and Men of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines, and Civilians employed on Fleet Services.

3. £1,907,000, for Works, Buildings, and Repairs, at Home and Abroad, including the cost of Superintendence, Purchase of Sites, Grants in Aid, and other charges connected therewith.

4. £4,261,000, for Victualling and Clothing for the Navy, including the cost of Victualling Establishments at Home and Abroad.
The Chairman of Ways and Means also acquainted the House that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking Forestry Bill, into consideration the Forestry 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 Royal and Parliamentary Titles Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Royal Naval Reserve 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 Royal Naval Reserve 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 Sheriff Courts and Legal Officers (Scotland) Bill;

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Resolved, That the Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1926, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of the compulsory acquisition of lands for a transforming station, which was presented on the 8th day of February 1927, be approved.—(Colonel Ashley.)

Resolved, That the Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1926, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of the Urban District of Holbeach, in the Parts of Holland, which was presented on the 8th day of February 1927, be approved.—(Colonel Ashley.)

Resolved, That the Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1926, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of the compulsory acquisition of lands for a transforming station, which was presented on the 8th day of February 1927, be approved.—(Colonel Ashley.)

Resolved, That the Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1926, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of the Urban District of Burslem, in the County of Stafford, which was presented on the 8th day of February 1927, be approved.—(Colonel Ashley.)

Resolved, That the Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1926, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of the Parishes of Whitstable-cum-Seasalter and Swalecliffe, in the Rural District of Slean, in the County of Kent, which was presented on the 8th day of February 1927, be approved.—(Colonel Ashley.)

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Widows', Second Reading of the Widows', Orphans', and Old Age and Old Age Contributory Pensions Act (1925) Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Police Second Reading of the Police (Widows' Pensions Amendments) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Highways Second Reading of the Highways Administration Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 30th day of this instant March.

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

Commonwealth of India Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Commonwealth of India Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 31st day of this instant March.

Coal (Selling Price Agreements) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Coal (Selling Price Agreements) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Education in Prisons Bill.

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

Local Authorities (Banks) Bill.

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

Hairdressers' and Barbers' Shops (Sunday Closing) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Hairdressers' and Barbers' Shops (Sunday Closing) 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 Shops (Hours of Employment) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

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 a quarter of an hour 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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Tuesday, 15th March 1927.

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.:

County of London Electric Supply Company Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be committed.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bills, referred on the First Reading thereof, applicable:

Ministry of Health Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill.
Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time to-morrow.

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

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Reading Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the North Metropolitan Electric Power Supply Bill [Lords] be read a second time to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Yeadon Waterworks 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;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next, at a quarter of an hour after Eight of the clock.

Secretary Sir Austen Chamberlain presented, by His Majesty's Command, Copy of Note (No. 1, 1927.) from His Majesty's Government to the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics respecting the Relations existing between the two Governments, and Note in Reply, 23rd/26th February 1927.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, (Constitution) Act, 1917, making provision for the conditions of service and emoluments of
Standing Selection Panel.
Chairmen's Committees.

Secretary Sir William Joynton-Hicks presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Home Office Departmental Committee on Supervision of Charities.

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

Local Government Act, 1888.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order made under the Local Government Act, 1888, entitled the Middlesex (Edmonton and Enfield Urban Districts) Confirmation Order, 1927.

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

Standing Committees.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Chairmen's Panel; That they had appointed Major Sir Richard Barnett to act as Chairman of Standing Committee A (in respect of the Auctions (Bidding Agreements) Bill), and Sir Cyril Cobb (in respect of the Money lenders Auctions (Bidding Agreements) Bill); and Mr. Ellis Davies to act as Chairman of Standing Committee B (in respect of the Government of India Bill).

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had added the following Fifteen Members to Standing Committee A (in respect of the Auctions (Bidding Agreements) Bill)—Colonel Acland-Troyte, Mr. Albert Alexander, Mr. Bromley, Major Brown-Lindsay, Mr. Dean, Lord Erskine, Mr. Everard, Captain Hacking, Mr. Hardie, Mr. Harney, Mr. Lamb, Sir Hugh Lucas-Trouth, Major Alan McLean, Sir Douglas Newton, and Mr. Thurtle.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from the Committee; That they had added the following Fifteen Members to Standing Committee A (in respect of the Money lenders Bill):—Major Brown-Lindsay, Mr. Burnam, Mr. Rhys Davies, Mr. Dennison, Lord Erskine, Major Glyn, Captain Hacking, Mr. Harney, Sir Ellis Hume-Williams, Mr. Mardy Jones, Major MacAndrew, Colonel Perkins, Mr. Somerville, Colonel Watte-Morgan, and Mr. Wells.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from the Committee; That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee B:—Sir Henry Cadle and Major Steel; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Hanbury and Mr. Rye.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from the Committee; That they had added the following Ten Members to Standing Committee B (in respect of the Government of India (Indian Navy) Bill):—Mr. Ammon, Captain Eden, Colonel Headlam, Colonel Howard-Bury, Mr. William Nicholson further reported from the Committee; That they had added the following Ten Members to Standing Committee B (in respect of the Government of India (Indian Navy) Bill):—Mr. Ammon, Captain Eden, Colonel Headlam, Colonel Howard-Bury, Mr. Institute, Mr. Ammon, Captain Eden, Colonel Headlam, Colonel Howard-Bury, Mr. Institute.

Selection (Standing Committees.) Standing Committee A.

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Standing Committee B.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from the Committee; That they had added the following Fifteen Members to Standing Committee B:—Sir Henry Cadle and Major Steel; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Hanbury and Mr. Rye.

Standing Committee B.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from the Committee; That they had added the following Ten Members to Standing Committee B (in respect of the Government of India (Indian Navy) Bill):—Mr. Ammon, Captain Eden, Colonel Headlam, Colonel Howard-Bury, Vol. 182.

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 Buxton Corporation Bill, as directed by the Instruction of the House of the 1st March, the Committee had had regard to the provisions of Section 56 of the Public Health Act, 1925, so far as Clause 14 (2) of the Bill was concerned. The Borough of Buxton is a health resort, and the circumstances relating to the Borough are in the opinion of the Committee special in nature. The Committee were satisfied that the Corporation should be granted special powers with regard to entertainments, and that with the limitations and safeguards which the Committee have inserted in the Bill the powers asked for in the Clause might properly be sanctioned in the case of this Borough with regard to the Buxton Gardens. The Committee limited the operation of the Clause to those gardens and the buildings in connection therewith.

Sir Thomas Robinson further reported from the Committee; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

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

Secretaries Sir John Gilmour, supported by Reorganisation of the Lord Advocate, Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland, and Major Elliot, presented a Bill to provide for the transference of the respective powers and duties of the Scottish Board of Health, the Board of Agriculture for Scotland, and the Prison Commissioners for Scotland, to Departments of Health and Agriculture and a Prisons Department for Scotland; and to make further provision with regard to the office of Chairman of the Fishery Board for Scotland and other offices in Scotland, and with regard to the Public Registers, Records, and Rolls of Scotland: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Mr. McNeill, supported by Mr. Secretary Pacific Cable Amery, presented a Bill to consolidate with Bill Amendments the Pacific Cable Acts, 1901 to 1924: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Mr. Hardie, supported by Mr. Whiteley, Coal Mines (Abolition of Wheelless Tubs) Bill.

Mr. David Grenfell, and Mr. Lunn, presented a Bill to provide for the abolition of wheelless tubs in coal mines: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Haydn Jones, supported by Mr. Ellis Leasehold Enfranchisement Bill.
Mr. Kenyon, Mr. Wiggins, and Mr. John, presented a Bill to enable leaseholders of houses or premises whose original leases were granted for a period or term of not less than thirty years to compulsorily acquire the freehold estate and such other outstanding interests affecting the property by agreement or, failing agreement, by arbitration under the Arbitration Act, 1889, or any statutory modification thereof: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to prohibit the use of young persons in the conveyance or delivery of messages or information relating to betting, and for purposes connected therewith: And that Mr. Westwood, Mr. Barr, Mr. Rosslyn Mitchell, Mr. Cowan, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Hardie, Mr. Johnston, Mr. Thomas Kennedy, and Dr. Shields do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Westwood accordingly presented a Bill to prohibit the use of young persons in the conveyance or delivery of messages or information relating to betting, and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 23rd day of this instant March; and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Royal and Parliamentary Titles Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Power to alter style and titles of Crown).

Amendment proposed, in l. 8, to leave out the word "Realm," in order to insert the words "United Kingdom."—(Sir John Marriott.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clauses No. 2 and No. 3 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

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

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

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

The House, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

The Diseases of Animals Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

The Royal Naval Reserve Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

Mr. Bridgeman, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House that His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Royal Naval Reserve [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 payment out of moneys provided by Parliament for naval purposes to men called into actual service in pursuance of an order under Section four of the Royal Naval Reserve (Volunteer) Act, 1859, such sums, not exceeding five pounds a man, as the Admiralty may appoint under any Act of the present Session to amend the enactments relating to the Naval Reserve Forces.—(Mr. McNeill.)

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Sir Robert Sanders reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 8th day of this instant March;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

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

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

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

(In the Committee.)

Moneylenders (Excise).

Resolved, That on and after the first day of January, nineteen hundred and twenty-eight, there shall be charged on a licence to be taken out annually by a moneylender in Great Britain an Excise duty of fifteen pounds or, if the licence be taken out not more than six months before the expiration thereof, of ten pounds.—(Captain Hacking.)

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Sir Robert Sanders reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

Sir Robert Sanders 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 Forestry Bill, to take into consideration the Forestry 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 Forestry Bill,
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Crown Lands (No. 2) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 14th day of this instant March:
Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 14th day of this instant March:
Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 7th day of this instant March:
Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the 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 receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 10th day of this instant March:
Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That in the opinion of this House the rates of wages now prevailing in industries in this Country, even in those not subject to outside competition, are insufficient to ensure to the men and women concerned and their dependants a reasonable standard of life, that the provision of adequate wages should be made a first charge upon industry, and that in this, as in all other respects, His Majesty's Government ought to be model employers.—(Mr. Kelly.)

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 "the rates of wages and regularity of work now prevailing, even in sheltered industries, have been adversely affected by the general strike and the coal strike of last year, that the only way permanently to improve the standard of living and of wages is through increased efficiency of production, and this House calls upon all political parties to co-operate to this end"—(Sir Edward Iliffe), instead thereof.

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

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right:
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the Yeas,

Mr. Parkinson,

Mr. Barnes : 117.
Tellers for the Noes,

Sir Edward Iliffe,

Major Ropner : 200.
So it passed in the Negative.

The Order of the day being read, for the Auctioneers Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

And then the House, having continued to sit till eight minutes after Eleven of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

The Order of the day being read, for the Auctioneers Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

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

P R A Y E R S.

THE House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Nar Valley Drainage Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The North Metropolitan Electric Power North Metropolitan Electric Power Supply Bill [Lords], was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The Yeadon Waterworks Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The Marriages Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Ministry (No. 1) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain presented a Bill to Ministry confirm certain Provisional Orders of the of Health Provisional Orders of the of Health Provisional Orders Ministry of Health relating to Bury and District Joint Water Board, Chorley, Kingston- Bill. upon-Thames, Lancaster, Shrewsbury, and Bill 89. West Kent Joint Hospital District : And the same was read the first time.
**Agricultural Research and Administration (Colonies.)**

Mr. Secretary Amery presented, by His Majesty’s Command—Copy of Report of a Committee on Agricultural Research and Administration in the Non-self-governing Dependencies, appointed by the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

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

**National Health Insurance Funds Accounts. No. 42.**

Mr. McNeill presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Accounts of the National Health Insurance Funds (English, Welsh, and Scottish), established pursuant to the National Insurance Act, 1911, showing the Receipts and Payments during the year 1925, together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

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

**Prisons (England and Wales.)**

Secretary Sir William Joynson-Hicks presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Report of the Commissioners of Prisons and the Directors of Convict Prisons for the year 1925-26.

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

**Petroleum Act, 1926.**

Secretary Sir William Joynson-Hicks also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations made under the Petroleum Act, 1926, entitled the Bisulphide of Carbon (Conveyance) Regulations, 1927.

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

**Birmingham Extension Bill.**

Mr. Attorney General presented, pursuant to Standing Order 175a,—Copy of Report of the Attorney General on the Birmingham Extension Bill.

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

**Grimsby Corporation Bill.**


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

**St. Catharine’s College, Cambridge (Canonship of Norwich) Bill [Lords].**

Copy of Report of the Attorney General on the St. Catharine’s College, Cambridge (Canonship of Norwich) Bill [Lords].

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

**Smethwick Corporation Bill.**


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

**West Bromwich Corporation Bill.**

Copy of Report of the Attorney General on the West Bromwich Corporation Bill.

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

**Sheriff Courts and Legal Officers (Scotland) Bill.**

The Lord Advocate presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Memorandum on the proposed Financial Resolution relative to the Sheriff Courts and Legal Officers (Scotland) Bill.

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

**Private Bills (Group A.)**

Sir Arthur Shirley Benn reported from the Committee on Group A of Private Bills; That, for the convenience of parties, the Committee had adjourned till Tuesday next, at Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Major-General Sir Newton Moore reported Standing from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, Orders, a Resolution; which was read as followeth:

That in the case of the Mercantile Marine Mercantile Memorial Bill, the Standing Orders ought to Marine be dispensed with; that the Bill be permitted be read a second time, to proceed.

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

Ordered, That the Examiners of Petitions for Crown Lands Private Bills do examine the Crown Lands (No. 2) 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 the Lords’ one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords communicate that they have come to the following Resolution, viz.: That it is desirable that the Law of Libel Amendment Bill [Lords] be referred to a Joint Committee of both Houses of Parliament.

The Lords communicate that they have Indian Affairs 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 any matter relating to Indian Affairs brought to the notice of the Committee by the Secretary of State for India.

Colonel Fremantle, supported by Sir Herbert Public House Nield, Lord Apsley, Rear-Admiral Sueter, Mr. Penny, Mr. Greenall, Mr. Gower, Mr. Stuart, Mr. Horney, Mr. Hayday, and Mr. William Thorne, presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to the sale by retail of excisable liquors: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Coal Mines Bill to prohibit the employment of young persons at night below ground in coal mines, and for other purposes connected therewith: And that Mr. Tinker, Mr. Parkinson, Mr. Robert Richardson, Mr. Greenall, Mr. Batey, Mr. Sutton, Colonel Watts-Morgan, and Mr. Barker do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Tinker accordingly presented a Bill to prohibit the employment of young persons at night below ground in coal mines, for other purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 30th day of this instant March; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Cinematograph Films 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 welcoming proposals to restrict blind booking of cinematograph films, thus providing a fair field for British producers, cannot assent to the Second Reading of a Bill which compels British traders to supply goods irrespective of their comparative merits and the demands of their customers”—(Mr. Ramsey MacDonald),—instead thereof.

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

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House approves of the foresight of the Government and congratulates it on its prompt action in taking steps to safeguard the lives of British subjects endangered by the civil war in China—(Sir Clive Morrison-Bell);

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, in 1. 1. by leaving out from the word “House” to the end of the Question, and adding the words “regret the ostentatious despatch of the special Shanghai Defence Force to Shanghai as being unnecessary and calculated to increase rather than diminish the danger to British subjects living in China”—(Mr. Barker),—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

Sir Clive Morrison-Bell, 241.
Mr. Banks:

Mr. Parkinson,
Mr. Whiteley: 116.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put;

Resolved, That this House approves of the foresight of the Government and congratulates it on its prompt action in taking steps to safeguard the lives of British subjects endangered by the civil war in China.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Succession (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 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 Auctioneers Bill;

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

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The Postponed Proceeding on the Amendment proposed to be made to the Question, that the Cinematograph Films Bill be now read a second time was resumed.

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

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Tuesday next.

Colonel Gibbs reported from the Committee of Supply of Royal Naval Reserve [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament for naval purposes to men called into actual service in pursuance of an Order under Section Four of the Royal Naval Reserve (Volunteer) Act, 1899, such sums, not exceeding five pounds a man, as the Admiralty may appoint under any Act of the present Session to amend the enactments relating to the Naval Reserve Forces.

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

Colonel Gibbs reported from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 15th day of this instant March, a Resolution which was read [15th March Report], as followeth:

Moneyminders (Excise).

That on and after the first day of January, nineteen hundred and twenty-eight, there shall be charged on a licence to be taken out annually by a moneyminder in Great Britain an Excise duty of fifteen pounds or, if the licence be taken out not more than six months before the expiration thereof, of ten pounds.

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 the Re-organisation of Offices (Scotland) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Re-organisation of Offices (Scotland) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report of the Committee of Supply of the 8th day of this instant March;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.
16th—17th March, 1927.

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

PRAYERS.

The Farnham Gas and Electricity 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 Samuel Hoare presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, —Copy of Order made under the Air Force (Constitution) Act, 1917, revising the Regulations relating to pay, half-pay, and retired pay of Officers of the Royal Air Force contained in His Majesty's Order, dated 5th September 1924.

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

Mr. Guinness presented, pursuant to the Directions of an Act of Parliament, —Copy of Order made under the Diseases of Animals Acts, dated 11th March 1927, regarding the examination and defining the quarantine station of three Wildebeest and four Waterbuck.

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 Rural District of Leigh, in the County Palatine of Lancaster.

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 Regulations, dated 31st December 1926, made by the Minister of Labour under the Trade Boards Act, 1909, entitled the Trade Boards (Milk Distributive Trade) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations, 1926.

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, supplementary to the Public Schedule of February 1884, containing a List and Particulars of certain classes of documents existing and accruing in the Exchequer and Audit Department or elsewhere which are not considered of sufficient public value to justify their preservation in the Public Record Office.

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 An Act to confirm a Provisional Order under the Burgh and Harbour Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, relating to Montrose burgh and harbour; Confirmation Bill [Lords.]

Mr. Speaker presented, pursuant to the Directions of an Act of Parliament, —Copy of Schedule of February 1884, containing a List of Records and Particulars of certain classes of documents existing and accruing in the Exchequer and Audit Department.
The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to increase the number of, and amend the Acts relating to, the Tyne Improvement Commissioners; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Montrose Burgh and 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 Tyne Improvement Bill [Lords] was read the first time;

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

Mr. Raine reported from the Local Legislation Committee (Section B) :--Mr. Drewe; and had appointed in substitution : Mr. Solicitor General.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Local Legislation Committee (Section B) :--Lord Erskine; and had amended the Title as followeth :--A Bill to provide for the consolidation, with Amendments, of the Local Acts and Orders in force in the Matlocks Urban District, and for other purposes.

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

Mr. Rhys Davies, supported by Mr. Ammon, Mr. Hayes, and Mr. Greenwood, presented a Bill to extend and amend the Law relating to feeble-minded and other mentally defective persons, and to reconstitute the Board of Control, and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 30th day of this instant March; and to be printed.

Mr. Ammon, supported by Mr. Viant, Mr. Parkinson, Mr. Broad, and Mr. Compton, presented a Bill to amend the Law with respect to the exportation of horses: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 30th day of this instant March; and to be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That, notwithstanding anything in Standing Order No. 15, the Report of the Army Supplementary Estimate, 1926-27, may be considered this day, and that the Proceedings on Reports of Supply of the 10th, 7th, and 8th March may be taken after Eleven of the clock, and shall 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.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Colonel Gibbs reported from the Committee of Supply Supply of the 10th day of this instant March, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

1. That a number of Air Forces, not exceeding 33,000, 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 1928.

2. That a sum not exceeding £160,000 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 1928.

3. That a sum not exceeding £1,900,000 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Expense of the Works, Buildings, 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 1928.

4. That a sum not exceeding £3,365,000 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Expense of Quartering, Stores (except Technical), Supplies, and Transport of the Air Force, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1928.

5. That a sum not exceeding £5,424,000 be 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 1928.

The First Resolution, being read a second time:

An Amendment was proposed to be made thereto, by leaving out "33,000," and inserting "1,000"—(Mr. Ponsonby)—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That "33,000" stand part of the Resolution;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Resolution was agreed to.
Then the Second, Third and Fourth Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Fifth Resolution being read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made thereto by leaving out "£6,424,000," and inserting "£6,425,000"—(Mr. Rose)—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That "£6,424,000" stand part of the Resolution; the House divided.

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

Tellers for the [Mr. Frederick Thomson: 147.]
Tellers for the [Mr. Parkinson: 72.]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Resolution was agreed to.

Captain Margesson reported from the Committee of Supply of the 7th day of this instant March, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Army Estimates, 1927.

1. That a number of Land Forces, not exceeding 166,500, 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 1928.

2. That a sum not exceeding £8,828,000 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Expense of the Pay, &c., of His Majesty's Army at Home and Abroad (exclusive of India), which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1928.

3. That a sum not exceeding £3,299,000 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Expense of Half-Pay, Retired Pay, Widows' Pensions, and other Non-effective Charges for Officers, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1928.

4. That a sum not exceeding £3,605,000 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Expense of Rewards, Half-Pay, Retired Pay, Widows' Pensions, and other Non-effective Charges for Officers, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1928.

5. That a sum not exceeding £4,145,000 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Expense of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, and Kilmainham Hospital, of Out-Pensions, Rewards for Distinguished Service, Widows' Pensions, and other Non-effective Charges for Warrant Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers, Men and others, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1928.

6. That a sum not exceeding £247,000 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Expense of Civil Superannuation, Compensation, and Additional Allowances, Gratuities, Injury Grants, &c., which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1928.

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

Colonel Gibbs reported from the Committee Supply of Supply of the 8th day of this instant March, a Resolution; which was read, as follow:

Army Supplementary Estimate, 1926-27.

That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £950,000 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 1927 for Expenditure arising out of the despatch of Troops to China.

The said Resolution being read a second time;

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 [Mr. Frederick Thomson: 161.]
Tellers for the [Lord Stanley: 70.]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

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

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Re-organisation of Offices (Scotland) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Pacific Cable Bill;

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

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of 114th March Report.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Ways and Means of the 14th day of this instant March Report.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.
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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 next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Betting Overseas (Prohibition) Bill;

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

Adjournment.

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

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

Friday, 18th March 1927.

PRAYERS.

The Reading 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, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Montrose Burgh and Harbour Order Confirmation Bill [Lords].

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

Earl Winterton presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Amendments of 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 Sections 72d and 129a of the Government of India Act.

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

Mr. McNeill presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Annual Accounts of Shipbuilding and Dockyard Transactions, &c., of the Navy, including Manufactures, for the year 1925-26, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

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 under the Poor Law Amendment Acts, 1834 and 1844, entitled the Bisho poke Order, 1927.

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

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled Great Indian Peninsula Railway Purchase Act, 1900, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the Bill [Lords.] concurrence of this House.

The Great Indian Peninsula Railway Annualities Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time and committed to a Standing Committee.

The Midwives and Maternity Homes (Scotland) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Mental and Mental Deficiency 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.”—(Colonel Wedgwood.)

And the Question being put, That the word “now” stand part of the Question:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Rent and Mortgage Interest Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Sale of Enclosures (Preservation) (No. 2) Bill.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Coal (Selling Agreements) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the London Squares and Enclosures (Preservation) (No. 2) Bill.

The Mercantile Marine Memorial Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Select Committee of Seven Members, Four to
be nominated by the House and Three 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. Gosling.)

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 Thursday 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 Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Inspection of Dams, Embankments, and Reservoirs 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 Parish Councils (National Association Expenses) (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 Roadside Petrol Pumps 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 Urban District Councillors Election 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 Solicitors Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Liquor (Popular Control) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 4th day of this instant March, That the Marriage (Prohibited Degrees of Relationship) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday next.

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

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

Ordered, That the Lords' Message of the Law of Libel (Amendment) Bill [Lords.] 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 Message into consideration.

Resolved, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Resolution.—(Colonel Gibbs.)

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to acquaint them therewith: And that the Clerk do carry the said Message.

Ordered, That the Lords' Message of the Indian Affairs. 10th day of this instant March communicating the Resolution, That it is desirable that a Standing Joint Committee on Indian Affairs of both Houses of Parliament be appointed to examine and report on any Bill or matter referred to them specifically by either House of Parliament, and to consider, with a view to reporting, if necessary, thereon any matters relating to Indian Affairs brought to the notice of the Committee by the Secretary of State for India, be now taken into consideration.—(Colonel Gibbs.)

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

Resolved, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Resolution.—(Colonel Gibbs.)

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to acquaint them therewith: And that the Clerk do carry the said Message.

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

[No. 30.]

Monday, 21st March 1927.

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

PRAYERS.

THe Nar Valley Drainage Bill was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.
Montrose Burgh and 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 Lord Advocate presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Memorandum on the proposed Financial Resolution relative to the Re-organisation of Offices (Scotland) Bill.

The Lord Advocate also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Rules made by the Secretary of State—

(1) appointing police cells in the Burgh of Galashiels to be a legal prison for the detention of prisoners for a period not exceeding five days before, or during or after trial,

(2) as to the appointment of a Visiting Committee to the police cells prison at Galashiels.

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

Mr. McNeill presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Committee of Inquiry into Government Printing Establishments.

Mr. McNeill also presented, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of the 4th day of March 1879,—Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 10th March 1927, under Section 4 of the Appropriation Act, 1926, authorising the temporary application of Surpluses on certain Navy Votes for the year 1926 to meet Excesses on other Navy Votes for the same year.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relating to Public Accounts (Navy Votes, 1926) be printed.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order, dated 9th March 1926, under Section 4 of the Rating and Valuation (Dudley Castle Hill) Act, 1927, to Dudley Castle Hill, entitled the Rating and Valuation (Dudley Castle Hill) Order, 1927.

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

Ordered, That the Committee on Group A of Private Bills, which stands adjourned until to-morrow, be further adjourned for the convenience of parties until Wednesday next at Eleven of the clock.—(Sir Arthur Shirley Benn.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That notwithstanding anything in Standing Order No. 15, the Reports of Civil Services and Revenue Departments Excesses, 1925-26, and Ways and Means [14th March], may be considered this day; and that the Proceedings on Report of Supply of the 14th March may be taken after Eleven of the clock, and shall be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House)—(The Prime Minister);

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

Tellers for the Yeas, Sir Harry Barnston : 224.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Whitley : 96.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Major Tryon reported from the Committee Supply of Supply of the 14th day of this instant March, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Navy Estimates, 1927.

1. That 102,275 Officers, Seamen, Boys, and Royal Marines be employed for the Sea Service, together with 430 for the Royal 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 1928.

2. That a sum not exceeding £14,715,300 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Expense of Wages, 

3. That a sum not exceeding £1,007,000 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Expense of Works, Buildings, and Repairs, at Home and Abroad, including the cost of Super-abroad, the intendment, 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 1928.

4. That a sum not exceeding £261,000 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Expense of Wages, 

Civil Services and Revenue Departments (Excesses), 1925-26.

5. That a sum not exceeding £97,549 12s. 3d. be granted to His Majesty, to make good Excesses on certain Grants for Civil Services and Revenue Departments for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1928:

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The First Resolution, being read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made thereto, by leaving out 102,275, and inserting 102,175—(Mr. Lees-Smith),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That 102,275 stand part of the Resolution;

The House divided.

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

Tellers for the \{Mr. Lees-Smith, \{Mr. Whiteley \} 231.

Tellers for the \{Mr. Barnes, \{Mr. Whiteley \} 92.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Resolution was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Resolutions which upon the 17th day of this instant March were reported from the Committee of Supply and which were then agreed to by the House be now read.

And the same were read as follow:

That a number of Air Forces not exceeding 33,000, 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 1928.

That a number of Land Forces not exceeding 166,500, 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 1928.

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 to-morrow; and to be printed.

The Second Resolution, being read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made thereto, by leaving out "£14,715,300" and inserting "£14,715,200"—(Mr. Walter Baker),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That "£14,715,300" stand part of the Resolution;

The House divided.

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

Tellers for the \{Colonel Gibbs, \{Lord Stanley : \} 215.

Tellers for the \{Mr. Barnes, \{Mr. Whiteley : \} 89.

So 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 thereto by leaving out "£1,907,000," and inserting "£1,906,900"—(Mr. Lees-Smith),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That "£1,907,000" stand part of the Resolution;

The House divided.

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

Tellers for the \{Major Sir George Hennessy, \{Captain Bowyer : \} 213.

Tellers for the \{Mr. Benjamin Smith, \{Mr. Whiteley : \} 88.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative;

And it being after 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 Second Reading of the London, Midland, and Scottish Railway Bill;

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

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day six months."—(Mr. Barnes.)

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 referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Postponed Proceeding on the consideration of the Third Resolution was resumed.

And the Resolution was agreed to.

Then the remaining Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Commander Eyres-Monsell reported from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 14th day of this instant March, several Resolutions, which were read, as follow:

1. That towards making good the Supply Consolidated granted to His Majesty for the service of the Fund, year ended on the 31st day of March 1926, the sum of £97,549 12s. 3d. be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

2. That towards making good the Supply Consolidated granted to His Majesty for the service of the Fund, year ending on the 31st day of March 1927, the sum of £3,108,989 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

3. That towards making good the Supply Consolidated granted to His Majesty for the service of the Fund, year ending on the 31st day of March 1928, the sum of £168,506,900 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

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

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the Consolidated said Resolutions: And that the Chairman of Fund (No. 1.)
Mr Speaker, being of opinion that the Midwives and Maternity Homes (Scotland) Bill is a Bill relating exclusively to Scotland, the Bill will be considered by the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills.

[No. 31.]

Tuesday, 22nd March 1927.

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

PRAYERS.

Mr Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Crown Lands Fund (No. 1) Bill from one of the Examiners of Petitions for (Petitions for Private Bills, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 16th day of March 1927, That in the case of the following Bill, the Standing Orders, which are applicable thereto, have not been complied with, viz.—

Crown Lands (No. 2) Bill.
Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Mr Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Private Bills for Private Bills, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 16th day of March 1927, That in the case of the Petitions for additional Provision in the following Bills, (Standing Orders not complied with, viz.—

Brighton Corporation Bill [Lords].
Southern Railway Bill.
Ordered, That the Reports be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Mr Neville Chamberlain presented a Bill to Ministry of Health relating to Barnes, Cheltenham, Newport (Monmouth), Newtown and Tees Valley Water Board: And the same was read the first time.
Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister presented, by His Imperial Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Delegation appointed to study Industrial Conditions in Canada and the United States of America. 
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir William Jagenson-Hicks presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Seventy-Sixth Report of the Church Estates Commissioners for the year preceding 1st March 1927.
Copy of Seventy-ninth Report from the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England and Wales, with Appendix.
Copy of Report of a Committee appointed to inquire and report concerning the Treatment of Young Offenders.
treatment of young offenders and young people under the influence of bad associations and surroundings.

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

Mr. McNeill presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account of Receipts and Expenditure of the Accountant General of the Supreme Court in respect of the Funds of Suitors of the Court in the year ended 28th February 1926, 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 Account 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 Supreme Court (Funds) Provisional Rules, 1927, dated 14th March 1927.

Standing Committee B (in respect of the Police (Appeals) Bill). Mr. Ellis Davies reported from Standing Committee B, to whom the Government of India (Indian Navy) Bill was referred:—That they had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto.

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

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Standing Committee be printed.

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

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had added the following Ten Members to Standing Committee B (in respect of the Diseases of Animals Bill (Lords)):—Mr. Barnes, Mr. Buxton, Sir Henry Cautley, Mr. Everard, Mr. Guinness, Captain D'ArCY Hall, Mr. Lamb, Sir Malcolm Macnaghten, Sir Douglas Newton, and Mr. Paling.

Standing Committee B. Mr. William Nicholson further reported from the Committee; That they had added the following Ten Members to Standing Committee B (in respect of the Dental Bill):—Mr. Ammon, Commander Astbury, Mr. Bridgeman, Sir Herbert Cayzer, Viscount Elveden, Colonel Hodgson, Mr. March, Mr. Benjamin Smith, Commander Charles Williams, and Mr. Womersley.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

22nd March. 1927.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 10th day of this instant March, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Cinematograph Films 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, whilst welcoming proposals to restrict blind booking of cinematograph films, thus providing a fair field for British producers, cannot assent to the Second Reading of a Bill which compels British traders to supply goods irrespective of their comparative merits and the demands of their customers," 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, Mr. Parkinson, Mr. Whiteley;

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ammon, Commander Astbury.

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, That the Cinematograph Films Bill be now read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee, agreed to.

The Bill was read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

A Motion was made, and the Question, 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, Mr. Thomas Hender- son, Mr. Barnes;

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Roy Wilson, Mr. Hannon.

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 Second Reading of the Local Government 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 Auctioneers 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 Wednesday the 6th day of April 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 Wednesday the 6th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Stabilisation of Easter 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 Widows', Orphans', and Old Age Contributory Pensions Act (1925) Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Engineers 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 Fancy Jewellery (Standard Trade Descriptions) 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 Police (Widows' Pensions 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 Landlord and Tenant 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 in Prisons 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 (Banks) 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 Hairdressers' and Barbers' Shops (Sunday Closing) 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 Shops (Hours of Employment) 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 Coal Mines (Abolition of Wheelless Tubs) 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 Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sale of Honours (Prohibition) 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 London Squares and Embankments, and Reservoirs Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 6th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Squares and Enclosures (Preservation) (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 Inspection of Dams, Embankments, and Reservoirs Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 4th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Urban District Councillors Election Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 4th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Solicitors 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 Pacific Cable 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.

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 Consolidated Fund (No. 1) 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 Re-organisation of Offices (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 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 the Second Reading of the Betting Overseas (Prohibition) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Ordered, That Mr. Cyril Lloyd be added to the Committee of Public Accounts.—(Colonel Gibbs.)

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

Ordered, That Mr. Attorney General be added to the Committee of Public Petitions.

The Public Petitions, Vide First Report, Manchester Corporation Bill, was read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Attorney General presented, pursuant to Standing Order 175a.—Copy of Report of the Attorney General on the Manchester Corporation Bill.


Ordered, That the Reports be referred to the Committees on the Bills.

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 Southgate and District Gas Company.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir William Jevyson-Hicks presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act (Visiting Committees.)

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

Sir Arthur Shirley Benn reported the Barnsley Corporation (Water) Bill, with Amendments.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Barr; and had appointed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to be confirmed; and that they had directed the House to the Constitution of the Visiting Committee of Oxford Prison.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Marriages 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 the House to the Constitution of the Visiting Committee of Oxford Prison.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

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

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Ordered, That the Reports be referred to the Committee of Public Accounts.

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Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Selection Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee B (added in respect of the Police Committee B. (Appeals) Bill)—Mr. Barr; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Rhys Davies.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

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Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Selection Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee B (appeals) Bill)—Mr. Barr; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Rhys Davies.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

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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 “whilst welcoming a scheme for the re-organisation of the offices of sheriff clerk and procurator fiscal in Scotland, this House is unable to agree to the Second Reading of a measure which, as regards certain sections of the existing staffs, fails to make adequate provision for their superannuation and other rights” — (Mr. William Graham), — instead thereof.

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Debate be now adjourned — (Secretary Sir John Gilmour) — The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

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, Sir Harry Barnston, Mr. Frederick Thomson;

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Thomas Henderson, Mr. Whiteley;

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 Re-organisation of Offices (Scotland) Bill;

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

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word “now,” and, at the end of the Question, adding the words “upon this day six months.” — (Mr. William Adamson.)

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, further Proceeding was postponed without Question put, pursuant to Standing Order No. 4.

Resolved, That this House observes that over a period of widespread depression in trade the proportion of our trade with the Empire has increased and continues to increase; and is of opinion that, in order to benefit the people of this Country by developing our best and most productive markets, and in order to assist those Dominions which so desire it further to increase the British population within their territories, no effort should be spared, in co-operation with the governments of the Dominions, to initiate new proposals and to increase the existing facilities for settlement in the Empire overseas. — (Captain Eden.)

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 Second Reading of the Betting (Juvenile Messengers) (Scotland) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Succession Second Reading of the Succession (Scotland) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Rent and 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 Roadside Second Reading of the Roadside Petrol Pumps Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 4th day of this instant March, That the Marriage (Prohibited Degrees of Relationship) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Widows’, Second Reading of the Widows’, Orphans’, and Old Age Contributory Pensions Act Amendment Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Sale of Honours (Prohibition) Bill; 

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

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

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

The Postponed Proceeding on the Amendment proposed to be made to the Question, That the Re-organisation of Offices (Scotland) Bill be now read a second time was resumed.

And the Question being again proposed, That the word “now” stand part of the Question:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And it being after Eleven of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned.
Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Monday next.

Pacific Cable Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Pacific Cable 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.

Army and Air Force (Annual) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Army and Air Force (Annual) Bill; 

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

Consolidated Fund (No. 1) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Consolidated Fund (No. 1) Bill; 

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

Crown Lands (No. 2) Bill.

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

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

Betting Overseas (Prohibition) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Betting Overseas (Prohibition) Bill; 

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

And then the House, having continued to sit till three 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. 33.]

Thursday, 24th March 1927.

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 [Standing Orders not previously inquired into complied with.]

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, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:

Tyne Improvement Bill [Lords].
Great Indian Peninsula Railway Annuities Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

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.

Lord Eustace Percy presented, pursuant to Registration Order in Council, under the Registration Act, 1885, entitled the Valuation Roll (Scotland) Order, 1927.

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


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

Mr. Secretary Amery presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, entitled the Amendment (Scotland) Act, 1886, dated 32nd March 1927, entitled the Valuation Roll (Scotland) Order, 1927.

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

Mr. Secretary Amery presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, entitled the Prison Rules relating to fines on subordinate officers other than police constables, made and approved by the Governor in Council of St. Vincent on 15th January 1927, amending Rule 14 of, and repealing Schedule C to, the Rules made on 6th November 1905.

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

Mr. Hopkins reported from the Committee Private Bills 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. William Nicholson reported from the Chairmen's Panel; That they had appointed Panel. Major Sir Richard Barnett to act as Chairman.
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 Consolidated Fund (No. 1) Bill was, Consolidated Fund (No. 1) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for 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 Order of the day being read, for the Illegal Trawling (Scotland) Penalties Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Bonâ Fide Travellers Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Illegal Trawling (Scotland) Penalties Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for 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 Parish Councils (National Association Expenses) (No. 2) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for 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 Shops (Hours of Employment) Bill;

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

Mr. Speaker being of opinion that the Sheriff Courts and Legal Officers (Scotland) Bill is a Bill relating exclusively to Scotland, the Bill will be considered by the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills.
Friday, 25th March 1927.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

ORDERED, That the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills do examine the Post Office (Sites) Bill, with respect to compliance with the Standing Orders relative to Private Bills.

Colonel Sir Joseph Nall reported from the Committee on 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.

The Order for reading a second time upon Wednesday next the Exportation of Horses Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Mr. Guinness presented a Bill to amend the Destructive Insects and Pests Acts, 1877 and 1907: 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 Wild Birds' Protection Bill;

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

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day six months." (Mr. Maxton.)

And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Feu Duties and Long Leases (Scotland) Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:—And a Debate arising there-upon;

And it being Four of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Monday next.

ORDUSTACE Pery presented, pursuant to direction of the Act of Parliament, the Higher Education (Substantive Grant) Amending Regulations, No. 4, 1927.

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

Secretary Sir William Joynson-Hicks preceded, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, the Gas Fund (No. 1) Bill.

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

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

PRAYERS.

LORD KUSTACE PERY presented, pursuant to Board of Education Act, the directions of an Act of Parliament, the Education Act 1921. Made by the Board of Education under Section 118 of the Education Act, 1921, entitled the Higher Education (Substantive Grant) Amending Regulations, No. 4, 1927.

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

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, the Gas Fund (No. 1) Bill.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Feu Duties and Long Leases (Scotland) Bill:—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Government 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 Consolidated 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, 28th March 1927.

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 Coal (Selling Price Agreements) Bill:—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Government 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 Consolidated 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 Consolidated Fund (No. 1) 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 one minute after Four of the clock, till Monday next.

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

Secretary Sir William Joynson-Hicks preceded, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, the Gas Fund (No. 1) Bill.

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

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, the Accounts of the Gas Fund for the year ended 31st March 1926.

Ordered, That the said Accounts do lie upon the Table.
The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—

Copy of Schedule containing a List and Particulars of certain classes of documents existing and accruing in the Government Chemist's Department which are not considered of sufficient public value to justify their preservation in the Public Record Office.


Ordered, That the said Accounts be printed.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Committee of Selection: That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee A (added in respect of the Money-lenders Bill):—Captain Hacking; and had appointed in substitution: Captain King.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Major-General Sir Newton Moore reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, several Resolutions; which were read as follow:

1. That in the case of the Crown Lands (No. 2) Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Bill be permitted to proceed.

2. That in the case of the Southern Railway Bill, Petition for additional Provision, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the parties be permitted to insert their additional Provision if the Committee on the Bill think fit.

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

Alfred Ernest Brown, Esquire, m.c., Member for the Burgh of Leith, was sworn.

First Officers' Defence Bill, Bill 101.

Sir Arthur Churchman, supported by Sir Rowland Blades, Mr. Harney, Mr. Duckworth, and Mr. Hayes, presented a Bill to make provision for free legal assistance to all persons who for the first time are accused of felonies or misdemeanours: 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 Consideration of the Lords' Amendments to the Poor Law Emergency Provisions (Scotland) 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 [Sir Harry Barnston, Major Sir George Hanney: 221.]

Tellers for the [Mr. Benjamin Smith, Mr. Barnes: 81.]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Consolidated Fund (No. 1) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 to No. 4 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

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

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

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to Mr. Speaker's Table.

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 House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Poor Law Emergency Provisions (Scotland) Bill.

The Lords' Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 2, l. 34, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 2, leave out l. 34, and insert "(thirty-first day of December, nineteen hundred and twenty-eight)", the remaining 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:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Sir Harry Barnston, Mr. Frederick Thomson: 197.]

Tellers for the [Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Kirkwood: 34.]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative; it [Special appearing that the Commons were willing to Entry.] waive their privileges.

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 Land Tax Commissioners Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking Government into consideration the Government of India (Indian Navy) 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 the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 23rd day of this instant March, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Re-organisation of Offices (Scotland) 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 Pacific Cable Bill;

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

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Destructive Insects and Pests 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 Landlord and Tenant 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;

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Local Government Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government Bill;

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

And then the House, having continued to sit till twenty-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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[No. 36.]

Tuesday, 29th March 1927.

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

PRAYERS.

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

London, Midland, and Scottish Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Orders are applicable, viz.:

Ministry of Health 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 Petition for the following Bill, the Standing Orders have not been complied with, viz.:

London and Home Counties Joint Electricity Authority (No. 2) Bill.

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, the Standing Orders have not been complied with, viz.:

Metropolitan Water Board Bill.

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

The Great Indian Peninsula Railway Annuities Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

The Tyne Improvement Bill [Lords] was Tyne Improvement Bill [Lords.]


Copy of Statutes made by the University of Cambridge Commissioners wholly for the Uni. of Oxford and Cambridge Universities, Statute B (with additional sections of Statutes K and T), and wholly for Christ's College, Cambridge, concerning the Porteus Trust.

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 (Supply) Acts. Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport, under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of the Parish of Dockenfield and part of the Parish of Frensham, in the Rural District of Farnham, in the County of Surrey, and the Parishes of Bentley, Coldrey, and Froyle, and part of the Parish of Binsted, in the Rural District of Alton, in the County of Hampshire, and for other purposes.

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

Mr. McNeill presented, pursuant to the Crown's directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of (Supplementary) Acts. Abstract Account of Receipts and Payments of the Treasury Solicitor, in the year 1926, in the Administration of Estates on behalf of the Crown, and Alphabetical List of Intestates Estates in respect of which Letters of Administrator 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.

Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 23rd March 1927, granting a Retired Allowance to Mr. John Stanton Stow (otherwise Stowe), Inspector, Engineering Department, General Post Office, under Section 2 of the Superannuation Act, 1887.

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

Mr. Guinness presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Memorandum on the Destructive Insects and Pests Bill.
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The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled Bury Corporation Bill [Lords.]
An Act to confer further powers upon the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the County Borough of Bury with regard to the running of omnibuses, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Bury Corporation Bill [Lords.] was read for the first time.

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

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from the Standing Committee; That they had discharged the Committee B. following Members from Standing Committee B (added in respect of the Police (Appeals) Bill): —Captain Hacking and Mr. Kelly; and had appointed in substitution: Colonel Hoodlam and Mr. Lown.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from Standing the Committee; That they had nominated the following Members to serve on Standing Committee C: Mr. William Murdoch Adamson, Captain Ainsworth, Commander Astbury, Mr. John Beckett, Captain Brawn, Mr. Briant, Sir Alfred Butt, Sir Charles Cayzer, Mr. Clayton, Mr. Cluse, Colonel Crockshank, Dr. Vernon Davies, Sir Harry Foster, Mr. Hall Caine, Mr. Homan, Colonel Horlick, Colonel Howard-Bury, Captain Austin Hudson, Mr. Jacob, Colonel James, Mr. Jephcoat, Mr. John, Mr. Kelly, Sir Mervyn Manningham-Buller, Colonel Moore-Brabazon, Mr. Robert Morrison, Sir Frank Nelson, Major Roper, Mr. Sendeman, Viscount Sandon, Mr. Rennie Smith, Mr. Somerville, Mr. Stamford, Mr. Stephen, Captain Styles, Rear-Admiral Sueter, Colonel John Ward, Sir Francis Watson, Mr. C. P. Williams, and Mr. Robert Wilson.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from Standing the Committee; That they had added the following Fifteen Members to Standing Committee C (in respect of the Cinematograph Films Bill): —Colonel Applin, Mr. Alexander Cocks, Mr. Burton Chadwick, Sir Philip Cunningham-Lester, Colonel Day, Mr. Harris, Sir Robert Horne, Lord Huntingfield, Mr. MacLaren, Mr. Frank Meyer, Mr. Smith-Carrington, Mr. Solicitor General, Mr. Herbert Williams, and Colonel Wedgwood.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Ammon, supported by Colonel Applin, Exportation of Horses (No. 2) Bill.
Mr. Compton, presented a Bill to amend the Law with respect to the exportation of horses: Bill 104.
And the same was 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 render vacant the representation of any constituency which has not been represented in the House of Commons for a period of twelve months unless special leave of absence has been granted by the House of Commons: And that Mr. John Beckett, Mr. MacLaren, Mr. Ritson, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Kirkwood, Mr. Shepherd, and Mr. Lunn do prepare and bring in it.

Mr. John Beckett accordingly presented a Bill to render vacant the representation of any constituency which has not been represented in the House of Commons for a period of twelve months unless special leave of absence has been granted by the House of Commons: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Army and Air Force (Annual) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 to No. 13 agreed to.

A Clause (Abolition of death penalty for certain offences)—(Mr. Robert Morrison)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:

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., n.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:


Then the House again resolved itself into the Committee on the Army and Air Force (Annual) Bill.

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(In the Committee.)

Question again proposed, That the Clause be read a second time.

Question put.
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, {Mr. Charles Edwards, Mr. Whiteley :} 134.

Tellers for the Noes, {Mr. Frederick Thompson, Mr. Penny :} 259.

Another Clause (Use of military in connection with trade disputes)—(Mr. Broad)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, {Mr. Parkinson, Mr. Whiteley :} 117.

Tellers for the Noes, {Mr. Captain Margesson :} 282.

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, in the opinion of this House, the Boards of Guardians (Default) Act is being administered in a partisan and bureaucratic manner, elected guardians being superseded without recourse to any public inquiry, and a Report on the alleged actions and policy of the elected guardians for the Chester-le-Street union being officially published without affording to those guardians an opportunity of rebutting such allegations before an impartial tribunal, conduct which, in the opinion of this House, is contrary to a sense of decency and elementary justice; and this House declares that the Act, being subversive of the principles of local self-government, ought to be repealed—(Mr. Buchanan);

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, in l. 2, by leaving out from the word "House" to the end of the Question, and adding the words "the grave irregularities and partisan nature of the administration of the late board of guardians of the Chester-le-Street union, as disclosed in the Report on their proceedings, constitute a serious menace to the decency and elementary justice which should be observed in local government, and that in putting into force, in the case of this union, the powers of the Boards of Guardians (Default) Act the Minister of Health has acted in accordance with the intentions of Parliament and in the interest of purity of local administration"—(Major Roper),—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. Barnes, Mr. Hayes :} 119.

Tellers for the Noes, {Mr. Grace :} 297.

So it passed in the Negative.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Jewellery 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 Bona Fide Travellers Bill.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Police (Widows' Pensions Amendment) Bill.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Fancy Jewellery (Standard Trade Descriptions) Bill.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Solicitors Bill.

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

Postponed Proceeding resumed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Succession (Scotland) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
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Another Clause (Amendment of s. 76 of Army Act)—Mr. John Beckett,—brought up, and read the first time.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Succession (Scotland) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time

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Another Clause (Amendment of s. 76 of Army Act)—Mr. Stephen,—brought up, and read the first time.
Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Land Tax Commissioners Bill:

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday the 11th day of April next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Government of India (Indian Navy) 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 Amendment which, upon the 23rd day of this instant March, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Re-organisation of Offices (Scotland) 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 Pacific Cable Bill;

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Betting Overseas (Prohibition) 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 Destructive Insects and Pests 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.

Mr. Gosling, Major Sir Archibald Sinclair, Lord Apsley, and Mr. Tinne were nominated Members of the Select Committee on the Mercantile Marine Memorial Bill.—(Colonel Gibb.)

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And it being after half-past Eleven of the clock on Tuesday evening, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then twenty-four minutes after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning, till this day.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

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

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[No. 37.]

Wednesday, 30th March 1927.

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

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Buxton Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Colchester Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Great Western Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Matlocks Urban District Council Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

Mr. McNeill presented, pursuant to the Public Resolution of the House of the 4th day of March 1879.—Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 1926—29th March 1927, under Section 4 of the Appropriation Act, 1926, authorising the temporary application of surpluses on certain Army Votes for the year 1926 to meet excesses on other Army Votes for the same year.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed. N 3
Mr. Neville Chamberlain presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order, dated 30th March 1927, made under the Rating and Valuation Act, 1925, for the removal of a difficulty arising in connection with the application of certain provisions of the Act to the County Borough of Bootle, entitled the Rating and Valuation (Bootle Water Rate) Order, 1927.

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

Sir Malcolm Macnaghton 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 Poor Law 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. William Nicholson reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had added the following Ten Members to the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills (in respect of the Sheriff Courts and Legal Officers (Scotland) Bill):—The Lord Advocate, Lord Colom Crichton-Stuart, Sir James Grant, Mr. Grotzian, Mr. Groves, Sir Charles Oman, Mr. Smillie, Mr. Sutton, Sir Frederick Sykes, and Mr. Luke Thompson.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Ministry of Health Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill; That they had considered the Orders therein contained; 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 Chelsea Borough Council (Superannuation and Pensions) Bill, with Amendments.

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

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Yeaden Waterworks Bill [Lords], with Amendments.

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

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Southern Railway (Superannuation Fund) Bill, with Amendments.

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

New Member sworn.

Mr. Speaker called the attention of the Member to the tedious repetition of other Members' arguments on the part of Mr. Kirkwood, Member for Dumbarton Burghs, and directed the Honourable Member to discontinue his speech.

Mr. Speaker called the attention of the Member to move, That the Question be now put. And the Question being put, That the Question put (pursuant to S.O. Closure of Debate.)—The House resumed the Debate.

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

Mr. Speaker put the Question, Mr. Guinness rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

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The Yeas to the Right;  
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Tellers for the [Lord Stanley, YeaS, Captain Margesson : 236.  
Tellers for the [Mr. Parkinson, Noes, Mr. Hayes : 123.  
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.  

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 Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Parish Second Reading of the Parish Councils (National Association Expenses) (No. 2) Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Liquor Second Reading of the Liquor (Popular Control) (Popular Control) Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 8th day of April next.

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

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Marriage the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed the Marriage (Prohibited Degrees of Relation-Billship) 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 Solicitors Second Reading of the Solicitors 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 taking Government into consideration the Government of India of India (Indian Navy) 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 Destructive Second Reading of the Destructive Insects and Pests Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Re-organisation the adjourned Debate on the Amendmentation of Offices (Scotland) Bill which, upon the 23rd day of this instant March, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Re-organisation of Offices (Scotland) 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 Supply Committee of Supply;  
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Resolved, That this House is of opinion that the Government should do all in its power to foster the development of village life and industries, and to promote good craftsmanship in agriculture. —(Brigadier-General Clifton Brown.)

Rural Industry.

Highways Administration Bill.

The order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Highways Administration Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Coal Mines (No. 2) Bill.

The order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Coal Mines (No. 2) Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Mental Deficiency (No. 2) Bill.

The order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Mental Deficiency (No. 2) 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 Post Office (Sites) 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 Betting Overseas (Prohibition) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Resolved, That the Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1926, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of the Urban District of Rothbury and parts of the Rural Districts of Alnwick and Rothbury, in the County of Northumberland, which was presented on the 17th day of February 1927, be approved.—(Colonel Ashley.)

Resolved, That the Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1926, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of the Urban District of East Dereham, in the County of Norfolk, which was presented on the 24th day of February 1927, be approved.—(Colonel Ashley.)

Resolved, That the Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1926, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of the Borough of Ryde, the Urban District of Battle, the Rural Districts of Hastings, Rye, and Battle, and the Parish of Ninfield, in the Rural District of Hailsham, all in the Administrative County of East Sussex, which was presented on the 15th day of February 1927, be approved.—(Colonel Ashley.)

Ordered, That Colonel England be discharged from the Joint Committee on Consolidation Bills.

Ordered, That Mr Ernest Evans be added to the Committee.—(Colonel Gibbs.)

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

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Post Office (Sites) Bill.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Provisional Orders 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.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill was, according to Order, read a third time and passed.

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

Mr. Neville Chamberlain presented a Bill to Ministry of Health Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill.

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. McNeill presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account of all Moneys received on account of Contracts Annuities, 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 1926.

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

Colonel Ashley presented, pursuant to the London Traffic Act, directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Provisional Regulations, made under the London Traffic Act, 1924, entitled—

(1) the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Amendment (Route No. 117) Provisional Regulations, 1927, dated 25th March 1927;

(2) the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Amendment (Route No. 93r) Provisional Regulations, 1927, dated 28th March 1927.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
Mr. Neville Chamberlain presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Order made under the Local Government Act, 1888, entitled the London (Stepney) Confirmation Order, 1927.

Copy of Provisional Regulations, dated 21st March 1927, entitled the National Health Insurance (Deposit Contributors) Regulations, 1927.

Copy of Order, dated 22nd March 1927, made under the Rating and Valuation Act, 1925, for removing a difficulty arising in connection with the time limited for the submission of certain schemes under that Act, entitled the Rating and Valuation Act (Submission of Schemes) Order, 1927.

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

Sir Robert Sanders reported from Standing Committee B, to whom the Diseases of Animals Bill [Lords] was referred; That they had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

No. 52. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

No. 52. 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 consideration upon Tuesday next; and be printed.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Chairman's Panel; That they had appointed Sir Robert Sanders to act as Chairman of Standing Committee C (in respect of the Cinematograph Films Bill); and Mr. James Brown 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.

Mr. Hopkins reported from the Committee on Group B of Private Bills; That, for the convenience of parties, the Committee had adjourned till Monday next, at Twelve of the clock.

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 Leeds 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

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had gone through the Bill and made Amendments therunto.

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 Members from Standing Committee B:—Captain Arthur Hope and Captain Waterhouse; and had appointed in substitution: Commander Cockburn and Sir Frederick Rice.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from Standing Committee C; That they had discharged the Committee; and had appointed in substitution: Viscountess Astor and Captain Waterhouse.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Guinness, supported by Mr. McNeill, presented a Bill to make provision for the removal of a difficulty arising in connection with the time limited for the submission of certain schemes under that Act, entitled the Rating and Valuation Act (Submission of Schemes) Order, 1927.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Guinness, supported by Mr. McNeill, presented a Bill to make provision for the better drainage of the area drained by the River Ouse and its tributaries, and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being 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 (Colonel Gibbs):

Sir Harry Barnston; 

Tellers for the (Sir Charles Edwards):

Mr. Whiteley; 

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from Standing Committee C:—Mr. Clayton and Major Rogner; and had appointed in substitution: Viscountess Astor and Captain Waterhouse.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

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

Tellers for the (Colonel Gibbs):

Sir Harry Barnston; 

Tellers for the (Sir Charles Edwards):

Mr. Whiteley; 

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee of Supply; And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair (for Committee on the Civil Estimates and Estimates for Revenue Departments)—(Commander Eyres-Monsell).

An Amendment was proposed to be made Telephone to the Question, by leaving out from the word service: “That” to the end of the Question, and adding the words “this House regrets that the telephone service is not conducted by private enterprise and considers that steps should be taken to provide improved postal and telephone facilities in rural areas”—(Colonel Acland-Troyte).—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—The House proceeded to a Division.

Mr. Frederick Thomson and Mr. Penny were Division appointed as Tellers for the Ayes, but there being no Members willing to act as Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Speaker declared that the Ayes had it.

And the Main Question being put; The House divided.

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The Yeas to the Right; 
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the f Colonel Gibbs, 
Yeas, 
Lord Stanley : 213.
Tellers for the Mr. Parkinson, 
Noes, 
Mr. Hayes : 
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

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Class VII.

1. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £57,410 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 1928 for Expenditure in respect of Houses of Parliament Buildings:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That a sum not exceeding £57,310 be granted for the said Service (Mr. Gardner), put, and negatived.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

2. £936.845 for Expenditure in respect of Customs and Excise, Inland Revenue, Post Office and Telegraph Buildings in Great Britain, certain Post Offices Abroad, and for certain Expenses in connection with Boats and Launches belonging to the Customs and Excise Department.

3. £966,368 for Expenditure in respect of sundry Public Buildings in Great Britain not provided for on other Votes, including Historic Buildings, Ancient Monuments, and Brompton Cemetery.

4. £386,130 for Expenditure in respect of Employment Exchange and Insurance Buildings, Great Britain (including Ministries of Labour and Health).

5. £139,800 for Expenditure in respect of Diplomatic and Consular Buildings.

Resolutions 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 upon Monday next.

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Pacific Cable Committee on the Pacific Cable Bill; 

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment, proposed, That this House do now adjourn. 

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

[No. 39.]

Friday, 1st April 1927.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

T HE House proceeded to take into considera- tion the Barnsley Corporation (Water) Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into considera- tion the London County Council (General Council (General (No. 3) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

Secretary Sir William Joynson-Hicks presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Rule, dated 14th March 1927, made by the Governor of Northern Ireland, with the concurrence of the Judges of
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the Supreme Court of Northern Ireland, altering certain Rules of Court.

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 Provisional Regulations, dated 26th February 1927, entitled the National Health Insurance (Approved Societies) Amendment Regulations, 1927.

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 appointed a Committee consisting of five Lords to join with a Committee of the Commons to consider the Law of Libel Amendment Bill [Lords], and request the Commons to appoint an equal number of their Members to be joined with the said Lords.

Colonel Sir Joseph Nall reported from the Committee on 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.

Ordered, That the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills do examine the Ouse Drainage Bill, with respect to compliance with the Standing Orders relative to Private Bills.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Road Transport Lighting Bill;

And notice being taken, at ten minutes after Eleven of the clock, that Forty Members were not present, the House by Mr. Speaker, and Thirty-eight Members only being present Mr. Speaker retired from the Chair; and it not having Four of the clock and other Members having come into the House, Mr. Speaker again counted the House, and Forty Members being present, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day six months."—(Sir Douglas Newton.)

And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Abolition of Second Reading of the Abolition of Capital Punishment Bill;

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

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Coal (Selling Second Reading of the Coal (Selling Price Agreements) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Commonwealth Second Reading of the Commonwealth of India Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Rent and Mortgage Second Reading of the Rent and Mortgage Interest Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Widows', Second Reading of the Widows', Orphans', and Old Age Contributory Pensions Act (1925) Amendment Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Sale of Second Reading of the Sale of Honours (Prohibition) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Feu Duties and Long Leases (Scotland) Bill.

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Second Reading of the Local Government 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 Coal Mines (No. 2) 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 4th day of March last, That the Marriage (Prohibited Degrees of Relationship) 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.

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.

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Monday, 4th April 1927.

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

PRAYERS.

The Buxton 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 Colchester 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 Great Western Railway 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 Matlocks Urban District Council Bill be now read the third time;
And notice being taken that the interest of His Majesty, as Duke of Lancaster, is concerned therein;
Captain Fitzroy, by His Majesty’s Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives His Consent, as far as His Majesty’s interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.
Then the Bill was read the third time and passed.

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

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Stoke on Trent Gas 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,
—Account of all Deposits received and repaid by the Board of Trade on account of Seamen’s Money Orders and Savings Banks, under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, during the year ended 20th November 1925, 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 1926; and Statements showing the Receipts and Payments in connection with the Transmission of Seamen’s Wages during the year ended 31st March 1926. Account of the sums received and paid by Wages and the Board of Trade in respect of the Wages and Effects of Deceased Seamen, from 1st April 1925 to 31st March 1926:
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. McNeill presented, by His Majesty’s Navy, Army, Command,—Copy of Report of the Committee on Valuation of Navy, Army, and Air Force Stocks. 
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Lord Advocate presented, pursuant to Shops Act, the directions of several Acts of Parliament, 1912,—Copy of Order made under the Shops Act, 1912, by the Council of the undermentioned Local Authority, and confirmed by the Secretary of State for Scotland:—
County of Lanark.

Copies of Rules made by the Secretary of Prisons State—
(1) appointing police cells in the Burgh of Ayr to be a legal Prison for the detention of prisoners for a period not exceeding fourteen days before, or during, or after trial;
(2) as to the appointment of a Visiting Committee to the police cells prison at Ayr.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—
National Health Insurance (Scotland.)
Copy of Provisional Regulations dated 1st April 1927, entitled the National Health Insurance (Variation of Reserve Values) Regulations, 1927.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Standing Committee C:—Viscountess Astor, Captain Committee C, Bress, Colonel Horlick, Captain Austin Hudson,
Mr. Sandeman, and Sir Francis Watson; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Briggs, Mr. Dicey, Mr. Finburgh, Captain Forcett, Captain Peter Macnald, and Mr. Mellor.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Major-General Sir Newton Moore reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

1. That in the case of the London and Home Counties Joint Electricity Authority (No. 2), 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 Metropolitan Water Board Bill, Petition for additional Provision, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the parties be permitted to insert their additional Provision if the Committee on the Bill think fit.

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

Ordered, That the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills do examine the London Squares and Metropolitan Water Board (Preservation) (No. 2) Bill, with respect to compliance with the Standing Orders relative to Private Bills.

Mr. Attorney General, supported by Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, Mr. Solicitor General, and the Lord Advocate, presented a Bill to declare and amend the Law relating to trade disputes and trade unions; to regulate the position of civil servants and persons employed by public authorities in respect of membership of trade unions and similar organisations; to extend Section five of the Conspiracy and Protection of Property Act, 1875, and for other purposes connected with the purposes aforesaid: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

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

(In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates and Estimates for Revenue Departments, 1927.

Class V.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £7,303,664 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 1928 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):—(Mr. Lansbury.)

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a sum not exceeding £7,303,664 be granted for the said Service.—(Mr. Lansbury.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the

Mr. Parkinson, 126.

Mr. Charles Edwards.

Tellers for the

Major Sir George Newnesy, 238.

Major Cope.

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 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.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply (No. 3rd March) Report.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Landlord Second Reading of the Landlord and Tenants Bill, (No. 2) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Government of India (Indian Navy) 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 Destructive Insects and Pests Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Re-organisation of Offices (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 Betting Overseas (Prohibition) 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 Ouse Drainage Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 31st day of March last;
Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Pacific Cable 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 Urban District Councillors Election 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 Stabilisation of Easter Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 12th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Landlord and Tenant 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 taking into consideration the Midwives and Maternity Homes (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday the 9th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Exportation of Horses (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 House of Commons Attendance 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 (Banks) 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 Hairdressers' and Barbers' Shops (Sunday Closing) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Coal Mines (Abolition of Wheelless Tubs) 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 Squares and Enclosures (Preservation) (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 Succession (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 Shops (Hours of Employment) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

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

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

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Tuesday, 5th April 1927.

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.:

Bury Corporation Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Bury Corporation (Water) Bill was read the third time and passed.

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

The London County Council (General Powers) Bill was read the third time and passed.

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

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Southern Railway (Superannuation Fund) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Naval Savings Banks.

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, &c., during the financial year 1925-26.

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

Colonel Ashley presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Provisional Regulations, made under the London Traffic Act, 1924, dated 31st March 1927, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Amendment (Route No. 178) Provisional Regulations, 1927.

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, Aviation.

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

Mr. Morgan Jones reported from Standing Committee B, to whom the Royal Naval Reserve Bill was referred; That they had gone through the Bill, and had directed him to report the same, without Amendment, to the House.

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

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Standing Committee be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Government of India (Indian Navy) Bill, as 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 (1).—(Mr. Pethick-Lawrence.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "without," in l. 16, 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 Sir George Hennessy.  

Tellers for the Noes,  

Mr. Charles Edwards,  

Mr. Whiteley.  

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 16, by leaving out from the word "not" to the word "be," in l. 17.—(Lieutenant-Commander Kenworthy.)

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 Gibbe,  

Mr. Frederick Thomsen.  

Tellers for the Noes,  

Mr. Parkinson,  

Mr. Whiteley.  

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 17, by inserting, after the word "Parliament," the words "of both houses of the Indian legislature."—(Lieutenant-Commander Kenworthy.)
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. Haynes, Yeas: 126.]

Tellers for the [Mr. Whiteley: 272.]

So it passed in the Negative.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read the third time; The House divided.

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

Tellers for the [Lord Stanley, Yeas: 256.]

Tellers for the [Mr. Parkison, Yeas: 122.]

Tellers for the [Mr. Parkinson, Noes: 225.]

Tellers for the [Mr. Whiteley: 272.]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Pacific Cable Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 to No. 8 agreed to.

Clause No. 9 amended, and agreed to.

First Schedule agreed to.

Second Schedule.

Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 28, to leave out the words "one thousand," in order to insert the words "five hundred."—(Mr. Kirkwood.)

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

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

Agriculture.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House realising that the continuing decay in agriculture is a grave national concern and should be dealt with by the Government without delay, is of opinion that the placing of British agriculture on a sound and efficient basis so as to yield a fair return to the farmer with security of tenure, subject to proper use and a satisfactory standard of living to the agricultural worker, depends upon the transference to the State of the ownership of all agricultural land, the adequate provision of capital for drainage and buildings, the encouragement of a system of co-operation in buying and marketing, the stabilisation of prices, and the energetic pursuit of scientific research.—(Mr. Rhys Davies);

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 'realises the value to the nation of a flourishing agriculture, but is of opinion that the prosperity of the industry is best secured by a stable policy which will enable the farmer to develop his industry without unnecessary interference, will protect him from revolutionary proposals which would impair progress and breed insecurity, and, with the help of such encouragement and advice as the Government may be able to offer, will create confidence and enable the industry to be organised on an economic basis.'—(Major Sir Granville Wheler), instead thereof.

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

The House divided.

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

Tellers for the [Mr. Parkinson, Yeas: 122.]

Tellers for the [Mr. Charles Edwards: 122.]

Tellers for the [Mr. Granville Wheler, Sir Hugh Lacey: 246.]

Tellers for the [Mr. Whiteley: 272.]

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 Public House Improvement Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 3rd day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Auctioneers Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Police (Widows' Pensions Amendment) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Education in Prisons Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Betting (Juvenile Messengers) (Scotland) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Roadside Petrol Pumps Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Illegal Trawling (Scotland) Penalties Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 3rd day of May next.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Fancy Jewellery (Standard Trade Descriptions) 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 Mental Deficiency (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 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 Urban District Councillors Election 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 First Offenders' Defence Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Postponed Proceeding on Amendment proposed on consideration of Second Schedule resumed.

Question again proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of Schedule;
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 Destructive Insects and Pests Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 23rd day of March last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Re-organisation of Offices (Scotland) 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 Diseases of Animals Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee;

Mr. Speaker called attention to a Clause inserted by the Standing Committee.

Mr. Speaker called the attention of the House to the fact that the Standing Committee to which the Bill had been committed had by inadvertence inserted a Clause imposing a charge upon the public funds which had not been authorised by Resolution of a Committee of the whole House;
Ordered, That the Bill be recommitted to the former Committee in respect of Clause 5.—(Mr. Guinness.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trade Disputes and Trade Unions Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

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

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 31st day of March last;
Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Landlord and Tenant (No. 2) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Post Office Second Reading of the Post Office (Sites) Bill; (Sites) Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Betting Second Reading of the Betting Overseas (Prohibition) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Overseas (Prohibition)Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Major Sir George Hennessy reported from the Ways and Means Committee of Ways and Means of the 31st day of March last, a Resolution; which was read, Report as followeth:

Commissioners of Crown Lands (Stamp Duty).

That the exemption from stamp duty conferred by any enactment in respect of documents made or executed by or with the Commissioners of Crown Lands shall cease.

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

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
Wednesday, 6th April 1927.

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

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Chelsea Borough Council (Superannuation and Pensions) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Yeadon Waterworks Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

A Bill to confer upon the London and Home Counties Joint Electricity Authority powers to acquire lands and to construct a generating station and other works, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

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

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Statements of Assurance Business under the Assurance Companies Act, 1909, deposited with the Board of Trade during the year ended 31st December 1926, Parts I. and II.

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 Hospital of St. Mary the Virgin (Newcastle-upon-Tyne) Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Committee on the Bill.


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

Colonel Sir Joseph Nall reported from the Private Bills Committee on Group C of Private Bills; That, (Group C.), for the convenience of parties, the Committee had adjourned till Wednesday the 27th day of this instant April, at Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Hopkins reported from the Committee on Private Bills Group B of Private Bills: That, for the convenience of parties, the Committee had adjourned till Friday next at Eleven of the clock.

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

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That 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; and the number of persons killed or injured by such accidents in Great Britain during the year ended the 31st day of December 1926 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 54, of Session 1926).—(Captain King.)

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; and the number of persons killed or injured by such accidents in Great Britain during the year ended the 31st day of December 1926.


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

Secretary Sir William Jowsey-Hicks presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders under the Local Government Act, 1888, entitled—

(1) the Lancaster (Upper Holker to Lower Allithwaite) Confirmation Order, 1927; (2) the Heston and Isleworth (Union of Parishes) Confirmation Order, 1927.

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

Mr. Neville Chamberlain presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Bill to confer further powers on the Bognor Gas and Electricity Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

A Bill to erect a hospital for the treatment of mental diseases in all parts of the United Kingdom, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Return showing the number of persons killed or injured by such accidents in Great Britain during the year ended the 31st day of December 1926.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Bognor Gas and Electricity Bill, to confer further powers on the Bognor Gas and Electricity Company; to change the name of the company, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Bognor Gas and Electricity Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

Colonel Sir Joseph Nall reported from the Private Bills Committee on Group C of Private Bills; That, (Group C.), for the convenience of parties, the Committee had adjourned till Wednesday the 27th day of this instant April, at Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.
The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Ministry of Health Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill; That they had considered the Orders therein contained; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House. 

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

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

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported the Westgate and Birchington Water Bill, with Amendments.

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

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported the Tyne Improvement 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 the Great Indian Peninsula Railway Annuities Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

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

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the London, Midland, and Scottish Railway Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

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

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported the Frimley and Farnborough District Water Bill, with Amendments.

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

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make the employment of ex-service men disabled by wounds in the service of their King and Country compulsory: And that Mr. Smedley Crooke, Colonel Adland-Troyte, Colonel Watts-Morgan, Mr. Ernest Brown, Major Cohen, Mr. Dixey, Colonel England, Mr. Womersley, Lieutenant-Commander Kenworthy, and Colonel Gadie do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Smedley Crooke accordingly 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 read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Vinegar Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 20th day of this instant April.

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 20th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Inspection of Dams, Embankments, and Reservoirs Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 4th day of May next.
Bank Fide Travellers Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bank Fide Travellers Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 4th day of May next.

Highways Administration Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Highways Administration Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 4th day of May next.

Parish Councils (National Association Expenses) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second reading of the Parish Councils (National Association Expenses) (No. 2) Bill;

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

Feu Duties and Long Leases (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 25th day of March last, That the Feu Duties and Long Leases (Scotland) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Tuesday the 3rd day of May next.

Local Government Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 27th day of this instant April.

Fancy Jewellery (Standard Trade Descriptions) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Fancy Jewellery (Standard Trade Descriptions) Bill;

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

Urban District Councillors Election Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Urban District Councillors Election Bill;

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

Landlord and Tenant (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second reading of the Landlord and Tenant (No. 2) Bill;

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


Colonel Stanley reported from the Committee of Supply of the 31st day of March last, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Civil Estimates and Estimates for Revenue Departments, 1927.

Class VII.

1. That a sum not exceeding £57,410 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 1928 for Expenditure in respect of Customs and Excise, Inland Revenue, Post Office and Telegraph Buildings in Great Britain, certain Post Offices Abroad, and for certain Expenses in connection with Bosts and Launches belonging to the Customs and Excise Department.

2. That a sum not exceeding £936,845 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 1928 for Expenditure in respect of Customs and Excise, Inland Revenue, Post Office and Telegraph Buildings in Great Britain, certain Post Offices Abroad, and for certain Expenses in connection with Bosts and Launches belonging to the Customs and Excise Department.

3. That a sum not exceeding £966,366 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 1928 for Expenditure in respect of sundry Public Buildings in Great Britain not provided for on other Votes, including Historic Buildings, Ancient Monuments, and Brompton Cemetery.

4. That a sum not exceeding £386,130 be Labour and Health Buildings, Great Britain.

5. That a sum not exceeding £139,800 be Diplomatic and Consular Buildings.

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

6. That a sum not exceeding £966,368 be Public Buildings, Great Britain.

The Order of the day being read, for the Pacific Cable Committee on the Pacific Cable Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Destructive Insects and Pests Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Re-organisation of Offices (Scotland) Bill, which, upon the 23rd day of March last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Re-organisation of Offices (Scotland) 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 Supply Committee of Supply;

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

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Post Office Second Reading of the Post Office (Sites) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.
Betong Overseas (Prohibition) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Betong Overseas (Prohibition) Bill;

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

Ouse Drainage Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Ouse Drainage Bill;

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

Crown Lands (No. 2) Bill.

Captain Bricoe, Mr. Ernest Brown, Captain Fergus Graham, and Sir Henry Slezer were nominated Members of the Select Committee on the Crown Lands (No. 2) Bill.—(Colonel Gibbs.)

Adjournment.

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

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. 43.]

Thursday, 7th April 1927.

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

PRAYERS.

Stoke-on-Trent Corporation Gas Bill.

A MOTION being made, That the Stoke-on-Trent Corporation Gas 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 Ministry of Health 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.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Minister of Health relating to Barnsley, Blackburn, Isle of Thanet Joint Hospital District, Maclesfield, Swansea, and Tottenham: 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.

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Secretary Sir William Joynson-Hicks presented, by His Majesty's Command, —Copy of the Seventy-fourth Report of the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales, 1926.

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 Light Leather Goods and Metal Fittings.

Copy of Report of the Committee on Table-Safeguarding ware of Translucent Pottery.

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

Mr. Secretary Amery presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the British Guiana Commission.

Copy of Report of the Overseas Settlement Committee for 1926.

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

The Lord Advocate presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Return of voting areas in burghs in Scotland in which polls under the Temperance (Scotland) Act, 1913, were taken in 1924, 1925, and 1926, showing the number of electors on the registers on which polls were taken, the results of the polls, and the cost of the polls so far as falling upon local authorities.

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

Mr. Attorney General presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Proceedings of the Crown Proceedings Committee.

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

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords, being a Message from one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Army and Air Force (Annual) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Forestry Bill, Forestry Bill. without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Sale of Food and Drugs Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Nar Valley Drainage Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to amend the Law of Scotland relating to the division of counties into police districts; (Bill[ Lords.]) to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to provide for the transfer of certain burial grounds to the Welsh Church representative body, and to declare the Law with respect to burial grounds transferred to that body; 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 relief of the poor in England and Wales;
to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to authorise the Hastings Tramways Company to run trolley vehicles in substitution for their tramway and light railway services and on other routes, 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 new provision as to the charges for the gas supplied by and the application of the profits of the Commercial Gas 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 empower the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Coventry to construct street works and tramways and to purchase the undertaking of the Kenilworth Gas Company; to extend the areas of supply for gas and electricity of the Coventry Corporation; to confer further powers on the Corporation with regard to the supply of gas and water and to enable them to increase their water charges; to make further provision with regard to the health, local government, and improvement of the city, the regulation of commons in and near the city, and with regard to the freedom of the city, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Hastings Tramways Company (Trolley Vehicles) Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

The Commercial Gas Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

The Coventry Corporation Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

Dr. Shiels, supported by Sir Harry Brittain, Brigadier-General Clifton Brown, Miss Wilkinson, Colonel Sir Godfrey Dalrymple White, Viscountess Astor, Mr. Trevelyan Thomson, and Mr. Gosling, presented a Bill to amend the Importation of Plumage (Prohibition) Act, 1921: 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 put, That on Tuesday 12th and on Wednesday, 13th April, Government Business do have precedence — (The Prime Minister);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Sir Harry Barnston, Sir Harry Brittain, 249.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Charles Edwards; 126.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That other Government Business Business of have precedence this day of the Business of the House. Supply, and that the Proceedings on the Landlord and Tenant (No. 2) 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 Landlord and Tenant (No. 2) Bill;

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

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question by leaving out from the word “That” to the end of the Question, and adding the words “this House, being desirous of removing the evils inherent in the present leasehold system, and whilst welcoming a measure dealing with certain of these evils in relation to business premises, regrets that the measure is so drawn as to preclude its application to other premises”—(Mr. Dalton), 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 Eyres-Monsell, Colonel Gibbs; 240.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Parkinson, Mr. Charles Edwards; 83.

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 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 Pacific Cable Committee on the Pacific Cable Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Destructive Insects and Pests Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 23rd day of March last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That Bill the Re-organisation of Offices (Scotland) 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 Post Office (Sites) 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 Betting Overseas (Prohibition) 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 Ouse Drainage Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Resolved, That the draft of a Special Order proposed to be made by the Board of Trade under Section 10 of the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of the British Gas Light Company, Limited, in respect of the Norwich undertaking of that Company, which was presented on the 10th March 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 Uxbridge, Maidenhead, Wycombe, and District Gas Company, which was presented on the 14th March 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 Budleigh Salterton Gas Company, Limited, which was presented on the 14th March 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 Earby and Thornton Gas and Lighting Company, Limited, which was presented on the 14th March and published be approved.—(Sir Burton Chadwick.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Omnibuses 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 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 Exportation of Horses (No. 2) Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Coal (Selling Price Agreements) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 29th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Common-wealth of India Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 29th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Widows’, Second Reading of the Widows’, Orphans’, and Old Age Contributory Pensions Act (1925) Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 29th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Sale of Honours (Prohibition) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 29th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Coal Mines Second Reading of the Coal Mines (No. 2) Bill; (No. 2) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 28th day of this instant April.

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

STANDING COMMITTEES.

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

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Monday, 11th April 1927.

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

PRAYERS.

THE Chelsea Borough Council (Superannuation and Pensions) Bill was read the third time and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords and desire their concurrence.

CHELSEA BOROUGH COUNCIL (SUPERANNUATION AND PENSIONS) BILL.
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The Tyne Improvement 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 Yeadon Waterworks 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 Great Indian Peninsula Railway Joint Annuities Bill [Lords], not amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Yeadon Waterworks Bill [Lords] was read the third time and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the said Return be the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Yeading Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The London Traffic (Restricted Streets) (Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time, and committed.

The Westgate and Birchington Water Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Bury Corporation Bill [Lords] was read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Colonel Ashley presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Provisional Regulations made under the London Traffic Act, 1924, dated 6th April, 1927, entitled,—

(1) The London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Amendment (Route No. 41) Provisional Regulations, 1927;

(2) The London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Amendment (Route No. 104) Provisional Regulations, 1927;

(3) The London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Amendment (Route No. 111) Provisional Regulations, 1927.

Copies of Provisional Regulations made under the Roads Act, 1920, dated 1st April 1927, entitled the Road Vehicles (Index Marks) (County Borough of Doncaster) Provisional Regulations, 1927.

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

The Treaty Series (No. 15, 1927) by His Majesty's Command—Copy of Agreement between the Sudan Government and the Hejaz Government, His Majesty's Government assenting, relating to the Port Sudan-Jeddah Telegraph Cable. Signed 18th December 1926.

Copy of Memorandum on Labour Conditions China (No. 2, in China. Foreign Office, 25th February 1927, 1927.)

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

Secretary Sir William Johnson-Hicks presented, pre-Street

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords: and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

Secretary Sir William Johnson-Hicks presented, a Return to an Address to His Majesty, dated the 8th day of this instant April, for a Return relative to Street Accidents caused by Vehicles.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Financial a Copy of Statement of Revenue and Expenditure as laid before the House by Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer when opening the Budget.—

Mr. McNeill accordingly presented the said Paper.

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being Business of post, 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)—(The Prime Minister); The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas,

"COMMANDER EYRES"

"MONSELL, EYRES"

Tellers for the Noes,

"MR. CHARLES EDWARDS"

"MR. HAYES"

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

(Customs and Excise.)

Continuation of Duty on Tea (Customs).

1. Resolved, That the Customs duty chargeable on tea until the first day of August, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven, shall continue to be charged on and after that date until the first day of August, nineteen hundred and twenty-eight, that is to say—

Tea - - the pound fourpence.

And it is declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution shall have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act, 1913.—

(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Additional Medicine Duty (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 two of the Finance Act, 1926, until the first day of August, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven, shall continue to be charged on and after that date until Parliament otherwise determines.

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.)
Part II. of the said table :—

Description of Wine. | Rate of Duty per Gallon.
---|---
Part I. |  
Not exceeding 25 degrees proof spirit | s. d.
Exceeding 25 degrees and not exceeding 42 degrees | 3 0
Every degree or fraction of a degree above 42 degrees, an additional duty | 8 0
Sparkling, an additional duty | 0 8
Still, in bottle, an additional duty | 12 6

Part II. |  
Not exceeding 27 degrees proof spirit | 2 0
Exceeding 27 degrees and not exceeding 42 degrees | 4 0
Every degree or fraction of a degree above 42 degrees, an additional duty | 0 4
Sparkling, an additional duty | 6 3
Still, in bottle, an additional duty | 1 0

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.)

British Wines (Excise).  
3. Resolved, That the exemption in respect of tyres which is given by section three of the Finance Act, 1925, from the Customs duty thereby charged on the accessories and component parts of motor cars, motor bicycles, and motor tricycles shall cease to have effect on and after the twelfth day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven.

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.)

Cinematograph Film in Sheets or Strips (Customs).

5. Resolved, That in lieu of the Customs duties now chargeable on tobacco imported into Great Britain or Northern Ireland there shall be charged on and after the twelfth day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven, be charged the following duties, that is to say:—

Upon tobacco manufactured, viz:—

- Containing less than 10 lbs. of moisture in every 100 lbs. weight thereof—
  - Unstripped - the pound 8 10
  - Stripped - the pound 8 10½

- Containing more than 10 lbs. of moisture in every 100 lbs. weight thereof—
  - Unstripped - the pound 9 9½
  - Stripped - the pound 9 10

Upon tobacco manufactured, viz:—

- Cigars - the pound 16 10
- Cigarettes - the pound 13 7
- Cavendish or Negrohead manufactured in bond - the pound 11 2½
- Other manufactured tobacco - the pound 11 2½

Snuff containing more than 13 lbs. of moisture in every 100 lbs. weight thereof - the pound 10 7

Snuff not containing more than 13 lbs. of moisture in every 100 lbs. weight thereof - the pound 12 10

And it is declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution shall have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act, 1913.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Tobacco (Excise).  
4. Resolved, That that blank cinematograph film, for the purposes of the Customs duty charged thereon by section three of the Finance Act, 1925, shall, on and after the twelfth day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven, include all photographic sensitised sheets or strips of celluloid or other similar material which are of a length of not less than twelve feet, whatever the width of the sheets or strips may be, and that duty shall be charged on any such sheets or strips in proportion to their width.

And it is declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution shall have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act, 1913.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Tobacco (Customs).

6. Resolved, That there shall be charged on sweets sent out on or after the twenty-fifth day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven, a duty of Excise at the rate of one shilling for every gallon.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

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.)

Wines (Customs).

2. Resolved, That in lieu of the Customs duties now chargeable on tobacco imported into Great Britain or Northern Ireland there shall on and after the twelfth day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven, be charged the following duties, that is to say:—

Upon tobacco unmanufactured, viz:—

- Containing 10 lbs. or more of moisture in every 100 lbs. weight thereof—
  - Unstripped - the pound 8 10
  - Stripped - the pound 8 10½

- Containing less than 10 lbs. of moisture in every 100 lbs. weight thereof—
  - Unstripped - the pound 9 9½
  - Stripped - the pound 9 10

Upon tobacco manufactured, viz:—

- Cigars - the pound 16 10
- Cigarettes - the pound 13 7
- Cavendish or Negrohead manufactured in bond - the pound 11 2½
- Other manufactured tobacco - the pound 11 2½

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.)

Upon tobacco manufactured, viz:—

- Cigars - the pound 16 10
- Cigarettes - the pound 13 7
- Cavendish or Negrohead manufactured in bond - the pound 11 2½
- Other manufactured tobacco - the pound 11 2½

Snuff containing more than 13 lbs. of moisture in every 100 lbs. weight thereof - the pound 10 7

Snuff not containing more than 13 lbs. of moisture in every 100 lbs. weight thereof - the pound 12 10

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.)

Upon tobacco manufactured, viz:—

- Cigars - the pound 16 10
- Cigarettes - the pound 13 7
- Cavendish or Negrohead manufactured in bond - the pound 11 2½
- Other manufactured tobacco - the pound 11 2½

Snuff containing more than 13 lbs. of moisture in every 100 lbs. weight thereof - the pound 10 7

Snuff not containing more than 13 lbs. of moisture in every 100 lbs. weight thereof - the pound 12 10

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.)

and so in proportion for any less quantity.
17 Geo. V. 11th April.

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.)

Matches (Customs).

9. Resolved, That in lieu of the Customs duty now chargeable upon matches imported into Great Britain or Northern Ireland there shall on and after the twelfth day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven, be charged the following duties, that is to say:

Containers in which there are not more than 10 matches—s. d.
For every 1,000 such containers 6 2
Containers in which there are more than 10 matches, but not more than 20 matches—
For every 1,000 such containers 12 4
Containers in which there are more than 20 matches, but not more than 50 matches—
For every 144 such containers - 4 4
In respect of every additional 25 matches, or part of 25 matches, over 50 in a container—
For every 144 such containers, an additional duty of - 2 2

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.)

Matches (Excise).

10. Resolved, That in lieu of the Excise duty now chargeable upon matches imported into Great Britain or Northern Ireland there shall on and after the twelfth day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven, be charged the following duties, that is to say:

Containers in which there are not more than 10 matches—s. d.
For every 1,000 such containers 6 0
Containers in which there are more than 10 matches, but not more than 20 matches—
For every 1,000 such containers 12 0
Containers in which there are more than 20 matches, but not more than 50 matches—
For every 144 such containers - 4 2
In respect of every additional 25 matches, or part of 25 matches, over 50 in a container—
For every 144 such containers, an additional duty of - 2 1
and so in proportion for any less number of containers.

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.)

Pottery.

11. Resolved, That during a period of five years beginning on the nineteenth day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven, there shall be charged on the importation into Great Britain or Northern Ireland of articles of translucent pottery or of vitrified pottery, being either articles suitable for use in connection with the serving of food or drink or component parts of such articles, a duty of Customs at the rate of one pound and eight shillings for every hundredweight thereof.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Mechanically-propelled Vehicles.

12. Resolved, That—

(1) in the case of vehicles registered under the Roads Act, 1920, in the name of a person engaged in agriculture and used solely by that person for the purpose of conveyance of the produce of, and of articles required for the purposes of, the agricultural land which he occupies, and for no other purpose, there shall on and after the first day of January, nineteen hundred and twenty-eight, be charged, in lieu of the Excise duties now chargeable in respect of such vehicles under the Second Schedule to the Finance Act, 1920, as amended by the Finance Act, 1926, the following duties of Excise:—

If the vehicle—

Does not exceed 12 cwt. in weight unladen - 10
Exceeds 12 cwt. but does not exceed 1 ton in weight unladen - - - 16
Exceeds 1 ton but does not exceed 2 tons in weight unladen - - - 21
Exceeds 2 tons in weight unladen - - - 25;

(2) the said Second Schedule as amended shall have effect as if—

(a) for the words "used for haulage solely in connection with agriculture" in sub-paragraph (2) of paragraph (4) there were substituted the words "being vehicles registered under the Roads Act, 1920, in the name of a person engaged in agriculture, and used solely by that person for the haulage of the produce of, or of articles required for the purposes of, the agricultural land which he occupies, and for no other purpose"; and

(b) sub-paragraph (3) of paragraph (4) were omitted therefrom; and

(c) in sub-paragraph (4) of paragraph (4) for the words "used at any time otherwise than in connection with agriculture" there were substituted the words "other than any such vehicles in respect of which duty is chargeable under sub-paragraph (1) or sub-paragraph (2) of this paragraph.

(3) references in any other enactment to the full amount of the duties chargeable in respect of any mechanically-propelled vehicles shall be construed as references to the duties chargeable under this Resolution in respect of those vehicles.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)
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INCOME TAX.

Charge of Tax.

13. Resolved, That—

(a) Income Tax shall be charged for the year beginning the sixth day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven, at the rate of four shillings in the pound, and the same Super-Tax shall be charged for that year as was charged for the year beginning the sixth day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-six; and

(b) all such enactments as had effect with respect to the Income Tax and Super-Tax charged for the year beginning the sixth day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven, subject to the provisions of Part IV. of the Finance Act, 1926; and

(c) 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-six, 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-seven:

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 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.)

Payment of Income Tax by Instalments.

14. Resolved, That sub-section (2) of section one hundred and fifty-seven of the Income Tax Act, 1918, shall cease to have effect so far as it provides for the payment in two instalments of Income Tax charged under Schedule A.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Income under certain Dispositions to be treated for purposes of Income Tax as Income of Disponor.

15. Resolved, That any income which by virtue or in consequence of any disposition made, directly or indirectly, by any person after the eleventh day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven (other than a disposition made for valuable and sufficient consideration) is payable to or applicable for the benefit of any other person, but exclusive of any income which—

(i) is payable to an individual for his own use for some period which exceeds six years or is applicable for the benefit of a named individual for such a period; or

(ii) arises from capital of which the disponor has by the disposition absolutely divested himself in favour or for the benefit of that other person;

shall for the purposes of the enactments relating to Income Tax (including Super-Tax) be deemed to be the income of the disponor and not to be for those purposes the income of any other person, and where by virtue of this provision any additional Income Tax or Super-Tax becomes chargeable on and is paid by the disponor, he shall be entitled to recover from any trustee or other person to whom the income is payable by virtue or in consequence of the disposition.

And it is declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution shall have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act, 1913.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Income Tax on certain Copyright Royalties to be payable by deduction.

16. Resolved, That where any royalty or other sum is paid on or after the first day of July, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven, in respect of a copyright (not including a copyright in any dramatic work being a cinematograph production, or in any artistic work being a photograph intended to be used for the purpose of the exhibition of pictures or other optical effects by means of a cinematograph or other similar apparatus), or where any payment on account of any such royalty or other sum is made at any time between the eleventh day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-six, and the said first day of July in respect of the matter arising on or after the said first day of July, and the owner of the copyright is a person whose usual place of abode is not within Great Britain or Northern Ireland, Rule 21 of the General Rules shall apply to the payment of or on account of the royalty or other sum as it applies to an annual payment not payable out of profits or gains brought into charge, and the person by or through whom the payment is made shall accordingly deduct and account for a sum representing the amount of the tax.

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.)

Amendment as to relief from Income Tax in respect of losses.

17. Resolved, That in the case of any person who under the provisions of sub-section (3) of section twenty-nine of the Finance Act, 1926, has elected to be charged to tax for the years 1927-28 and 1928-29 on the amount on which he would have been charged if that section had not passed, the provisions of section thirty-three of the said Act shall not apply to any loss sustained in any year earlier than the year 1928-29 or earlier than the year which under the provisions of section thirty-four of the said Act would be taken to be the year preceding the year 1929-30.

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.)

Basis of Assessment of Income Tax in
certain cases.

18. Resolved, That where a trade, profession,
or vocation has been set up and commenced, or
income first became chargeable under Case V.
of Schedule D, within the period of two years
immediately preceding the year next before
the year of assessment, Income Tax under
Schedule D shall be computed on the full
amount of the profits or gains or income of the
year preceding the year of assessment.

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.)

Transfer of sum from Road Fund to
Exchequer.

20. Resolved, That there shall be transferred
to the Exchequer from the Road Fund a sum
equal to the cash balance and investments
which were on the thirty-first day of March,
nineteen hundred and twenty-seven, standing
to the credit of that Fund.—(Mr. Chancellor
of the Exchequer.)

Resolutions to be reported.

Amendment of Law.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That
it is expedient to amend the Law relating to
the National Debt, Customs, and Inland
Revenue (including Excise), and to make
further provision in connection with Finance—
(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):

Whereupon Motion made, and Question,
That the Chairman do report Progress; and
ask leave to sit again—(Mr. McNeill),—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 House, according to Order, resolved
itself into the Committee on the Pacific Cable
Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Second Schedule.

Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 28, to leave
out the words " one thousand," in order to
insert the words " five hundred."

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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.:—

Bognor Gas and Electricity Bill [Lords].
Hastings Tramways Company (Trolley Vehicles) 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, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 1st day of April, That in the case of the following Bill, the Standing Orders, which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:—

Ouse Drainage Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Frimley and Farnborough District Water Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the London, Midland, and Scottish Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Statistical Abstract for the United Kingdom for each of the fifteen years from 1911 to 1925. Seventieth number.

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

Mr. McNeill presented pursuant to the Greek Loan directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account of 1898. of the Greek Loan of 1898 up to 31st March 1927.

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

Mr. Neville Chamberlain presented, pursuant Public Health directions to the House of the 1st day of April, That inquired into, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, which are applicable thereto, have been.
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Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

Standing Committee B, Diseases of Animals Bill [Lords].

No. 56.

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

No. 56.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Standing Committee be printed.

Bill 116.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee and on re-committal, be taken into consideration upon Thursday next; and be printed.

Memorial Mercantile Marine Memorial Bill.

Mr. Gosling reported from the Select Committee on the Mercantile Marine Memorial Bill, that they had examined the allegations of the Bill, and found the same to be true, and had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto.

No. 57.

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

Bill 115.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House for to-morrow; and be printed.

Police Districts (Scotland) Bill [Lords].

The Police Districts (Scotland) Bill [Lords] was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Bill 118.

Welsh Church (Burial Grounds) Bill [Lords].

The Welsh Church (Burial Grounds) Bill [Lords] was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Bill 119.

Poor Law Bill [Lords].

The Poor Law Bill [Lords] was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Bill 117.

Message from the Lords.

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

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Yeadon Waterworks Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

Yeadon Waterworks Bill [Lords].

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 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. Royal and Parliamentary Titles Act, 1927.
2. Sale of Food and Drugs Act, 1927.
3. Forestry Act, 1927.
7. Tyne Improvement Act, 1927.

Mr. James Hudson, supported by Mr. Snowe, Clubs Bill, Mr. Rosalyn Mitchell, Mr. Morgan Jones, Bill 114, Mr. George Hall, Mr. Cecil Wilson, Mr. David Grenfell, Viscountess Astor, Mr. Morris, Mr. Ernest Brown, Major Owen, and Mr. Ellis Davies, presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to the sale and supply of intoxicating liquors in clubs, and for purposes in connection therewith: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved Ways and Means.

Ways and Means.

Amendment of Law.

Question again proposed, That it is expedient to amend the Law relating to the National Debt, Customs, and Inland Revenue (including Excise), and to make further provision in connection with Finance:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again.—(Commander Eyres-Monsell),—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.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, by His Finance Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, [Sinking Fund] That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Finance [Sinking Fund] 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 make provision, among other matters, for amending the law relating to the National Debt, it is expedient to authorise, as respects the current financial year, the issue out of the Consolidated Fund in respect of the New Sinking Fund (1923) of the sum of fifteen million pounds in addition

Supply.

Trade Disputes and Trade Unions Bill.

Land Tax Commissioners Bill.

Royal Naval Reserve Bill.

Destructive Insects and Pests Bill.

Re-organisation of Offices (Scotland) Bill.

Post Office (Sites) Bill.

Betting Overseas (Prohibition) Bill.

Ouse Drainage Bill.

to the sum now authorised to be so issued in that respect.—(Mr. McNeill.)

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 11th day of this instant April;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trade Disputes and Trade Unions Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Land Tax Commissioners Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Royal Naval Reserve 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 Destructive Insects and Pests Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 23rd day of March last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Re-organisation of Offices (Scotland) 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 Post Office (Sites) 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 Betting Overseas (Prohibition) 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 Ouse Drainage 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 1926, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of the Rural District of Leigh, in the County Palatine of Lancaster, which was presented on the 17th day of March 1927, be approved.—(Colonel Askley.)

Ordered, That Mr. Ernest Evans be discharged from the Select Committee on Estimates, and that Mr. Sturge be added to the Committee.—(Colonel Gibbs.)

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

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

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Wednesday, 13th April 1927.

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

PRAYERS.

THE Order of the day being read, for taking London, Midland, and Scottish Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London and Home Counties Joint Electricity Authority (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 26th day of this instant April.

Lord Eustace Percy 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) dated 30th March 1927, entitled the State Scholarships Regulations, 1927; (2) dated 31st March 1927, entitled the Higher Education (Substantive Grant) Regulations, 1927.

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

Mr. McNeill presented, by His Majesty's Greek War Command,—Copy of Agreement for the settlement of the War Debt of Greece to Great Britain. With an exchange of Letters between the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Greek Minister in London.
Mr. McNeill also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account of Receipts and Payments in respect of the Land Registry for the year ended 31st March 1927.

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

East India (Loans raised in England.)

Earl Winterton presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Return of all Loans raised in England, chargeable on the Revenues of India, outstanding at the commencement of the half-year ended 31st March 1927.

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 made by the Minister of Labour under the Trade Boards Act, 1909, dated 6th April 1927, entitled the Boot and Shoe Repairing Trade Board (Great Britain) (District Trade Committee : Constitution and Proceeding) Regulations, 1927.

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

Standing Orders.

Major-General Sir Newton Moore reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders; which was read, as followeth:

That in the case of the Brighton Corporation Bill (Lords), Petition for additional Provision, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the parties be permitted to insert their additional Provision if the Committee on the Bill think fit.

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

Private Bills (Group D.)

Mr. Macpherson reported from the Committee on Group D of Private Bills; That, for the convenience of parties, the Committee had adjourned till Wednesday 27th April, at Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Public Petitions. First Report.

Sir William Bull, reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 17th, 18th, and 24th days of February last, the 11th, 23rd and 31st days of March last, and the 6th day of this instant April, and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.

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

Vinegar Bill.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Wednesday the 20th day of this instant April, the Vinegar Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 27th day of this instant April.

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The Order for reading a second time, upon Protection of Animals Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 27th day of this instant April.

Dr. SALTER, supported by Mr. BARR, Mr. Bosshyn Mitchell, Mr. Morgan Jones, Mr. George Hall, Mr. Cecil Wilson, Viscountess Astor, Bill 120, Mr. Morris, Mr. Haydn Jones, Mr. Ernest Brown, Mr. David Grenfell, and Mr. Ellis Davies, presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to the registration of clubs and the sale and supply of intoxicating liquor therein, and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 26th day of this instant April; and to be printed.

Resolved, That this House do meet to-morrow, at Eleven of the clock; that no the House. 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.)

The House, according to Order, resolved Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Amendment of Law.

Question again proposed, That it is expedient to amend the Law relating to the National Debt, Customs, and Inland Revenue (including Excise), and to make further provision in connection with Finance.

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.

Colonel Headlam reported from the Committee on Finance [Sinking Fund]; a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That for the purpose of any Act of the present Session to make provision, among other matters, for amending the law relating to the National Debt, it is expedient to authorise, as respects the current financial year, the issue out of the Consolidated Fund in respect of the New Sinking Fund (1923) of the sum of fifteen million pounds in addition to the sum now authorised to be so issued in that respect.

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

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 11th day of this instant April;
Ordered, That the Report be received upon Tuesday, the 26th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Police Districts (Scotland) Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 26th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Destructive Insects and Pests Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 26th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Welsh Church (Burial Grounds) Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 26th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trade Unions Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 2nd day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Stabilisation of Easter of Easter (Amendment) Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday the 4th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trade Disputes and Trade Unions Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 26th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Royal Naval Reserve Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee;  
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Tuesday the 26th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 23rd day of March last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Re-organisation of Offices (Scotland) Bill be now read a second time;  
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Tuesday the 26th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Post Office (Sites) Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 26th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Betting Overseas (Prohibition) Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 26th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Ouse Drainage Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 26th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Importation of Plumage (Prohibition) Act (1921) Amendment Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 27th day of this instant April.

The House, according to Order, resolved Mercantile Marine Memorial (re-committed) Bill into a Committee on the Mercantile Marine Memorial Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 to No. 4 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 Clubs Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 26th day of this instant April.

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 Tuesday the 26th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Stabilisation of Easter of Easter Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 26th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Auctioneers Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 26th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the First Second Reading of the First Offenders' Defence Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 27th day of this instant April.
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 Wednesday the 27th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Landlord and Tenant Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 26th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Leasold Enfranchisement Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 26th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the House of Commons Attendance Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 27th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Authorities (Banks) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 27th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Hairdressers' and Barbers' Shops (Sunday Closing) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 27th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Coal Mines (Abolition of Wheelless Tubs) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 27th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Squares and Enclosures (Preservation) (No. 2) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 27th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Succession (Scotland) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 27th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Shops (Hours of Employment) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 26th day of this instant April.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Exportation of Horses (No. 2) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 4th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Fancy Jewellery (Standard Trade Descriptions) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 27th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 8th day of this instant April, That the Coal Mines Bill be now read a second time;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Tuesday the 26th day of this instant April.

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.

THE Great Indian Peninsula Railway Annuities Bill [Lords] was read the third time and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

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.

The Westgate and Birchington Water Bill was read the third time and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the London, Midland, and Scottish Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Wednesday, the 27th day of this instant April.

The Commercial Gas Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

The Hastings Tramways Company (Trolley Vehicles) Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London and Home Counties Joint Electricity Authority (No. 2) Bill;
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Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Parliamentary Papers (Adjournment).

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

Copy of Convention between the United Kingdom and Denmark respecting Compensation to Workmen for Accidents arising out of their Employment. Signed at London, 18th November 1925. (Ratifications exchanged at London, 5th April 1927);

Copy of Appendix to the National Health Insurance Fund Accounts, 1924.

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

Secretary Sir Austen Chamberlain presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Nationality and Naturalisation Laws of certain Foreign Countries.

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

Mr. McNeill presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 6th April 1927, relative to the Interest and Sinking Fund payable on Loans made to Tanganyika Territory out of Moneys voted by Parliament.

Copy of Abstract Account of the Receipts and Payments of the King's and Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer in Scotland, in the year 1926, in the administration of Estates and Treasure Trove on behalf of the Crown; and of alphabetical List of Estates which fell to the Crown as Ultimus Heres in Scotland, administered by the King's and Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer, in the same year.

Mr. McNeill also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account of the Public Income and Expenditure of the United Kingdom in the year ended 31st March 1927, together with the Balances in the Exchequer on 1st April 1926; the Receipts and Payments (not being Income and Expenditure) in the year ended 31st March 1927; and the Balances in the Exchequer on that day.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Account relative to Public Income and Expenditure be printed.

Mr. Guinness presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order, made under the Diseases of Animals Acts, dated 14th April 1927, regarding the landing and defining the quarantine station of eight Camels from Algeria.

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 Order made under the Shops Act, 1912, by the Council of the aforementioned Local Authority, and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department:—

Urban District of Chiswick.

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

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Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Ministry of Labour for the year 1926.

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 Account of the Receipts and Expenditure under the Seamen's Fund Winding-up Act, for the year 1926.

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 I of the Electric Lighting Act, 1888, dispensing with the consent of the Wakefield Rural District Council in the case of the Ardsley, Methley, and District Electricity Special Order, 1927.

Colonel Ashley also presented, pursuant to Light Railways Acts and Railways Acts, the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Report of the Proceeding of the Railway and Transport on the Table.


Copies of Special Orders made by the Electricity Commissioners, and confirmed by the (Supply) Acts. Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919,—

(1) to authorise the Crowborough District Gas and Electricity Company to raise additional capital for electricity purposes;

(2) in respect of part of the Urban District of Tilbury, in the County of Essex, and for the amendment of the Romford and District Electric Lighting Order, 1913;

(3) in respect of the Urban District of Axminster, the Parishes of Axminster and Hamlets and Chardstock, in the Rural District of Axminster, in the County of Devon, and the Borough of Chard and the Parish of Chard, in the Rural District of Chard, in the County of Somerset;

(4) in respect of the Burgh of Peterhead, in the County of Aberdeen.

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:—

(1) Account of the Securities held by the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt at 31st December 1926, (a) as investments for moneys, forming part of the National Health Insurance Funds for England, Wales, and Scotland, respectively, paid over to them under the National Health Insurance Act, 1924; and (b) as investments for moneys of the Central Fund under the National Health Insurance Act, 1924; (2) Account of the Securities held by the said Commissioners at 31st March 1927 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 Order, dated 26th April 1927, entitled the County Court Fees (Amendment) Order, 1927.

Ordered, That the said Account be printed.

Mr. McNeill reported from the Committee of Ways and Means, of the 11th day of this instant April, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

1. That the Customs duty chargeable on tea until the first day of August, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven, shall continue to be charged on and after that date until the first day of August, nineteen hundred and twenty-eight, 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.

Additional Medicine Duty (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 two of the Finance Act, 1926, until the first day of August, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven, shall continue to be charged on and after that date until Parliament otherwise determines.

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.

Motor Tyres.

3. That the exemption in respect of tyres which is given by section three of the Finance Act, 1925, from the Customs duty thereby charged on the accessories and component parts of motor cars, motor bicycles, and motor tricycles shall cease to have effect on and after the twelfth day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven.

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.

Cinematograph Film in Sheets or Strips (Customs.)

4. That blank cinematograph film, for the purposes of the Customs duty charged thereon by section three of the Finance Act, 1925, shall, on and after the twelfth day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven, include all photographic sensitised sheets or strips of celluloid or other similar material which are of a length of not less than twelve feet, whatever the width of the sheets or strips may be, and that duty shall be charged on any such sheets or strips in proportion to their width.

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.

Wines (Customs).

5. That in lieu of the Customs duties now chargeable on wines imported into Great Britain or Northern Ireland, there shall, on and after the twenty-fifth day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven, be charged in the case of wines not being Empire products duties at the rates specified in Part I. of the following table, and in the case of wines being Empire products duties at the rates specified in Part II. of the said table:

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<td>Not exceeding 25 degrees proof spirit</td>
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<td>Exceeding 25 degrees and not exceeding 42 degrees</td>
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<td>Every degree or fraction of a degree above 42 degrees, an additional duty</td>
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<td>Still, in bottle, an additional duty</td>
<td>12 6</td>
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<td>Part II.</td>
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<td>Not exceeding 27 degrees proof spirit</td>
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<td>Exceeding 27 degrees and not exceeding 42 degrees</td>
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And it is declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution shall have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act, 1913.

British Wines (Excise).

6. That there shall be charged on sweets British sent out on or after the twenty-fifth day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven, from the premises of a maker of sweets for sale a duty of Excise at the rate of one shilling for every gallon.

Tobacco (Customs).

7. That in lieu of the Customs duties now chargeable on tobacco imported into Great Britain or Northern Ireland there shall, on and after the twelfth day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven, be charged the following duties, that is to say:

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<th>Description of Tobacco</th>
<th>Rate of Duty per Pound</th>
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<td>Unstripped - the pound</td>
<td>8 10</td>
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<td>Stripped - the pound</td>
<td>10 9</td>
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And it is declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution shall have statutory effect under the provisions of the Finance Act, 1925, shall, on and after the twelfth day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven, be charged the following duties, that is to say:

Upon tobacco unmanufactured, viz.:—

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Upon tobacco manufactured, viz.:

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<td>Cigars</td>
<td>16 d.</td>
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<td>Cigarettes</td>
<td>13 d.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Cavendish or Negro-headed</td>
<td>12 d.</td>
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<td>Cavendish or Negro-headed manufactured</td>
<td>11 2/3 d.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Other manufactured tobacco</td>
<td>11 2/3 d.</td>
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Snuff containing more than 13 lbs. of moisture in every 100 lbs. weight thereof:

- the pound 10 7 d.

Snuff not containing more than 13 lbs. of moisture in every 100 lbs. weight thereof:

- the pound 12 10 d.

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.

Tobacco (Excise).

8. That in lieu of the Excise duty now chargeable on tobacco grown in Great Britain or Northern Ireland there shall on and after the twelfth day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven, be charged the following duties, that is to say:

Upon tobacco unmanufactured, viz.:

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<td>Tobacco containing 10 lbs. or more of moisture in every 100 lbs. weight thereof</td>
<td>6 7/8 d.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Tobacco containing less than 10 lbs. of moisture in every 100 lbs. weight thereof</td>
<td>7 4/8 d.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Upon tobacco manufactured, viz.:</td>
<td>8 7/8 d.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cavendish or Negrohead manufactured in bond</td>
<td>8 7/8 d.</td>
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and so in proportion for any less quantity.

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.

Matches (Customs).

9. That in lieu of the Customs duty now chargeable upon matches imported into Great Britain or Northern Ireland there shall on and after the twelfth day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven, be charged the following duties, that is to say:

Containers in which there are not more than 10 matches—

- the pound 11 2/3 d.

For every 1,000 such containers:

- 6 0 d.

Containers in which there are more than 10 matches, but not more than 20 matches—

For every 1,000 such containers:

- 12 0 d.

Containers in which there are more than 20 matches, but not more than 50 matches—

For every 144 such containers:

- 4 2 s.

In respect of every additional 25 matches, or part of 25 matches, over 50 in a container—

For every 144 such containers, an additional duty of:

- 2 1 s.

Pottery.

11. That during a period of five years beginning on the nineteenth day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven, there shall be charged on the importation into Great Britain or Northern Ireland of articles of translucent pottery or of vitrified pottery, being either articles suitable for use in connection with the serving of food or drink or component parts of such articles, a duty of Customs at the rate of one pound and eight shillings for every hundredweight thereof.

Mechanically-propelled Vehicles.

12. That—

(1) in the case of vehicles registered under the Roads Act, 1920, in the name of a person engaged in agriculture and used solely by that person for the purpose of the conveyance of the produce of, and of articles required for the purposes of, the agricultural land which he occupies, and for no other purpose, there shall on and after the first day of January, nineteen hundred and twenty-eight, be charged, in lieu of the Excise duties now chargeable in respect of such vehicles under the Second Schedule to the Finance Act, 1920, as amended by the Finance Act, 1929, the following duties of Excise:

If the vehicle—

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<td>Does not exceed 12 cwt.</td>
<td>- 10 d.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Exceeds 12 cwt., but does not exceed 1 ton</td>
<td>- 16 d.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Exceeds 1 ton but does not exceed 2 tons</td>
<td>- 21 d.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Exceeds 2 tons</td>
<td>- 25 d.</td>
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(2) the said Second Schedule as amended shall have effect as if—

(a) for the words "used for haulage solely in connection with agriculture" in sub-paragraph (2) of paragraph (4) there were substituted the words "being vehicles registered under the Roads Act, 1920, in the name of a person engaged in agriculture, and used solely by that person for the haulage of the produce of, or of articles required for the purposes of, the agricultural land which he occupies, and for no other purpose"; and

(b) sub-paragraph (3) of paragraph (4) were omitted therefrom; and

(c) in sub-paragraph (4) of paragraph (4) for the words "used at any time otherwise than in connection with agriculture" there were substituted the words "otherwise than any such vehicles in respect of which duty is chargeable under sub-paragraph (1) or sub-paragraph (2) of this paragraph.

(3) references in any other enactment to the full amount of the duties chargeable in respect of any mechanically-propelled vehicles shall be construed as references to the duties chargeable under this Resolution in respect of those vehicles.

**Incomes Tax.**

**Charge of Tax.**

13. That—

(a) Income Tax shall be charged for the year beginning the sixth day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven, at the rate of four shillings in the pound, and the same Super-Tax shall be charged for that year as was charged for the year beginning the sixth day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-six, and twenty-six; and

(b) all such enactments as had effect with respect to the Income Tax and Super-Tax charged for the year beginning the sixth day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-six, shall have effect with respect to the tax charged for the year beginning the sixth day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven, subject to the provisions of Part IV. of the Finance Act, 1920; and

(c) 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-six, 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-seven;

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 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.

**Payment of Income Tax by Instalments.**

14. That subsection (2) of section one of the Payment of hundred and fifty-seven of the Income Tax Act, 1913, shall cease to have effect as far as it provides for the payment in two instalments of Income Tax charged under Schedule A.

**Income under certain Dispositions to be treated for purposes of Income Tax as Income of Disponent.**

15. That any income which by virtue of any disposition made directly or indirectly, by any person after the eleventh day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven (other than a disposition made for valuable and sufficient consideration) is payable to or applicable for the benefit of any other person, but exclusive of any income which—

(i) is payable to an individual for his own use for some period which exceeds six years or is applicable for the benefit of a named individual for such a period; or

(ii) arises from capital of which the disponent has by the disposition absolutely divested himself in favour or for the benefit of that other person;

shall for the purposes of the enactments relating to Income Tax (including Super-Tax) be deemed to be the income of the disponent and not to be for those purposes the income of any other person, and where by virtue of this provision any additional Income Tax or Super-Tax becomes chargeable on and is paid by the disponent, he shall be entitled to recover the amount of the tax so paid from any trustee or other person to whom the income is payable by virtue or in consequence of the disposition.

And it is declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution shall have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act, 1913.

**Income Tax on certain Copyright Royalties to be payable by deduction.**

16. That where any royalty or other sum is paid on or after the first day of July, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven, in respect of a copyright (not including a copyright in any dramatic work being a cinematograph production, or in any artistic work being a photograph intended to be used for the purpose of the exhibition of pictures or other optical effects by means of a cinematograph or other similar apparatus), or where any payment on account of any such royalty or other sum is made at any time between the eleventh day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven, and the said first day of July in respect of the matter arising on or after the said first day of July, and the owner of the copyright is a person whose usual place of abode is not within Great Britain or Northern Ireland, Rule 21 of the General Rules shall apply to the payment of or on account of the royalty or other sum as it applies to an annual payment not payable out of profits or gains brought into charge, and the person by or through whom the
17 Geo. V. 28th April.

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

Tellers for the [Mr. Frederick Thomson, 256.
Yeas, Captain Bowyer ;
Tellers for the [Mr. Parkinson, 137.
Noes, Mr. Whiteley ;

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being accordingly 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 [Mr. Frederick Thomson, 256.
Yeas, Captain Bowyer ;
Tellers for the [Mr. Parkinson, 143.
Noes, Mr. Whiteley ;

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer claimed,
That the Main Question be now put.

And the Question being accordingly put, Main
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 [Mr. Frederick Thomson, 250.
Yeas, Captain Bowyer ;
Tellers for the [Mr. Parkinson, 140.
Noes, Mr. Whiteley ;

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Second Resolution being read a second
time;
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 [Lord Stanley, 251.
Yeas, Captain Bowyer ;
Tellers for the [Mr. Fenby, 116.
Noes, Major Owen ;

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Third Resolution being read a second
time;
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 [Lord Stanley, 206.
Yeas, Captain Bowyer ;
Tellers for the [Mr. Fenby, 125.
Noes, Major Owen ;

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Fourth Resolution being read a second
time;

payment is made shall accordingly deduct and
account for a sum representing the amount of
the tax.

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.

Amendment as to relief from Income Tax
in respect of losses.

17. That in the case of any person
who under the provisions of subsection (3) of
section twenty-nine of the Finance Act, 1926,
having been charged to tax for the years
1927-28 and 1928-29 on the amount on which
he would have been charged if that section
had not passed, the provisions of section
thirty-three of the said Act shall not apply to
any loss sustained in any year earlier than the
year 1928-29 or earlier than the year which
under the provisions of section thirty-four of
the said Act would be taken to be the year
preceding the year 1929-30.

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.

Basis of Assessment of Income Tax in
certain cases.

18. That where a trade, profession, or
vocation has been set up and commenced, or
income first became chargeable under Case V.
of Schedule D, within the period of two years
immediately preceding the year next before
the year of assessment, Income Tax under
Schedule D shall be computed on the full
amount of the profits or gains or income of the
year preceding the year of assessment.

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.

General.

Estate Duty.

19. That the relief in respect of Estate
Duty given in certain cases in connection
with settled property by section sixteen of the
Finance Act, 1907, shall cease.

Transfer of sum from Road Fund to
Exchequer.

20. That there shall be transferred to
the Exchequer from the Road Fund a sum
equal to the cash balance and investments
in real property which were on the thirty-first day of March,
nineteen hundred and twenty-seven, standing
to the credit of that Fund.

The First Resolution being read a second
time;
An Amendment was proposed to be made
thereof, in l. 5, by leaving out the word
"fourpence," and inserting the words "one
penny" (Mr. Albert Alexander), instead
thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the
word "fourpence" stand part of the Resolution:
And a Debate arising thereupon;
Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer rose in his
place and claimed to move, That the Question
be now put.

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

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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 {Captain Bourger, Yees,}{Mr. Penny :}{242.
Tellers for the {Mr. Parkinson,}{Yees,}{Mr. Penny :}{133.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
The Fifth Resolution being read a second time;
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 Cope, Yees,}{Mr. Penny :}{251.
Tellers for the {Mr. Parkinson,}{Yees,}{Mr. Charles Edwards :}{124.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
The Sixth Resolution being read a second time;
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 Cope, Yees,}{Mr. Penny :}{244.
Tellers for the {Mr. Charles Edwards,}{Yees,}{Mr. Whiteley :}{120.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
Ordered, That consideration of the remaining Resolutions be now adjourned.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)
Ordered, That the Seventh and subsequent Resolutions be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 13th day of this instant April;
Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Police Districts (Scotland) Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Welsh Church (Burial (Grounds) Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Poor Law 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 Poor Law Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking Royal Naval Reserve 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 Destructive Insects and Pests Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Re-organisation of Offices (Scotland) Bill.
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Post Office (Sites) Bill; (Sites) 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 Betting (Overseas (Prohibition) 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 Ouse Drainage Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 23rd day of March last was proposed (Scotland)
to be made to the Question, That the Re-organisation of Offices (Scotland) 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 Post Office (Sites) 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 Royat Naval Reserve 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 Engineers Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the New Clubs 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 Clubs 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 Stabilisation of Easter 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 Stabilisation of Easter 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 (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 Shops (Hours of Employment) 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 Leasehold Enfranchisement Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Education in Prisons 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 (No. 2) 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 8th day of this instant April, That the Coal Mines Bill be now read a second time.  
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

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

PRAYERS.

The Order of the day being read, for taking London, Midland, and Scottish Railway Bill, as amended in the railway Bill Committee;  
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Friday next.

Secretary Sir William Joynson-Hicks presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Accounts of the Metropolitan Police and Police Courts between 1st April 1926 and 31st March 1927;  
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Secretary Sir Austen Chamberlain presented, Treaty Series No. 15, 1927.—Copy of Convention between His Britannic Majesty and His Majesty the King of Spain revising certain provisions of the Anglo-Spanish Treaty of Commerce and Navigation, of 31st October 1922, and Notes exchanged. Signed at London, 5th April 1927. (In continuation of Treaty Series, No. 21, 1924.)  
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—General Report and Accounts of the Conservators of the River Thames for 1926.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Selection Committee; That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee B.—Major Hills and Lieuten.-General Sir Arthur Holland; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Gates and Mr. Horland.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from Standing Committee B that the following Member from Standing Committee B (added in respect of the Landlord and Tenant (No. 2) Bill):—Sir George Harland; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Meller.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

Sir James Agg-Gardner reported from the House of Commons (Kitchen and Refreshment Rooms); That they had considered the matters to them referred, and directed him to make a Special Report thereof to the House.  
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

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The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Seventh and subsequent Resolutions which, upon the 29th day of this instant April, were reported from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 11th day of this instant April:

And the Seventh Resolution (Tobacco (Customs)) being read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made thereto, in l. 8, by leaving out "8s. 10d.,” and inserting "8s. 4d.”—(Mr. Dalton)—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That "8s. 10d.” stand part of the Resolution —And a Debate arising thereupon;

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put;

And the Question being put, That the words from the word " mines,” to the end of the Question, in 1. 8, by leaving out from the word " mines,” to the end of the Question, and adding the words "but recognises that steady progress is being made towards the attainment of safer conditions by means of regulation, research, inquiry, and inspection, as a result of which the safety of mining in the Country compares on the whole very favourably with that in other countries”—(Mr. George Hirst);

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, in 1. 2, by leaving out from the word " mines,” to the end of the Question, and adding the words “but recognises that steady progress is being made towards the attainment of safer conditions by means of regulation, research, inquiry, and inspection, as a result of which the safety of mining in the Country compares on the whole very favourably with that in other countries”—(Mr. Robert Hudson),—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. Robert Hudson, Yeas, 201.
Mr. Clarry ;
Mr. Penny ;
Mr. Hayes ;
Mr. Whiteley ;
Mr. Charles Edwards, 147.
So it was resolved in the Negative.

And the Question being accordingly put, That "8s. 10d.” stand part of the Resolution;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the {Major Sir George Yeas, 258.
Henessy, Mr. Penny ;
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Charles Edwards, 149.
Mr. Whiteley ;
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being accordingly 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 Cope, Yeas, 256.
Mr. Frederick Thomson ;
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Whiteley ;
Mr. Charles Edwards, 154.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer claimed, That the Main Question be now put.

And the Question being accordingly 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, 261.
Mr. Frederick Thomson ;
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Hayes ;
Mr. Whiteley ;
Mr. Charles Edwards, 158.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Eighth Resolution (Tobacco (Excise)) being read a second time;

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 {Mr. Frederick Thomson, Yeas, 207.
Mr. Penny ;
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Charles Edwards, 147.
Mr. Hayes ;
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Ninth Resolution (Matches (Customs)) being read a second time;

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 {Lord Stanley, Yeas, 241.
Captain Bowyer ;
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Parkinson, 134.
Mr. Barnes ;
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the {Mr. Robert Hudson, Yeas, 114.
Mr. Hayes ;
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Charles Edwards, 201.
Mr. Clarry ;
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 Second Reading of the Local Government 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 Liquor (Popular Control) 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 Wednesday the 1st day of June 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 Wednesday the 1st day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Importation of Plumage (Prohibition) 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 First Offenders' Defence 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 (Banks) 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 Hairdressers' and Barbers' Shops (Sunday Closing) 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 Coal Mines (Abolition of Wheelless Tubs) 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 London Squares and Enclosures (Preservation) (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 Succession (Scotland) 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.

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

Ordered, That consideration of the remaining Resolutions be now adjourned.—(Commander Eyres-Monsell.)
Ordered, That the Eleventh and subsequent Resolutions be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

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

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

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

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Police Districts (Scotland) Bill [Lords].

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Police Districts (Scotland) Bill [Lords];

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

Welsh Church (Burial Grounds) Bill [Lords].

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Welsh Church (Burial Grounds) Bill [Lords];

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

Poor Law Bill [Lords].

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Poor Law Bill [Lords];

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

Land Tax Commissioners Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Land Tax Commissioners Bill;

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

Royal Naval Reserve Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Royal Naval Reserve Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee;

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

Destructive Insects and Pests Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Destructive Insects and Pests Bill;

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

Re-organisation of Offices (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 23rd day of March last was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Re-organisation of Offices (Scotland) Bill be now read a second time.

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till to-morrow.

Post Office (Sites) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Post Office (Sites) Bill;

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

Betting Overseas (Prohibition) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Betting Overseas (Prohibition) Bill;

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

Ouse Drainage Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Ouse Drainage Bill;

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

Diseases of Animals Bill [Lords].

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Diseases of Animals Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee and on recommittal;

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

Ordered, That Captain Craig be discharged from the Committee of Public Accounts.

Ordered, That Sir Malcolm Macnaghten be added to the Committee.—(Colonel Gibbs.)

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

[No. 51.]

Thursday, 28th April 1927.

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

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Provisional Orders made under the Destructive Insects and Pests Acts.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading applicable thereto, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz. — (Colonel Gibbs.)

Ministry of Health Provisional Orders (No. 4) Bill.

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

The House proceeded to take into consideration the West Bromwich Corporation Bromwich Bill, as amended in the Committee.

And Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London and Home Counties Joint Electricity Authority (No. 2) Bill;

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

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-seven, to the thirtieth day of September, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-eight, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Mr. Guinness presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries Act, 1923, relating to the Rivers Ouse and Cam and other waters:—Orders 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, pursuant to the provisions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders made under the Destructive Insects and Pests Acts.
and Pests Acts, dated 22nd April 1927, entitled—
(1) The Importation of Raw Cherries Order 1927;
(2) The Sale of Diseased Plants Order, 1927.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Prime Minister.

Mr. Charles Edwards : f
Mr. Fenby : 242.
Mr. Parkinson : 143.
Mr. Mitchell-Thomson 

Col. 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 Burnham-on-Crouch and part of the Rural District of Maldon, in the County of Essex;
(2) part of the Rural District of Darlington, in the County of Durham, and part of the Rural District of Croft, in the North Riding of the County of York.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Copy of Draft Regulations entitled the Post Office Annuity and Insurance Regulations, 1927.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. McNeill presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of (1) Statement of Guarantees which the Treasury have given to completion of the scheme on 31st March 1927; (2) Account up to 31st March 1927 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; and (3) Statement of amounts payable under the undertakings given under Section 2 of the Trade Facilities Act, 1924, during the year ended 31st March 1927.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee B (added in respect of the Landlord and Tenant (No. 2) Bill):—Mr. Atkinson; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Lloyd.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Colonel Sir Joseph Nall reported from the Committee on 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. Macpherson reported from the Committee on Group D of Private Bills; That, for the convenience of parties, the Committee had adjourned till Monday next, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Proceedings upon the Business of Reports of the Committee of Ways and Means the House, of 11th April last and 13th April last have precedence this day of the Business of Supply. (The Prime Minister.)

The House, according to Order, proceeded Ways and Means subsequent Resolutions which, upon the 26th Report, day of this instant April, were reported from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 11th day of this instant April.

The Eleventh Resolution (Pottery) being read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made thereto, in l. 6, by adding, at the end thereof, the words,—

"Provided that the duty to be charged shall not exceed thirty-three and one-third per cent. ad valorem."—(Mr. Harris.)

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
Sir Robert Hutchinson, Yeas, 
Mr. Fenby : 142.
Mr. Lord Stanley : 242.

Tellers for the
Sir Harry Burniston, Nocs, 

So it passed in the Negative.

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
Mr. Frederick Thoms, Yeas, 
Mr. Lord Stanley : 243.

Tellers for the
Mr. Parkinson, Nocs, 
Mr. Charles Edwards : 144.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

The Fifteenth Resolution (Income under certain Dispositions to be treated for purposes of Income Tax as Income of Disponent) being read a second time;
And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution;
The House proceeded to a Division.

Mr. Deputy Speaker stated that he thought Division the Ayes had it; and, on his decision being unnecessarily challenged, it appeared to him that 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, no Member who challenged his decision having stood up.

The Sixteenth to Nineteenth Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.
The Twentieth Resolution (Transfer of sum from Road Fund to Exchequer) being read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made thereto, in l. 2, by inserting, after the word "to," the words "twenty-five per cent. of."

—(Mr. Snowden.)

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 Yeas, 
Mr. Hayes, 
Mr. Benjamin Smith: 127.
Tellers for the Noes, 
Mr. Penny: 234.

So it passed in the Negative.

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, 
Sir Harry Barnston, 
Major Sir George Hennessy: 232.
Tellers for the Noes, 
Mr. Hayes, 
Mr. Benjamin Smith: 126.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Major Cope reported from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 13th day of this instant April, 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 therewith, and with Finance.
The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the said Resolutions and upon the Resolutions reported from the Committee of Ways and Means, and upon the Resolution reported from a Committee of the whole House on the 13th day of this instant April, and agreed to by the House on that day and on the 27th day of this instant April, and upon the Resolution reported from a Committee of the whole House on the 13th day of this instant April, and agreed to by the House on that day: And that the Chairman of Ways and Means, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Mr. McNeill do prepare and bring it in.

Finance Bill. 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 therewith, and 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 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 Police Second Reading of the Police Districts (Scotland) Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Welsh Church Second Reading of the Welsh Church (Burial Grounds) Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Poor Law Second Reading of the Poor Law Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Land Tax Committee on the Land Tax Commissioners Commissioners' Generals' Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Royal Naval into consideration the Royal Naval Reserve Reserve 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 Destructive Second Reading of the Destructive Insects and Pests Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Re-organise the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, under Offices (Scotland) Bill, upon the 23rd day of March last, was proposed thereon, to be made to the Question, That the Re-organisation of Offices (Scotland) 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 Post Office Second Reading of the Post Office (Sites) Bill; (Sites) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking Diseases into consideration the Diseases of Animals Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee, and on recommittal;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ouse Overseas (Prohibition) Bill;
The Ministry of Health Provisional Orders (No. 4) 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, 1861, relating to Plymouth and Southend-on-Sea; And the same was read the first time.

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

Colonel Ashley presented a Bill to confirm a Sheffield Provisional Order made by the Minister of Transport under the Tramways Act, 1870, relating to 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.

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

Sir William Mitchell Thomson presented, by Trans-Atlantic Wireless Telephony.

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

Lord Eustace Percy presented, pursuant to Diocese of Winchester (Division) Measure, 1923.—Copy of Orders in Council, dated 22nd April 1927, founding the Bishoprics of Ports- mouth and Guildford.

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

Mr. McNeill presented, by His Majesty's Vote of Command,—Copy of Statement showing the Credit (Cash) Transactions in the year ended 31st March 1926, in respect (a) of Vote of Credit, 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.

Mr. McNeill also presented, pursuant to the Bankruptcy directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Account showing the Receipts and Expenditure on account of Bankruptcy and Companies (Winding Up) Proceedings during the year ended 31st March 1927, prepared in accordance with Section 15 (1) of the Economy (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1926.

Copy of Treasury Minutes, under the Public Accounts and Charges Act, 1891, dated 27th April 1927, directing the application of certain 1891 Receipts as Appropriations in Aid of the Vote for the Dominions Office and the Vote for the Middle Eastern Services.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Married Women (Employment) Bill;
And notice being taken, at twelve minutes after Eleven of the clock, that Forty Members were not present, the House was told by Mr. Speaker, and Thirty-three Members only being present Mr. Speaker retired from the Chair; and, it not being Four of the clock, and other Members having come into the House, Mr. Speaker again counted the House, and Forty Members being present Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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. Remer.)

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 Robert Newman , } 63.
Yea.

Tellers for the {Mr. Pethick-Lawrence , } 84.
No.

Captain Bourne :

So it passed in the Negative.
And the Question being put, That the words "upon this day six months" be added at the end of the Question:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the Main Question, so amended, being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon this day six months.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tithe Redemption (Charges) 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 Protection of Dogs Bill;

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

And it being Four of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Monday next.

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 Friday the 24th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Coal (Selling Price Agreements) 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 Commonwealth of India Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Widows', Second Reading of the Widows', Orphans', and Old Age Contributory Pensions Act (1925) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 24th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Sale of Second Reading of the Sale of Honours (Prohibition) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Landlord and Tenant Bill;

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

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

Resolved, That this House will, 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.

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.

The West Bromwich Corporation Bill was West Bromwich 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,—Local Government Copy of Order under the Local Government Act, 1888, entitled the Leicestershire (Langton) Confirmation Order, 1927.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
The Order of the day being read, for the Police
Second Reading of the Police Districts (Scotland) Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Welsh Church
Second Reading of the Welsh Church (Burial Grounds) Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Poor Law
Second Reading of the Poor Law Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Land Tax
Committee on the Land Tax Commissioners Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Royal Naval Reserve 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 Destructive Insects and Pests Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Re-organisation of Offices (Scotland) Bill
to-morrow.
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Post Office
Second Reading of the Post Office (Sites) Bill; (Sites) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
to-morrow.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Ouse
Drainage Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Diseases of Animals
Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee, and on recommittal;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration 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.

Maternity Benefit Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Maternity Benefit Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

New Clubs Bill.

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

Clubs Bill.

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

Stabilisation of Easter Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Stabilisation of Easter Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Shops (Hours of Employment) Bill.

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

Education in Prisons Bill.

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

Mental Deficiency (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Mental Deficiency (No. 2) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Coal Mines Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 8th day of April last, That the Coal Mines Bill be now read a second time;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

Local Authorities (Banks) Bill.

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

Roadside Petrol Pumps Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Roadside Petrol Pumps Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 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 Thursday next.

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

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Protection the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed of Dogs Bill upon the 29th day of April last, That the Protection of Dogs Bill be now read a second time;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday the 30th day of this instant May.

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

[No. 54.]

Tuesday, 3rd May 1927.

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

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report Provisional Orders Bills (Standing Orders applicable to Bills referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz. :—

Ministry of Health Provisional Orders (No. 5) Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report Provisional Orders Bills (Standing Orders applicable to Bills referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz. :—

Gainsborough Bridge Bill [Lords].
Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report Private Bills (Standing Orders applicable to Bills referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz. :—

Private Bils from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading applicable thereto have been complied with, viz. :—

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

The London, Midland, and Scottish Railway Bill was read the third time and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Captain King presented a Bill to confirm Bolton and certain Provisional Orders made by one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State under the Public Health Act, 1872, relating to Bolton and Kingston-upon-Hull: And the Bill 125. 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, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Twenty-fifth 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 Company in working the Railway, for the year 1925-26.

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

Mr. William Nicol reported from the Chairmen's Panel; That they had appointed him to act as Chairman of Standing Committee B (in respect of the Landlord and Tenant (No. 2) Bill).

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Feltwell Fuel Allotment Bill.

Col. Spender-Clay presented a Bill to confirm a Scheme of the Charity Commissioners for the application or management of the charity known as the Fuel Allotment, in the Ancient Parishes of Feltwell St. Mary and Feltwell St. Nicholas, in the County of Norfolk: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next; and to be printed.

Colonel Spender-Clay presented a Bill to confirm a Scheme of the Charity Commissioners for the application or management of the charity consisting of the Calvinistic Chapel at Thornton Rust, in the Parish of Aysgarth, in the North Riding of the County of York, and of the trust property held in connection with the said chapel: 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 adjourned Debate on the Administration of Offices (Scotland) Bill, which, upon the 23rd day of March last, was adjourned till to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Diseases of Animals Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee, and on recommittal;

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Diseases of Animals Bill (in respect of the Landlord and Tenant (No. 2) 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.

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

Ordered, That a Select Committee of Six Members be appointed to consider the present allocation of time for such Public Business (whether Bills or Motions) as is not Government Business, and to report whether any alterations in the Standing Orders relating to the transaction of such business are desirable.

The Committee was nominated of Lord Hugh Cecil, Sir Park Goff, Mr. Thomas Kennedy, Mr. Lees-Smith, Major Ovens, and Sir Robert Saunders.

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 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 Illegal Trawling (Scotland) Penalties Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed Long Penalties Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon the 25th day of March last, That the Feu Penalties Bill.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Re-organisation of Offices (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 Diseases of Animals Bill (Lords), as amended in the Standing Committee, and on recommittal;

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

Duties and Long Leases (Scotland) Bill be now read a second time;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Tuesday next.

Auctioneers
Bill.

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

Local
Government
Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Liquor
(Popular
Control)
Bill,

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Liquor (Popular Control) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

First
Offenders’
Defence
Bill,

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the First Offenders’ Defence Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Betting
(Juvenile
Messengers)
(Scotland)
Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Betting (Juvenile Messengers) (Scotland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Parish
Councils
(National
Association
Expenses)
(No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Parish Councils (National Association Expenses) (No 2) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Urban
District
Councillors
Election
Bill,

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Urban District Councillors Election Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Fancy
Jewellery
(Standard
Trade
Descriptions) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Fancy Jewellery (Standard Trade Descriptions) 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.

Wednesday, 4th May 1927.

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

P R A Y E R S .

THE Ministry of Health Provisional Orders (No. 5) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

Mr. Guinness presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order under the Diseases of Animals Acts, dated 27th April 1927, entitled the Animals (Landing from Ireland, Channel Islands, and Isle of Man) Amendment Order, 1927.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Lord Eustace Percy presented, pursuant to Foreign Jurisdiction Acts, dated 22nd April 1927, entitled the Foreign Jurisdiction (Military Forces) Order in Council, 1927.
Copy of Orders in Council under the Government of Ireland Act, 1920, dated 22nd April 1927, entitled—
(1) The Land Purchase (Northern Ireland) Order, 1927 (Provisional);
(2) The Supreme Court of Judicature (Northern Ireland) Order, 1927.
Copy of Order in Council, under the Merchant Shipping Acts, dated 22nd April 1927, entitled the Merchant Shipping (Anti-Scorbutics) Order in Council, 1927.
Copy of Order in Council, under the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865, dated 22nd April 1927, approving Admiralty Memorial relating to payment of a continuous daily allowance to Royal Marines employed as armourers at St. Helena.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Air Force Act, 1917.
—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 Instruction for the Royal Air Force.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir William Joynson-Hicks presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Compensation Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, dated 30th April 1927, entitled the Workmen’s Compensation (Industrial Diseases) Order, 1927.
Secretary Sir William Joynsan-Hicks also intimated, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, —Copy of the Metal Grinding (Silicosis) Scheme, 1927, dated 30th April 1927.

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:

Account showing the Receipts and Expenditure in respect of the High Court of Justice and of the Court of Appeal during the year ended 31st March 1927.

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 Reading Gas Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Farnham Gas and Electricity Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to increase the capital and borrowing powers of the Yorkshire Electric Power Company; to confer further powers on that 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 consolidate, with Amendments, the provisions of the Deed of Constitution Acts Order and Regulations under which the Scottish Provident Institution is carrying on its business; to confer further powers on the Institution, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to repeal and amend certain provisions of the North British and Mercantile Insurance Company's Act, 1920; to confer further powers on the 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 authorise the Maidstone Waterworks Company to construct new works and to raise additional capital; to confirm the construction of certain existing works and the acquisition 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 Mayor, Aldermen, Citizens and Burgesses of the City and Borough of Peterborough to lay out and develop lands and erect and maintain buildings in the City of Peterborough; to authorise the establishment of a consolidated loans fund, 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 South Staffordshire Mond Gas 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 increase the capital and borrowing powers of the Yorkshire Electric Power Company, Limited, Bill [Lords] was read the second time. Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Scottish Provident Institution Bill Scottish Provident Institution Bill [Lords] was read the first time. Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The North British and Mercantile Insurance Company, Limited, Bill [Lords] was read the first time. Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Maidstone Water Bill [Lords] was read the first time. Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Peterborough Corporation Bill [Lords] Peterborough Corporation Bill [Lords] was read the first time. Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The South Staffordshire Mond Gas Company South Staffordshire Mond Gas Company Bill [Lords] was read the first time. Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Ministry of Health Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill; That they had considered the Orders therein contained; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, 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 Southern Railway Bill; That in pursuance of the Resolution of the House of the 28th day of March last, the additional provision referred to in the said 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.

The Chairman of Ways and Means, reported War Risks Reserve Funds) Bill, with an Amendment. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Commercial Gas 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.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 2nd day of this instant May, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Trade Disputes and Trade Unions Bill be now read a second time;

Which Amendment was to leave out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, to add the words "upon this day six months."

And the Question being again proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Mr. Speaker called the attention of the House to the continued disorderly conduct of Mr. Beckett, Member for Gateshead, and named him for disregarding the authority of the Chair:

Whereupon a Motion was made, and the Question being put, That Mr. Beckett be suspended from 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 Yeas, Commanders

Monsell, Eyres

Monsell

Colonel Gibbes:

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Barker,

Mr. Batey:

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being again proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:—The House resumed the Debate;

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, in the opinion of this House, the necessary degree of efficiency and economy can only be effected by reducing the Departments of State to nine in number and constituting them as follows:

Treasury:—
Chancellor of the Exchequer, Financial Secretary, Paymaster General, five Lords Commissioners.

Agriculture and Fisheries:—
Minister, Agricultural and Forestry Secretary, Fisheries Secretary, Works and Lands Secretary, Duchy of Lancaster Secretary.

Defence:—
Minister, Navy Secretary, Army Secretary, Air Secretary, Non-effective and Pensions Secretary, Supply and Civilian Services Secretary.

Dominions and Colonies:—
Minister, India Secretary, Dominion Secretary, Colonies Secretary, Trade Secretary.

Industry and Trade:—
Minister, Transport Secretary, Labour Secretary, General Post Office Secretary, Ports and Navigation Secretary, Home Trade Secretary.

Foreign:—
Minister, Diplomatic Secretary, Consular and Trade Secretary.

Home:—
Minister, Attorney General, Solicitor General, Home Affairs Secretary.

Education and Health:—
Minister, Education Secretary, Health and Housing Secretary, Insurance and Pensions Secretary.

Scotland:—
Minister, Lord Advocate, Solicitor General, Under Secretary.—(Colonel Heneage.)

And noticing 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-four minutes after Nine of the clock, without a Question first put, till to-morrow.

The London and Home Counties Joint London and Electricity Authority (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

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.

Colonel Ashley presented a Bill to confirm a Cardiff Provisional Order made by the Minister of Transport under the Tramways Act, 1870, relating to Cardiff Corporation Tramways; Order Bill. And the same was read the first time. Bill 128.

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.
Earl Winterton presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Draft Indian Church Measure introduced to the National Assembly of the Church of England by order of the House of Bishops, and Draft Indian Church Statutory Rules proposed to be made under Clause 5 of the Indian Church Bill if it passes into Law.

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

Mr. McNeill presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Statement showing the Staffs employed in Government Departments.

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

Mr. Short reported from Standing Committee B, to whom the Police (Appeals) 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.

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Copy of Statement showing the Gross and Net total Cost of the Civil Services and Revenue Departments, and the Navy, Army, and Air Services, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1926.—(Mr. McNeill.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Statement showing the Gross and Net total Cost of the Civil Services and Revenue Departments, and the Navy, Army, and Air Services, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1926.—(Mr. McNeill.)

Standing Committee B, Police (Appeals) Bill.

No. 63.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Standing Committee be printed.

Bill 129.

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

Manchester Corporation Bill.

Mr. Macpherson reported from the Committee on the Manchester 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.

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

Private Bills (Group D).

Mr. Macpherson reported from the Committee on the following Private Bills: That, for the convenience of parties, the Committee had adjourned till Monday next, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

SIR ARTHUR SHIRLEY BEECH reported from the Joint Committee on Indian Affairs, and request Committee of the Commons as a Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

Mr. Rainie reported from the Local Legislation Committee (Section B); That in the case of the Grimsby 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.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on the Trade Unions and Disputes and Trade Unions Bill have precedence this day of the Business of Supply.—(The Prime Minister); The House divided.

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

And the Question being put, That the Question put, That the Trade Disputes and Trade Unions Bill be now read a second time; and be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Trade Disputes and Trade Unions Bill be now read a second time; and be printed.

Which Amendment was, to leave out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, to add the words "upon this day six months:"

And the Question being again proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question.—The House resumed the adjourned Debate.

Mr. Attorney General rose in his place and charged the following Members with standing Committee H. General Charteris, and Commander Cochrane; and had appointed in substitution: Sir Henry Castle, Lord Erskine, and Captain Hacking.

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:—Colonel Applin, Brigadier General Charteris, and Commander Cochrane; and had appointed in substitution: Sir Henry Castle, Lord Erskine, and Captain Hacking.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Sir Arthur Shirley Beech reported from the Private Bills Committee on Group E 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. Rainie reported from the Local Legislation Committee (Section B); That in the case of the Grimsby 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.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on the Trade Unions and Disputes and Trade Unions Bill have precedence this day of the Business of Supply.—(The Prime Minister); The House divided.

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

And the Question being again proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question.—The House resumed the adjourned Debate.

Mr. Attorney General 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 Yeas, Commander Eyres; Monsell, Colonel Gibbs: 289.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Charles Edwards; Mr. Whiteley: 126.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Trade the adjourned Debate on the Amendment Disputes and which, upon the 2nd day of this instant May, Bill was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Trade Disputes and Trade Unions Bill be now read a second time:

Which Amendment was, to leave out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, to add the words "upon this day six months:"

And the Question being again proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question.—The House resumed the adjourned Debate.

Mr. Attorney General 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 Yeas, Commander Eyres; Monsell, Colonel Gibbs: 388.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Parkinson, Mr. Charles Edwards: 168.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
And the Question being accordingly put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the Yeas,
Commander Eyres-Monsell, 386.
Colonel Gibbs:
Tellers for the Noes,
Mr. Hayes, 171.
Mr. Thomas Hea-A

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Royal Naval Reserve 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 Destructive Insects and Pests Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Re-organisation of Offices (Scotland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Post Office (Sites) 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 Diseases of Animals Bill (Lords), as amended in the Standing Committee, and on recommittal;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Coal Mines (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 Leasehold Enfranchisement 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 Maternity Benefit Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Stabilisation of Easter Bills;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 1st day of July next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Roadside Petrol Pumps Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Licensing Act (1921) 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 Bona Fide Travellers 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 Stabilisation of Dams, Embankments, and Reservoirs 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 Leasehold Enfranchise-ment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Landlord and Tenant 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 Maternity Benefit Bill;
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Police (Widows' Pensions 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 Omnibuses 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 Exportation of Horses (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 Hairdressers' and Barbers' Shops (Sunday Closing) 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 Coal Mines (Abolition of Wheelless Tube) 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 London Squares and Enclosures (Preservation) (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 Succession (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 Fancy Jewellery (Standard Trade Descriptions) Bill;

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

Mr. McNeU presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 5th day of this instant May, for a Return relative to Public Departments (Gross and Net Cost, 1925-26.)

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

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

[No. 57.]

Friday, 6th May 1927.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PrayErs.

Colonel Ashley presented a Bill to con- stitute a Provisional Order made by the Minister of Transport under the St. Helens Corporation Act, 1921, relating to St. Helens 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.

Major Elliot presented, pursuant to the National directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Insurance Regulations made by the Scottish Board of Health, dated 5th April 1927, entitled the Regulations. National Health Insurance (Insurance Panel and Pharmaceutical Committees) Amendment Regulations (Scotland), 1927.

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

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords, dated the 5th day of this instant May, for a Return relative to Public Departments (Gross and Net Cost, 1925-26.) was the 5th day of this instant May, for a Return relative to Public Departments (Gross and Net Cost, 1925-26.)

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of 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 declines to give a Second Reading to a Bill which would extend bureaucratic interference with industry, and at the same time would fail to achieve its pros- pected objects"—(Mr. Herbert Williams)—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. George Hall 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,

Mr. Parkinson, Mr. Thomas Henderson 112.

Tellers for the Noes,

Mr. Herbert Williams, Dr. Vernon Davies : 177.

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 to give a Second Reading to a Bill which would extend bureaucratic interference with industry, and at the same time would fail to achieve its professed objects.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Authorities (Enabling) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Coal (Selling Price Agreements) 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 Commonwealth of India 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 Honours (Prohibition) 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 eight minutes after Four of the clock, till Monday next.

Question put (pursuant to S.O. Closure of Debate.)
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Police Districts (Scotland) 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 taking into consideration the Diseases of Animals Bill [Lords, as amended in the Standing Committee, and on recommittal:
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Midwives and Maternity Homes (Scotland) Bill,
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Parish Councils (National Association Expenses) (No. 2) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public House 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 Local Authorities (Banks) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Coal Mines (No. 2) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Shops (Hours of Employment) 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 Mental Deficiency (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 New Clubs 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 in Prisons Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 8th day of April last, That the Coal Mines 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 Local Authorities (Enabling) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 17th day of this instant May.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment, 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 seventeen minutes after Eleven of the clock without a Question first put, till to-morrow.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Authorities (Enabling) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 17th day of this instant May.

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

PRAYERS.

M R. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bills, originating in the Lords, and previously referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, with which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:
Yorkshire Electric Power Bill [Lords].
Scottish Provident Institution Bill [Lords].
North British and Mercantile Insurance Company, Limited, Bill [Lords].
Maidstone Water Bill [Lords].
South Staffordshire Mord Gas Company Bill [Lords].
Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report 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.
Sheffield Corporation Tramways Provisional Order Bill.
Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time to-morrow.
The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Metropolitan Water Board Bill; That in pursuance of the Resolution of the House of the 4th day of April last, the Committee had inserted in the Bill the additional provision referred to in the said Resolution.

The Chairman of Ways and Means further reported from the Committee; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee; and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

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

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported the Bristol Water Bill, with Amendments.

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

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

(In the Committee.) Civil Estimates, 1927.

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Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £66,846 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 1928 for the Salaries and Expenses of 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 meet Deficit in Ramsgate Harbour Fund, Advances to Caledonian and Crinan Canals, and for Expenditure in connection with the Severn Barrage Investigation:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £66,746 be granted for the said Service—(Lieutenant-Commander Kenworthy);

And it being Eleven of the clock, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means acquainted the House that the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred: and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means Committee 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 Audit (Local Authorities) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Police (Appeals) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Royal Naval Reserve Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Royal Naval Reserve Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Re-organisation of Offices (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 23rd day of March last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Re-organisation of Offices (Scotland) Bill be now read a second time;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till to-morrow.

Post Office (Sites) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Post Office (Sites) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Diseases of Animals Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Diseases of Animals Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee, and on recommittal;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Indian Affairs.

Ordered, That the Lords' Message of the 5th day of this instant May, 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 Robert Hamilton, Colonel Howard-Bury, Sir Alfred Knox, Mr. Wardlaw-Milne, Sir Frank Nelson, Mr. Pitcher, Mr. Scour, Mr. Snell, Mr. Wallhead, and Sir Victor Warrender 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.)

Feltwell Fuel Allotment Bill.

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

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The Order of the day being read, for the Thornton Second Reading of the Thornton Rust Calvinistic Chapel Charity Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Illegal 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 resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 25th day of March last, That the Peu Duties and Long Leases (Scotland) 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 Auctioneers Second Reading of the Auctioneers Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Second Reading of the Local Government Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Liquor Second Reading of the Liquor (Popular Control) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the First Second Reading of the First Offenders' Defence Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Betting Second Reading of the Betting (Juvenile Messengers) (Scotland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Urban Second Reading of the Urban District Councillors Election Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Leasehold Second Reading of the Leasehold Enfranchisement Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Maternity Benefit Bill;

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

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

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Wednesday, 11th May 1927.

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

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders, which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:—

London County Council (Money) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Commercial Gas Bill [Lords] as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Manchester Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Southern Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Ministry of Health Provisional Orders (No. 4) 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 Ouse and Cam Fisheries Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The Sheffield Corporation Tramways Sheffield Corporation Tramways Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on the Derwent Valley Water Board Bill; That they had examined the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same.
as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

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

Message from the Lords.

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to enable the Urban District Council of Aberdare to execute street improvements; to authorise them to discontinue trolley vehicle services; to confer further powers on them with respect to tramways and omnibuses; the supply of electricity and water, and the health, local government, and improvement of their District, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Aberdare Urban District Council Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

Sir Thomas Robinson reported from the Local Legislation Committee (Section A); That in the case of the Newcastle-upon-Tyne 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 Bridgford Urban District Council 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 Torquay 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 confer further powers upon the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Torquay with respect to their Water and Electricity Undertakings and the Local Government of the Borough, and for other purposes.

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on the Trade Disputes and Trade Unions 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 Feltwell Fuel Allotment Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Thornton Rust Calvinistic Chapel Charity Bill was, according to Order read, a second time.
Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Chapel Committee of the whole House to-morrow.
—(Colonel Spender-Clay.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Fancy Jewellery Jewellery (Standard Trade Descriptions) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Postponed Proceeding resumed.
Motion made, and Question put, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. James Henry Thomas.)
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the: Mr. Parkinson, Mr. Barnes: 128.
Yeaas, Mr. Burnes: 125.
Nees, Colonel Gibbs, Major Sir George Hensley: 253.

Thursday, 12th May 1927:

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l, 6, to leave out subsection (1), in order to insert the words,—

"(1) Where any trade dispute exists or is threatened the object or natural consequence whereof either alone or in addition to the furtherance of a dispute between employers and workmen is or would be to coerce the Government or the community such dispute shall be deemed to be illegal and the persons or parties taking part therein shall not be protected from any civil action by reason of anything in any of the Trade Union Acts, 1871 to 1917, or the Emergency Powers Act, 1920.
Notwithstanding anything in the foregoing provision section three of the Conspiracy and Protection of Property Act, 1875, shall continue to apply to protect any person or persons actually taking part in such dispute."—(Captain T. J. O'Connor.)

Question proposed, That the words "It is hereby" stand part of the Clause:
Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again—(Mr. Attorney General),—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 the Supply Committee of Supply;
Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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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 Audit (Local Authorities) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Police (Appeals) 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 taking into consideration the Royal Naval Reserve 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 concluding the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 23rd day of March last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Re-organisation of Offices (Scotland) 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 Post Office (Sites) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Diseases of Animals Bill (Lords), as amended in the Standing Committee, and on recommittal;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration 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 twenty-seven minutes before One of the clock on Thursday morning, till this day.

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 Leicester (Bosworth Division), in the room of Captain Robert Gee, v.c., m.c., 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.—(Colonel Gibbs.)

Secretary Sir William Joynson-Hicks presented, for the 9th day of this instant May for a Return relative to Aliens (Naturalisation).


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

Sir John Ganzoni reported from the Com- mittee on Group D of Private Bills; That, for the convenience of parties, the Committee had adjourned till Monday next, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

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 Government of India (Indian Navy) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Chelsea Borough Council (Superannuation and Pensions) Bill, without any Amendment.

Mr. Trevelyan, supported by Sir Martin Conway, Mr. Johnston, Mr. Livingstone, Colonel Asheton-Powell, Mr. Cecil Wilson, and Sir Alfred Hopekinson, presented a Bill to secure to the public the right of access to mountains and moorlands; and the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Mackinder, supported by Sir John Rag Flock Simon, Sir Frank Nelson, Dr. Vernon Davies, and to amend the Rag Flock Act, 1911: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 23rd day of this instant May; and to be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on the Trade Disputes and Trade Unions 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)—(The Prime Minister); The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the Yeas, Sir Harry Barnston: 237.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Barnes: 141.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Trade Disputes and Trade Unions Bill.
Clause No. 1 (Illegal strikes).

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 6, to leave out subsection (1), in order to insert the words,—

"(1) Where any trade dispute exists or is threatened to the object or natural consequence whereof either alone or in addition to the furtherance of a dispute between employers and workmen is or would be to coerce the Government or the community such dispute shall be deemed to be illegal and the persons or parties taking part therein not be protected from any civil action by reason of anything in any of the Trade Union Acts, 1871 to 1917, or the Emergency Powers Act, 1920.

Notwithstanding anything in the foregoing provision Section three of the Conspiracy and Protection of Property Act, 1875, shall continue to apply to protect any person or persons actually taking part in such dispute."

Question again proposed, That the words "It is hereby" stand part of the Clause:—Debate arising;

Mr. Clynes 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. Attorney General 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, 263. Yeas, Lord Stanley:

Tellers for the Sir Robert Hutchison, 154. Noes, Mr. Fenby:

Question put accordingly, That the words "any strike" stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Major Sir George Hennysey, 271. Yeas, Mr. Frederick Thomson:

Tellers for the Sir Robert Hutchison, 154. Noes, Mr. Fenby:

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 6, after the word "strike," to insert the words "in breach of contract."—(Mr. Clynes.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Debate arising;

Friday, 13th May, 1927:—

Mr. Attorney General 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, 309. Yeas, Captain Bourier:

Tellers for the Mr. Charles Edwards, 112. Noes, Mr. Hayes:

Question put accordingly, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. Charles Edwards, 112. Yeas, Mr. Hayes:

Tellers for the Major Cope, 210. Noes, Captain Margesson:

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 6, to leave out from the word "strike" to the first word "is," in l. 9, in order to insert the words "which does not arise out of a trade dispute within the meaning of the Trade Disputes Act, 1906."—(Mr. Charleton.)

Question proposed, That the word "having" 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 Major Sir George Hen- nesey, 194. Yeas, Lord Stanley:

Tellers for the Mr. Parkinson, 110. Noes, Mr. Hayes:

Question, That the word "having" 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 Major Cope, 309. Yeas, Lord Stanley:

Tellers for the Mr. Parkinson, 110. Noes, Mr. Hayes:

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 6, after the word "strike," to insert the words "in breach of contract."—(Mr. Clynes.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Debate arising;

Friday, 13th May, 1927:—

Mr. Attorney General 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 Sir George Hen- nesey, 194. Yeas, Lord Stanley:

Tellers for the Mr. Parkinson, 111. Noes, Major Cope:

Question, That the word "having" 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. Question put (pursuant to S.O. Closure of Debate.)
Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer) :—Debate arising;

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question put, That the Question be now put.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Captain Margesson, Yes; Captain Bouyer; Noes, 187.

Tellers for the Mr. Charles Edwards, Noes, 106.

Question, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again, put accordingly, and agreed to.

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the 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 Audit (Local Authorities) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Police (Appeals) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time for taking into consideration the Police (Appeals) 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 Royal Naval Reserve Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time for taking into consideration the Royal Naval Reserve 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 adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 23rd day of March last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Re-organisation of Offices (Scotland) 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 Post Office (Sites) 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 Diseases of Animals Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee, and on recommittal;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Bonâ Fide Second Reading of the Bonâ Fide Travellers Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Highways Second Reading of the Highways Administration Bill;

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

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Rent and Mortgage Interest Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Education in Prisons Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Mental Deficiency 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 Auctioneers Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Urban District Councilors Election 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 Feltwell Fuel Allotment 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 Thornton Rust Calvinistic Chapel Charity Bill;

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

And it being after half-past Eleven of the clock on Thursday evening, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then nineteen minutes before Four of the clock on Friday morning, till this day.

The War Risks Associations (Distribution of Reserve Funds) Bill was 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, by His Majesty's Command, Copy of Fifteenth Report of the Scottish Land Court under the Small Landholders (Scotland) Acts for the year 1926.

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


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Sir Arthur Shirley Benn reported from the Committee on Group E of Private Bills; That, for the convenience of parties, the Committee had adjourned till Wednesday next, at Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Order for resuming, upon Tuesday next, the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 8th day of April last, That the Coal Mines Bill be now read a second time, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Optical Practitioners (Registration) 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 the subject matter of which is at the present time being investigated by a departmental committee"—(Dr. Vernon Davies),—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:—It passed in the Negative.

The Protection of Animals (Amendment) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Government Second Reading of the Government of Scotland Bill;

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

Mr. Stephen rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put; but Mr. Speaker withheld his assent, and declined then to put that Question:—Then the House resumed the Debate;

And it being Four of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Adoption of Children (Scotland) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Coal (Selling Price Agreements) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Sale of Honours (Prohibition) Bill;

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

[No. 63.]

Monday, 16th May 1927.

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

PRAYERS.

Commercial Gas Bill [Lords.]

The Commercial Gas Bill [Lords] was read the third time and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Manchester Corporation Bill was read the third time and passed.

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

Southern Railway Bill.

A Motion being made, That the Southern Railway 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.

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

Grimsby Corporation Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Grimsby Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

London County Council (Money) Bill.

Ordered, That the London County Council (Money) Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Maidstone Water Bill [Lords.] was read a second time, and committed.

The North British and Mercantile Insurance Company, Limited, Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

The Scottish Provident Institution Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

The South Staffordshire Mond Gas Company South Staffordshire Mond Gas Company Bill [Lords.] was read a second time, and committed.

Ordered, That the Yorkshire Electric Power Yorkshire Electric Power Bill [Lords.] be read a second time upon Wednesday next.


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 Provisional Regulations, dated 2nd May 1927, entitled the National Health Insurance (Discharged Seamen, Soldiers, and Airmen) Amendment Regulations, 1927.

Ordered, That the said Paper 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 Gainsborough Bridge Gainsborough 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.

Mr. Maxton reported from the Select Com. Crown Lands Committee on the Crown Lands (No. 2) Bill; That (No. 2) Bill, they had considered the said Bill, and taken Evidence thereon, which they had agreed to report to the House; and 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 Bill, as amended in the Committee, be recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for Wednesday next.

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, [Sir Harry Barnston :

Mr. Whiteley : 286.

Tellers for the Noes, [Colonel Gibbs :

Mr. Charles Edwards : 114.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Committee stage, Report stage, and Third Reading of the Trade Disputes and Trade Unions Bill shall be proceeded with as follows—

(1) Committee Stage.

Twelve allotted days shall be given to the Committee stage of the Bill, and the proceedings in Committee on each allotted day
shall be as shown in the second column of the following Table, and those proceedings shall, if not previously brought to a conclusion, be brought to a conclusion at the time shown in the third column of that Table.

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(2) Report Stage.

Three allotted days shall be given to the Report stage of the Bill, and the proceedings on each allotted day shall be as shown in the second column of the following Table; and those proceedings shall, if not previously brought to a conclusion, be brought to a conclusion at the time shown in the third column of that Table:—

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(3) Third Reading.

One allotted day shall be given to the Third Reading, and the proceedings thereon shall, if not previously brought to a conclusion, be brought to a conclusion at 10.30 p.m. on that day.

On the conclusion of the Committee stage of the Bill the Chairman shall report the Bill to the House without Question.

After this Order comes into operation, any day after the day on which this Order is passed shall be considered an allotted day for the purposes of this Order on which the Bill is put down as the first Government Order of the Day, and the Bill may be put down as the first Order of the Day on any Thursday notwithstanding anything in any Standing Orders of the House relating to the Business of Supply, and Government Business shall have precedence on any allotted day except the Sittings on the third and fourth Fridays after Whitsunday notwithstanding anything in any Standing Orders of the House relating to the precedence of Business at different Sittings:

Provided that, where an allotted day is a Friday, this Order shall have effect as if for references to 7.30 p.m. and 10.30 p.m. there were respectively substituted references to 1 p.m. and 3.30 p.m.

For the purpose of bringing to a conclusion any proceedings which are to be brought to a conclusion on an allotted day and which have not previously been brought to a conclusion, the Chairman or Mr. Speaker shall, at the time appointed under this Order for the conclusion of those proceedings, put forthwith the Question on any Amendment or Motion already proposed from the Chair, and shall next proceed to put forthwith the Question on any Amendment, new Clauses, or Schedules moved by the Government of which notice has been given, but no other Amendments, new Clauses, or Schedules; and on any Question necessary to dispose of the business to be concluded, and, in the case of Government Amendments or of Government new Clauses or Schedules, he shall put only the Question that the Amendment be made or that the Clauses or Schedules be added to the Bill, as the case may be.

Any Private Business which is set down for consideration at 8.15 p.m. and any Motion for Adjournment under Standing Order No. 10 on an allotted day shall, on that day, instead of being taken as provided by the Standing Orders, be taken after the conclusion of the proceedings on the Bill or under this Order for that day, and any Private Business or Motion for Adjournment so taken may be proceeded with, though opposed, notwithstanding any Standing Orders relating to the Sittings of the House.

On a day on which any proceedings are to be brought to a conclusion under this Order proceedings for that purpose shall not be interrupted under the provisions of any Standing Order relating to the Sittings of the House.

On a day on which any proceedings are to be brought to a conclusion under this Order, no dilatory Motion with respect to those proceedings, nor Motion that the Chairman do report Progress or do leave the Chair, nor Motion to postpone a Clause, nor Motion to re-commit the Bill, shall be received unless moved by the Government, and the Question on such Motion, if moved by the Government, shall be put forthwith without any Debate.

Nothing in this Order shall—

(a) prevent any proceedings which under this Order are to be concluded on any particular day being concluded on any other day, or necessitate any particular day or part of a particular day being given to any such proceedings if those proceedings have been otherwise disposed of; or
(b) prevent any other business being proceed with on any particular day, or part of a particular day, in accordance with the Standing Orders of the House, after any proceedings to be concluded under this Order on that particular day, or part of a particular day, have been disposed of—(The Prime Minister);

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

Tellers for the

\( \text{Commander Eyres-Monsell,}\)
\( \text{Colonel Gibbs;} \)
\( \text{Mr. Crawford;} \)

Tellers for the

\( \text{Sir Robert Hutchinson;} \) 13.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Trade Disputes and Trade Unions 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 Post Office (Sites) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Royal Naval Reserve 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 Police (Appeals) 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 Diseases of Animals Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee, and on recommittal;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Land Tax Commissioners 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 Finance 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 Police Districts (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 Welsh Church (Burial Grounds) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.
18 Geo. V. 17th May, 1927.

[No. 64.]

Tuesday, 17th May 1927.

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

PRAYERS.

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

Aberdare Urban District Council Bill [Lords].
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bills, referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz.:

St. Helens Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill.
Cardiff Corporation Tramways Provisional Order 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.:

Bolton and Kingston-upon-Hull Provisional Order 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, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 4th day of April last, That in the case of the following Bill, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have not been complied with, viz.:

London Squares and Enclosures (Preservation) (No. 2) Bill.
Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Bury 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 Derwent Valley Water Board Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

PRAYERS.

[Metropolitan Water Board Bill.]

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Newcastle-upon-Tyne Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Friday next.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the West Bridgford Urban District Council Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. McNeill 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 1927, compiled from Returns furnished to the Treasury.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir Leming Worthington-Evans presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Board of Education for 1925-26.
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 Tithe Rentcharge Recovery County Court Rules, 1927, dated 9th May 1927.
Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of Street and Road Tramways and Light Railways authorised by Act or Order, showing the amount of capital authorised, paid up, and expended; the length of line authorised and the length open for traffic; and number of cars owned at the 31st day of December 1926 in respect of companies, and the end of the financial year 1926-7 in respect of local authorities; the gross receipts, working expenditure, net receipts, and appropriations, the transactions in reserve funds, and traffic and operating statistics for the year ended on the foregoing dates, respectively (in continuation of Return to an Order of the House, dated the 19th day of May 1926); also similar particulars relating to Trackless Trolley Undertakings.—(Colonel Ashley.)

Mr. Raine reported from the Local Legislation Committee (Section B); That in the case of the Swansea 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.
Private Bills (Group C.)

Colonel Sir Joseph Nall reported from the Committee on Group C of Private Bills: That, for the convenience of parties, the Committee had adjourned till Wednesday 25th May, at Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Private Bills (Group D.)

Sir John Ganzoni reported from the Committee on Group D of Private Bills: That, for the convenience of parties, the Committee had adjourned till Thursday next, at Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Licensing (Amendment) Bill.

Bill 136.

Colonel Gretton, supported by Sir James Agg-Gardner, Sir George Court Hope, Mr. Gates, Mr. Wells, and Mr. Everard, presented a Bill to amend the Licensing Acts, 1910 and 1921, and for other purposes relating thereto: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next; and to be printed.

Candidates (Local Government) Election Deposit Bill.

Bill 137.

Colonel Sir Arthur Hollbrook, supported by Mr. Hanson, Mr. Smithers, Colonel Vivian Henderson, and Colonel Sir Alan Burgoyne, presented a Bill to require candidates at local government elections to deposit a sum of money to be forfeited under certain conditions: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Divorce Jurisdiction (Overseas Domicile).

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confer on courts in Great Britain jurisdiction in certain cases with respect to the dissolution of marriages the parties whereof are domiciled abroad, but one of whom is resident in Great Britain.—(Mr. Herbert Williams.)

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 the House divided.

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

Tellers for the 

Mr. Herbert Williams, 232.
Mr. Clarry: 232.

Tellers for the 

Lieutenant Commander Kenworthy, 74.
Mr. Conolly: 74.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That Mr. Herbert Williams, Major Sir Archibald Sinclair, Mr. Groves, Captain Bourne, Captain Garro-Jones, Mr. Time, and Colonel McDonnell do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Divorce Jurisdiction (Overseas Domicile) Bill.

Bill 138.

Mr. Herbert Williams accordingly presented a Bill to confer on courts in Great Britain jurisdiction in certain cases with respect to the dissolution of marriages the parties whereof are domiciled abroad, but one of whom is resident in Great Britain: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.
within the trade or industry in which the employers locking-out are engaged and is a lock-out designed or calculated to coerce the Government either directly or by inflicting hardship upon the community; and it is further declared that it is illegal to commence or continue or to apply any sums in furtherance or support of any such illegal lock-out.”—(Mr. Attorney General.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas,

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&\text{Captain Margetson :} &\text{The President of the Council,} &305. \\

&\text{Mr. Barnes,} &\text{The Solicitor General,} &135. \\
&\text{Mr. Thomas Hender-} &\text{The Under-Secretary of State for War,} &303. \\
&\text{son :} &\text{The Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies,} &293. \\
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Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 15, to leave out the word “provision,” in order to insert the word “provisions.”—(Mr. Attorney General.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas,

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&\text{Captain Curzon,} &\text{Vice-Chancellor of the University of Oxford,} &293. \\
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And it being after Eleven of the clock, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Post Office (Sites) Bill;

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty praying His Majesty to make an Order in Council under the Military Manœuvres Acts, 1897 and 1911, a draft of which was presented to this House on the 8th day of February last—(Secretary Sir Laming Worthington-Evans);

And the House, having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning;

Wednesday, 18th May 1927:

And the Question being put;

The House divided.

The Yeas were:

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&\text{Major Sir George} &\text{Hennebont,} &234. \\
&\text{Captain Bowyer :} &\text{H.S.A.,} &233. \\

&\text{Mr. Charles Edwards,} &\text{The Under-Secretary of State for War,} &82. \\
&\text{Mr. Hayes :} &\text{The Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies,} &86. \\
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So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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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 taking Royal Naval Reserve 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 Police (Appeals) 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 taking Diseases of Animals Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee, and on recommittal;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Land Tax Commissioners (Enabling) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Police (Burial Grounds) Bill [Lords];

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Welsh Church (Burial Grounds) Bill [Lords];

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Poor Law Bill [Lords];

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Destructive Insects (Scotland) Bill [Lords];

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Police (Appeals) 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 Land Tax Commissioners (Enabling) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Police (Appeals) 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 Destructive Insects (Scotland) Bill [Lords];

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Poor Law (Appeals) Bill [Lords];

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

Liquor (Popular Control) Bill.

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

First Offenders’ Defence Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the First Offenders’ Defence Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Betting (Juvenile Messengers) (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Betting (Juvenile Messengers) (Scotland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Leasehold Enfranchise- ment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Leasehold Enfranchise- ment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Maternity Benefit Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Maternity Benefit Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Exportation of Horses (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Exportation of Horses (No. 2) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

New Clubs Bill.

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

Clubs Bill.

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

Shops (Hours of Employment) Bill.

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

Local Authorities (Banks) Bill.

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

Parish Councils (National Association Expenses) (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Parish Councils (National Association Expenses) (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 Coal Mines (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 Engineers 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 First Offenders’ Defence 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 Members of the House of Commons Attendance 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 Importation of Plumage 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 First Offenders’ Defence 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 Access to Mountains 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 Protection of Animals (Amendment) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 13th day of this instant May, That the Government of Scotland 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 Adoption of Children (Scotland) 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 twenty-five minutes after twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning, till this day.

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Wednesday, 18th May 1927.

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 London County Council (Money) 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 Yorkshire Electric Power Bill [Lords];

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

The Bolton and Kingston-upon-Hull Provincial Order Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The Cardiff Corporation Tramways Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The St. Helens Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order amending in certain respects His Majesty's Order of 19th June 1925, as amended by subsequent Orders, providing for the government, discipline, pay, and allowances of officers and men of the Auxiliary Air Force, and for other matters relating thereto.

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

Mr. Secretary Amery presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Return of Pensions granted to Governors of Dominions, &c., during the year ended 1911, the 31st March 1927.

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

Earl Winterton presented, pursuant to the East India Rules for the regulation of admission to the Indian Civil Service through competitive examinations to be held in India made by the Secretary of State for India in Council, under Section 97 of the Government of India Act.

Ordered, That the said Paper 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 Great Western Railway Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Southern Railway (Superannuation Fund) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Frimley and Farnborough District Water Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Monday next, the Divorce Jurisdiction (Overseas Domicile) Bill, was read, and discharged.

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

Mr. Groves, supported by Mr. Hardie, Mr. Vaccination Wallhead, Mr. Frederick Roberts, Mr. Bromley, Mr. Duncan Graham, Mr. Scurr, Mr. Polin, Bill 139, and Mr. Welsh, presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to compulsory vaccination: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday next; and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Trade Disputes and Trade Unions Bill.

 Clause No. 1 (Illegal Strikes).

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 5, to leave out subsection (2), in order to insert the words,—

(2) Where any such dispute as defined in the preceding subsection exists or is threatened...
any person or body of persons or body corporate or incorporate which incites, organises, further, assists, or maintains the same shall be deemed to be engaged in a criminal conspiracy notwithstanding anything in any Act to the contrary.—(Captain Bourne.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 5, after the word " If," to insert the words " in the opinion of the Law Officers of the Crown a strike as herein defined has begun and legal proceedings are necessary the Attorney-General shall forthwith apply to the Court of Appeal for a declaratory judgment as to whether such strike is legal or illegal. On the hearing of such application the Court of Appeal shall have all the powers of a judge of first instance as to the taking of evidence and the production of documents, and no proceedings shall be taken or entertained under this Act unless and until the Court of Appeal has held the strike to be illegal, but thereupon ".—(Sir Ellis Humble-Williams.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Mr. Charles Edwards, ) 141.
Tellers for the (Mr. Benjamin Smith : ) 146.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 5, to leave out the words " furthers, or takes part in a strike," in order to insert the words "incites others to take part in or otherwise acts in furtherance of a strike or lock-out."—(Mr. Attorney General.)

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

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Major Sir George Cope, ) 301.
Tellers for the (Captain Viscount Curzon : ) 295.

And it being after half-past Ten of the clock, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman 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 Friday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Crown Lands Committee on the Crown Lands (No. 2) (No. 2) Bill, (recommitted) Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking Royal Naval Reserve into consideration the Royal Naval Reserve 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 Police into consideration the Police (Appeals) Bill, (Appeals) 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 Diseases of into consideration the Diseases of Animals Bill (Lords), as amended in the Standing Committee and on recommittal:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Destructive Insects and Pests 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.

Coal Mines (Abolition of Wheelless Tubs) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Coal Mines (Abolition of Wheelless Tubs) Bill;

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

London Squares and Enclosures (Preservation) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Squares and Enclosures (Preservation) (No. 2) Bill;

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

Succession (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Succession (Scotland) Bill;

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

Fancy Jewellery (Standard Trade Descriptions) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Fancy Jewellery (Standard Trade Descriptions) Bill;

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

Bonâ Fide Travellers Bill.

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 Wednesday next.

Highways Administration Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Highways Administration Bill;

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

Public House Improvement Bill.

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 Wednesday next.

And then the House, having continued to sit till sixteen minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
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 Ouse and Cam
Fisheries Provisional Order Bill; That they
had considered the Order therein contained;
that the said Order ought to be confirmed;
and that they had directed him to report the
Bill, with Amendments, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the
Table.

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

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported
from the Committee on the Sheffield Corpo-
ration Tramways Provisional Order Bill; That
they had considered the Order therein con-
tained; that the said Order ought to be con-
ferred; 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.

Smethwick Corporation Bill.

[Title amended.]

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported
from the Committee on the Smethwick Corpo-
rations 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 follows:—A Bill
to extend the boundaries of the Borough of
Smethwick; to confer further powers upon
the Corporation of that Borough with respect
to their gas undertaking; to make further
provision for the finance of the Borough, and
for other purposes.

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

North Metropolitan Electric Power Supply Bill [Lords.]

The Chairman of Ways and Means 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 Amend-
ments thereunto.

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

Private Bills (Group E.)

Sir Arthur Shirley Benn reported from the
Committee on Group E of Private Bills; That,
for the convenience of parties, the Committee
had adjourned till Monday next, at half-past
Two of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the
Table.

The Yeas were as follows:—Mr. Geoffrey Peto,
Mr. Charles Edwards, Major Cope, Mr. Whitley.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Business of
put, That the Proceedings on the Finance Bill be exempted,
and on the Post Office (Sites) Bill have precedence this day of the Business of
Supply (The Prime Minister);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Balfour, Mr. Haldane.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Lloyd George, Mr. Asquith.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Business of
put, That the Proceedings on the Post Office (Sites) Bill be exempted, at this day’s Sitting.

The Yeas to the Right;

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Balfour, Mr. Haldane.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Lloyd George, Mr. Asquith.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Standing
Committee A—Standing Committee A, that they had dis-
charged the following Members from Standing
Committee A—Sir Henry Cayley, Lord Stanley, Mr. Alfred
Kennedy, Mr. Kidd, Sir Malcolm Macnaghten, and Mr. Worthington; and had appointed in
substitution: Colonel A. Sand-Tyte, Vis-
countess Astor, Major Brown-Lindsay, Captain
Hocking, Sir Hugh Lucas-Twyford, Major Mac-
Andrew, and Major Sir Granville Wheler.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from Standing
Committee A—Standing Committee A, that they had added
the following fifteen Members to Standing
Committee A (in respect of the Mental Deficiency
Bill)—Mr. Brinton, Mr. Neville Chamberlain,
Mr. Charlton, Mr. Rhys Davies, Dr. Vernon
Davies, Colonel Fremantle, Major-General Sir
Richard Luce, Mr. March, Sir Douglas Newton,
Mr. Geoffrey Peto, Mrs. Philipson, Colonel
Wedgeood, Commander Charles Williams, Mr.
Crompton Wood, and Sir Kingsley Wood.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the
Table.

Sir John Ganzoni reported the County of
London Electric Supply Company Bill, with
Amendments.

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being Business of
put, That the Proceedings on the Finance Bill be exempted,
and on the Post Office (Sites) Bill have precedence this day of the Business of Supply
(The Prime Minister);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right.

Tellers for the Yeas, Sir Harry Barnston, Mr. Whitley.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Hay's, Mr. Whitley.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Business of
put, That the Proceedings on the Post Office (Sites) Bill be exempted, at this day’s Sitting.

The Yeas to the Right.

Tellers for the Yeas, Sir Harry Barnston, Mr. Whitley.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Hay’s, Mr. Whitley.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
on Monday next, the Access to Mountains Bill
was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
on Monday the 30th day of this instant
May.
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. Less-Smith.)

And the Question being proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:—And a Debate arising thereupon:—Mr. Roslyn Mitchell rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put; but Mr. Speaker withheld his assent, and declined then to put that Question:—Then the House resumed the Debate.

And the Question being put, 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, 287.

Colonel Gibbs:

Tellers for the Noes,

Mr. Charles Edwards,

Mr. Hayes:

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House for to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Post Office (Sites) 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 Friday morning;

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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 Select Committee of Seven Members, Four to be nominated by the House and Three 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.—(Viscount Wolmer.)

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.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Urban District Councillors Election 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 Feltwell Fuel Allotment 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 Thornton Rust Calvinistic Chapel Charity 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 Fancy Jewellery (Standard Trade Descriptions) 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 twenty-four minutes after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning, till this day.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

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 Metropolitan Water Board Bill was Metropolitan Water Board Bill.

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

The West Bridgford Urban District Council West 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 Bristol Water 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 Newcastle-upon-Tyne Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Yorkshire Electric Power Bill [Lords];

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

The 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 Sheffield Corporation Tramways Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read the third time and passed.

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Ouse and Cam Fisheries Provisional Order Bill, as amended in the Committee.

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

Colonel Ashley presented a Bill to confirm Pier and Harbour Act, 1881, relating to Brightlingsea and Nairn: And the same was read the first Bill 141. time.

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

Mr. Bridgeman presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Reproduction of the Record of the Battle of Jutland prepared by Captain J. E. T. Harper, m.v.o., b.n., and other officers by direction of the Admiralty in 1919-20.

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 Stoke-on-Trent Corporation (Gas) 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 Commerical Gas Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

Trade Disputes and Trade Unions Bill [3rd allotted Day.]

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Trade Disputes and Trade Unions Bill.

Clause No. 2 (Protection of persons refusing to take part in illegal strikes).

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 20, after the word "strike," to insert the words "or look-out."—(Mr. Attorney General.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the \[Major Sir George Hennessy, Yeas, \] 131.

Tellers for the \[Mr. Charles Edwards, Noes, \] 67.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 20, to leave out the words "which is by this Act," in order to insert the words "after such strike has been."—(Mr. Parkinson.)

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the \[Major Sir George Hennessy, Yeas, \] 267.

Tellers for the \[Mr. Barnes, Noes, \] 122.

And it being after half-past Three 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 Finance Bill. Committee on the Finance Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday the 30th day of this instant May, 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 the Representation of the People Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Workmen's Compensation Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Coal Mines Bill;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Coal (Selling Price Agreements) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.
The Order of the day being read, for the
Sale of Honours (Prohibition) 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 Enfranchise-
ment 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 Landlord and Tenant
Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Wednesday 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.

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The Aberdare Urban District Council Bill
[Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

The Order of the day being read, for taking
into consideration the Newcastle-upon-Tyne
Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into con-
sideration upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Yorkshire
Second Reading of the Yorkshire Electric Power Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Wednesday next.

The Ouse and Cam Fisheries 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.

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister presented, pursuant Gas
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 Burgesses of the
Borough of Tiverton.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon
the Table.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain presented, pursuant National
to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—
Health Insurance (Navy, Army, and Air Force)
Order Regulations, 1927.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon
the Table.

Ordered, That Clauses 1 and 2 of the Trade
Disputes and Trade Unions Bill, as amended
in the Committee, be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved Trade
itself into a Committee on the Trade Disputes
and Trade Unions Bill.

In the Committee.

Clause No. 3 (Prevention of Intimidation, &c.).
Amendment proposed, ir. p. 3, to leave out
ll. 5 to 36.—(Sir Henry Whiteley.)
Question put, That the words “It is hereby” stand part of the Clause.
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Major Sir George
Yea.
Hesssey,
Lord Stanley : 284.

Tellers for the Mr. Parkinson,
Noes.
Mr. Whitley : 125.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the
Deputy Chairman reported, That the Com-
mittee 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 Betting Overseas (Prohibition) 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 Ouse Drainage 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 Audit (Local Authorities) 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 Police Districts (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 Welsh Church (Burial Grounds) 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 Poor Law Bill [Lords.]

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Crown Lands (No. 2) Bill (recommitted) 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 Royal Naval Reserve 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 Police (Appeals) 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 Diseases of Animals Bill [Lords.], as amended in the Standing Committee, and on recommittal;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Destructive Insects Act, 1919, in respect of the Burgh of Ludlow, in the County of Salop, which was presented on the 26th day of April 1927, be approved.—(Colonel Ashley.)

Resolved, That the Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1926, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of part of the Rural District of Croft, in the North Riding of the County of York, which was presented on the 28th day of April 1927, be approved.—(Colonel Ashley.)

Resolved, That the Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1926, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of part of the Rural District of Darlington, in the County of Durham, and part of the Rural District of Croft, in the North Riding of the County of York, which was presented on the 28th day of April 1927, be approved.—(Colonel Ashley.)

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being Law of Libel Amendment Bill [Lords.] proposed, That the Lords' Message of the Amendment 1st day of April last relating to the appointment of a Joint Committee to consider the Law of Libel Amendment Bill (Lords) be now taken into consideration.—(Colonel Gibbs):—And a Debate arising thereupon;

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

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

Resolved, That the Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1926, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of part of the Rural District of Tilsbury, in the County of Essex, and for the Amendment of the Romford and District Electric Lighting Order, 1913, which was presented on the 29th day of April 1927, be approved.—(Colonel Ashley.)

Resolved, That the Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1926, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of the Borough of Ludlow, in the County of Salop, which was presented on the 8th day of April 1927, be approved.—(Colonel Ashley.)

Resolved, That the Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1926, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of the Burgh of
Resolved, That the Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1926, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of the Urban District of Burnham-on-Crouch and part of the Rural District of Maldon, in the County of Essex, which was presented on the 28th day of April 1927, be approved.—(Colonel Ashley.)

Resolved, That the Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1926, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of the Parish of Binstead, in the Rural District of Bentley, Coldrey, and Froyle, and part of the Parish of Chard, in the Rural District of Chard, in the County of Somerset, which was presented on the 26th day of April 1927, be approved.—(Colonel Ashley.)

Resolved, That the Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1926, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of the Parish of Dockenfield and part of the Parish of Frensham, in the Rural District of Farnham, in the County of Surrey, and the Parishes of Bentley, Coldrey, and Froyle, and part of the Parish of Binsted, in the Rural District of Alton, in the County of Southampton, and for other purposes, which was presented on the 29th day of March 1927, be approved.—(Colonel Ashley.)

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

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

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

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report of the Special Order made by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, to authorise the Crowborough District Gas and Electricity Company to raise additional capital for electricity purposes, which was presented on the 26th day of April 1927, be approved.—(Colonel Ashley.)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report of the Special Order made by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1920, on the application of the Flint Gas and Water Company, Limited. The said Paper do lie upon the Table, and which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz. —

Coventry Corporation Bill [Lords].

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

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report of the Special Order made by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1923, relating to Maidstone Corporation Provisional Order Bill. The said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report of the Special Order made by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1925, relating to Maidstone Corporation Provisional Order Bill. The said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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

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

The House proceeded to take into consideration the North Metropolitan Electric Power Supply Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Colonel Ashley presented a Bill to confirm a Maidstone Provisional Order Bill made by the Minister of Corporation Transport under the Maidstone Corporation Act, 1925, relating to Maidstone 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.

Secretary Sir Austen Chamberlain presented, China (No. 3, 1927.)—Copy of Papers respecting the Agreements relative to the British Concessions at Hankow and Kiu-kiang.

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

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Elliott presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Gas Regulation Act, 1920,—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 Flint Gas and Water Company, Limited.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
Lord Eustace Percy presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, —Copy of Order in Council under the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865, dated 13th May 1827, approving an Admiralty Memorial under the Act regarding the extension to certain other officers of the provisions of the Order in Council of 14th July 1922 relating to retired pay.

Copy of Order in Council, dated 13th May 1927, approving an Admiralty Memorial regarding the appointment to the Royal Hospital School, Greenwich, of an additional Chaplain from the Active List.

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

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of the Union of Benefices Measure, 1923, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Copy of Scheme for the sale of the site of the church (formerly the parish church) of the new Parish of St. Paul, Stockton-on-Tees, in the County of Durham, and in the diocese of Durham, and of the ground annexed or belonging thereto, and for other matters incidental to such sale.

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

Sir Arthur Shirley Benn reported from the Committee on the East Anglian Electricity 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 confer further powers upon the East Anglian Electric Supply Company, Limited, relative to the supply of electricity in Norfolk and Suffolk, and for other purposes.

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

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Committee of Selection: That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee A: —Mr. Windsor; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Cave.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by Mr. Cove.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That the Lords have agreed to the London, Midland, and Scottish Railway Bill, with Amendments, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
The London County Council (Money) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 23rd day of March last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Re-organisation of Offices (Scotland) 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 Welsh Church (Burial Grounds) Bill [Lords];

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Royal Naval Reserve Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee;

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

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

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

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 23rd day of this instant May, That the Lords' Message of the 1st day of April last, relating to the appointment of a Joint Committee to consider the Law of Libel Amendment Bill [Lords], be now taken into consideration;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till 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 Southgate and District Gas Company, which was presented on the 23rd March and published, be approved.—(Sir Burton Chadwick.)

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 1st day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Parish Councils (National Association Expenses) (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 Engineers Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 14th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Inspection of Dams, Embankments, and Reservoirs 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 25th day of March last, That the Feudal Duties and Long Leases (Scotland) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Candidates (Local Government) Election Deposit 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 (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 Local Government Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Liquor (Popular Control) 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 First Offenders' Defence 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 Betting (Juvenile Messengers) (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 Exportation of Horses (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 New Clubs 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 Shops (Hours of Employment) Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Authorities (Banks) Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Coal Mines (No. 2) Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.
Wednesday, 25th May 1927.

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

PRAYERS.

Bristol Water Bill.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords had been brought from the Lords by Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Orders in Council, dated 13th May 1927, entitled—

(1) the Crown Office Rules (No. 1) Order, 1927;

(2) the Crown Office Rules (No. 2) Order, 1927 (Provisional).

University of London Act, 1898.

Copy of Statute made by the Senate of the University of London on 18th May 1927, making a new Statute (No. 28 (a)) for the management of University of London, University College.

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

Russia (No. 2, 1927.)

Secretary Sir Austen Chamberlain presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Documents illustrating the hostile activities of the Soviet Government and Third International against Great Britain.

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

Small Holdings and Allotments Acts, 1926.

Mr. Guinness presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations under the Small Holdings and Allotments Act, 1926, dated 27th April 1927, entitled the Small Holdings and Cottage Holdings (Contributions towards Losses) Regulations, 1926.

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

Welsh Church Act, 1914.

Secretary Sir William Jowson-Hicks presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Twelfth Report of the Commissioners of Church Temporalities in Wales for 1926.

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

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Regulation. 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—

Newport Pagnell Gas and Coke Company, Limited;

Cleethorpes Gas Company,

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

Colonel Sir Joseph Nall reported from the Greenock 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; and had amended the Title, as follows:—

A Bill to extend the Boundaries of the Burgh of Greenock; to make further provision in relation to streets sewers and other matters; to confer further powers upon the Corporation with regard to their Water Gas and Electricity Undertakings, and for other purposes.

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 Pacific Cable Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Ministry of Health Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Barnsley Corporation (Water) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Matlocks Urban District Council Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments Bury Corporation Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled Gainsborough An Act to authorise the County Councils of the Administrative Counties of Nottingham and of the Parts of Lindsey, Lincolnshire, and the Gainsborough Urban District Council to purchase, and the Company of Proprietors of Gainsborough Bridge to sell to them, the undertaking and property of that company, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled Birkenhead Bridge Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Gainsborough Bridge 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 Birkenhead Extension Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to the resumption of holdings under the Small Landholders (Scotland) Acts, 1886 to 1919: And that Mr. William Adamson, Mr. Duncan Graham, Mr. Hardie, Mr. James Brown, Mr. Johnston, Mr. Welsh, and Mr. Wright do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. William Adamson accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to the resumption of holdings under the Small Landholders (Scotland) Acts, 1886 to 1919: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 15th day of June next; and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Trade Disputes and Trade Unions Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 4 (Provisions as to political fund).

Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 4, after the word "union," to insert the words "whether of employers or of workmen or otherwise."—(Mr. Ernest Brown.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir Robert Hutchison,] Yeas, 115.

Tellers for the [Major Cope,] Noses, 221.

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 6, to leave out from the word " has " to the word " notice," in l. 7, in order to insert the word " given."—(Miss Bondfield.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 24, to leave out the words " the first day of January next," in order to insert the words " a date not earlier than twelve months."—(Mr. Walsh.)

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Captain Viscount Curzon,] Yeas, 204.

Tellers for the [Mr. Penny;] Noses, 112.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 30, to leave out subsection (2).—(Mr. Mackinder.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word " and," in l. 34, stand part of the Clause;

And it being Eleven of the clock, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Highways Administration Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public House Improvement 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 Leasehold Enfranchisement 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 Landlord and Tenant Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

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

[No. 71.]

Thursday, 26th May 1927.

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 Stoke-on-Trent Corporation (Gas) 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.

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 1925-26.
Copy of Home Accounts of the Government of India.
Copy of Amendments to the Electoral Rules of the Indian Legislative Council and of the Provincial Legislative Councils made by the Governor General of India in Council with the sanction of the Secretary of State in Council under Sections 64, 72A, and 129A of the Government of India Act.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ for the election of a member to serve in this present Parliament for the County of Wiltz (Westbury Division), in the room of Captain Walter William Shaw, deceased. —(Colonel Gibbs.)

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Bolton and Kingston-upon-Hull Provisional Order Bill; That they had considered the Order therein contained; 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 Cardiff Corporation Tramways Provisional Order Bill; That they had considered the Order therein contained; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, with Amendments, to the House.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.
Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported North the North British and Mercantile Insurance Company, Limited, 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 Scottish Provident Institution Bill [Lords]; without Amendment.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords was brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:
The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled East Surrey Water Bill [Lords.]
The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled British and Mercantile Insurance Company, Limited, Bill [Lords.]
The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled Scottish Provident Institution Bill [Lords.]
The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to provide for the transfer to the East Surrey Water Company of the undertaking of the Leatherhead and District Waterworks Company; to extend the area of supply of the East Surrey Water Company and authorise them to raise additional capital, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.
The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to substitute for the Commissioners of the port of Arundel and harbour of Littlehampton a new harbour board and to transfer the harbour undertaking to them; to change the name of the harbour; to empower the West Sussex County Council to raise sums of money and to pay such sums to the harbour board; to provide for contributions by local and other contributing authorities; to amend the West Sussex County Council (Bridge) Act, 1918, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled Littlehampton Harbour and Arun Drainage Outfall Bill [Lords.]
The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act for incorporating and conferring powers on the Wessex Electricity 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 extend the boundaries of the City of Liverpool; to authorise the Corporation of that City to construct new streets, additional tramways, and other works; to confer further powers upon them with respect to their tramways, waterworks, and electricity undertakings; to make better provision for the health, local government, and finance of the City; to provide for the disuse and deconsecration of the Chapel of the Liverpool School for the Indigent Blind; to empower the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board to contribute towards the cost of a new arterial road between Liverpool and East Lancashire, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The East Surrey Water Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

The Littlehampton Harbour and Arun Drainage Outfall Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

The Wessex Electricity Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

The Liverpool Corporation Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

The Colonial Probates (Protected States and Mandated Territories) Bill [Lords] was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That the Motion relating to Russo-British Relations have precedence this day of the Business of Supply.—(The Prime Minister.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That having heard the statement of the Prime Minister, this House is of opinion that the termination of the Trade Agreement with Russia and the severance of diplomatic relations would have serious international consequences and close a promising avenue to the restoration of trade and industry, and is, therefore, a policy to which the Country ought not to be committed until a Report of a Select Committee, based upon an examination of all relevant documents and a full inquiry into the facts, has been submitted to this House.—(Mr. Clynes.)

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, in l. 1, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, and adding the words "this House, while appreciating the long forbearance of His Majesty's Government and their many efforts to maintain friendly diplomatic relations with the Soviet republics in the face of acute provocation, applauds their decision to withdraw the diplomatic privileges which have been so gravely abused, whilst at the same time putting no obstacle in the way of legitimate trading relations with Russia."—(Mr. Rentoul), 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 Mrs. Parkinson, Yeas, Mr. Charles Edwards : 118.

Tellers for the Commander Eyres-Monsell, Noes, Colonel Gibbes : 367.

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, Mr. Speaker proceeded to interrupt the business:

Whereupon Secretary Sir Austen Chamberlain 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 Lord Stanley, Yeas, Captain Margesson : 359.

Tellers for the Mr. Parkinson, Noes, Mr. Charles Edwards : 112.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Mr. Frederick Thomson, Yeas, Lord Stanley : 337.

Tellers for the Mr. Hayes, Noes, Mr. Whiteley : 111.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Secretary Sir Austen Chamberlain claimed, That the Main Question, as amended, be now put;

And the Main Question, as amended, being accordingly put:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Commander Eyres-Monsell, Yeas, Colonel Gibbes : 346.

Tellers for the Mr. Hayes, Noes, Mr. Benjamin Smith : 98.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
The Order of the day being read, 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 resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 23rd day of March last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Re-organisation of Offices (Scotland) 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 Welsh Church (Burial Grounds) 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 Royal Naval Reserve 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 Police (Appeals) 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 the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 23rd day of this instant May, That the Lords' Message of the 1st day of April last relating to the appointment of a Joint Committee to consider the Law of Libel Amendment Bill [Lords] be now taken into consideration;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Omnibuses 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 Offices Regulation 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 Rent and Mortgage Interest 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 minutes before Twelve of the clock, till to-morrow.
The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the London, Midland, and Scottish Railway Bill: And the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The North Metropolitan Electric Power Supply 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 Motion being made, That the Torquay Corporation Bill be now read the third time; And notice being taken, That the interest of the Prince of Wales, as Duke of Cornwall, is concerned therein;

Mr. Hope, by Command of His Royal Highness, acquainted the House, That His Royal Highness, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives His Consent, as far as His Royal Highness's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time and passed.

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

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the County of London Electric Supply Bill; And the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

A Motion being made, That the Swansea Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee, be printed.

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

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Smethwick Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Swansea 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 Newcastle-upon-Tyne Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

And Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

PRAYERS.

THE House met at Eleven of the clock.

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

The Bolton and Kingston-upon-Hull Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read the third time and passed.

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Cardiff Corporation Tramways Provisional Order Bill, as amended in the Committee.

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

Colonel Ashley presented a Bill to confirm Methborough and Swinton Tramways Act, 1926, relating to Methborough and Swinton Tramways Company's Trolley Vehicles: And the same was read the first Order Bill 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 Southend-on-Sea 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.

Earl Winterton presented, pursuant to the East India directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Revised Estimate of Revenue and Expenditure of the Governor General of India in Council and of the Local Governments for 1926-27.

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

Secretary Sir Austen Chamberlain presented, Sudan (No. 1, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Despatch 1927.) from the Governor-General of the Sudan to the Secretary-General of the League of Nations relating to Slavery in the Sudan.

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

Ordered, That Clauses No. 1 to No. 4 of the Trade Disputes and Trade Unions Bill, as amended in the Committee, be printed.

The Bolton and Kingston-upon-Hull Provisional Order Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Trade Disputes and Trade Unions Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 4 (Provisions as to political fund).

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 30, to leave out subsection (2).

Question again proposed, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "and," in l. 34, stand part of the Clause.

Question put.

The Committee divided.
Supply.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Royal Naval Reserve 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 Police (Appeals) 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 Factories 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, & being then one minute after Four of the clock, till Monday next.

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[No. 73.]

Monday, 30th May 1927.

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 Matlocks 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 North British and Mercantile Insurance Company, Limited, 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 Scottish Provident Institution Bill [Lords] was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the East Anglian Electricity Bill as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Coventry Corporation Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

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

Copy of Report, for the period up to May 1927, of the Chairman of the Inter-departmental Committee appointed to survey the prices of Building Materials;

Copy of first Interim Report of the Royal Commission on Agriculture in India.

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

The Lord Advocate presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Fifteenth Report of the Board of Agriculture for Scotland for the year 1926.

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

Mr. McNeill presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table.

Mr. McNeill presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, was laid upon the Table.

Ordered, That the said Account do lie upon the Table;

Copies of Annual Reports as to the Statistics and state of the Finances of the Universities of Aberdeen, Edinburgh, Glasgow, and St. Andrews, for 1925–26, made to the Secretary of State under the provisions of the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889.

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

Mr. McNeill presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account of the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, showing the amount issued from the Exchequer and applied in the year ended 31st March 1927, in respect of the Old Sinking Fund and of the New Sinking Fund (1923).

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

Secretary Sir Austen Chamberlain presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Notes exchanged between His Britannic Majesty’s Government and the Government of the United States of America regarding the disposal of certain pecuniary claims arising out of the recent war, Washington, 19th May 1927.

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:—


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 for capital purposes in England and Wales under certain Acts of Parliament during the years ended the 31st day of March 1891, 1901, 1911, 1921, 1926, and 1927, respectively, and the total number of persons directly benefiting from the expenditure for the year 1926, together with similar particulars for Scotland (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 135, of Session 1926).—(Sir Evelyn Cecil.)

The Order for reading a second time, upon Vinegar Bill. Wednesday next, the Vinegar Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time, upon Wednesday the 15th day of June next.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Protection of Animals Bill. Wednesday next, the Protection of Animals Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time, upon Wednesday the 15th day of June next.

The Order for reading a second time, tomorrow, the Rag Flock Act (1911) Amendment Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Trade Disputes and Trade Unions Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 5 (Regulations as to organisations of which established civil servants may be members).

Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 31, after the word “servants,” to insert the words “other than established civil servants engaged in occupations analogous to occupations prevailing outside His Majesty’s civil establishments.”—(Lieutenant-Commander Kenworthy.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, [Mr. Charles Edwards, 109. Mr. Barnes];

Tellers for the Noes, [Mr. Penny; Mr. Stanley].

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 37, to leave out from the word “and” to the end of p. 6, l. 2, in order to insert the words “the rules of which preclude its taking part in a strike and also preclude its affiliation to any political organisation.”—(Sir Harry Foster.)

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

Tellers for the Yeas, [Mr. Penny; Mr. Charles Edwards];

Tellers for the Noes, [Mr. Thomas Henderson].

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 39, to leave out from the word “securing” to the word “that,” in l. 43.—(Mr. Dalton.)

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, [Mr. Frederick Thomson, 228. Mr. Penny];

Tellers for the Noes, [Mr. Charles Edwards; Mr. Thomas Henderson].
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 43, to leave out from the word "organisations," to the word "and," in p. 6, l. 1.—(Mr. Gillett.) Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, {Major Sir George Curzon : 270. (Mr. Attorney General.)
Tellers for the Noes, {Mr. Charles Edwards, Mr. Hayes : 115.

And it being after half-past Ten of the clock, the Chairman proceeded, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 10th May, successively to put forthwith the Questions on any Amendments moved by the Government of which notice had been given, and the Question necessary to dispose of the business to be concluded at half-past Ten of the clock at this day's Sitting.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 6, after the word "organisation," to insert the words "not composed wholly or mainly of persons employed by or under the Crown."—(Mr. Attorney General.) Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, {Captain Viscount Curzon : 272. Mr. Charles Edwards,
Tellers for the Noes, {Mr. Barnes, Mr. Whiteley : 116.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 9, to leave out from the word "thereof," to the word "payment," in l. 10, in order to insert the words "there had on the fourth day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven, accrued or begun to accrue to him a right to any future "—(Mr. Attorney General.) Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, {Captain Viscount Curzon : 273. Mr. Charles Edwards,
Tellers for the Noes, {Mr. Whiteley : 114.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 32, at the end, to add the words "and (b) the expression 'conditions of employment' means in relation to persons other than persons employed by or under the Crown the conditions of employment of persons employed under a contract of service."—(Mr. Attorney General.) Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, {Major Cope, Captain Viscount Curzon : 273. Mr. Thomas Henderson,
Tellers for the Noes, {Mr. Hayes : 112.

Question put, That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

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 Finance Bill 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 Second Reading of the Betting Overseas (Prohibition) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ouse Drainage Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Audit (Local Authorities) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Police Second Reading of the Police Districts (Scotland) Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Poor Law Second Reading of the Poor Law Bill [Lords]; Bill [Lords.]
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Crown Lands Committee on the Crown Lands (No. 2) (No. 2) Bill (recommitted) Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Diseases of Animals Bill (Animals Bill [Lords.], as amended in the Standing Committee, and on recommittal;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Destructive Insects and Pests 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 Colonial Probates (Protected States and Mandated Territories) 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 23rd day of this instant May, That the Lords' Message of the 1st day of April last, relating to the appointment of a Joint Committee to consider the Law of Libel Amendment Bill [Lords] be now taken into consideration;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till to-morrow.

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

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

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 23rd day of March last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Re-organisation of Offices (Scotland) 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 Royal Naval Reserve 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 Police (Appeals) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

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

Resolved, That the Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1926, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of the Township of Witten-Le-Wear, in the Rural District of Auckland, in the County of Durham, which was presented on the 2nd day of May 1927, be approved.—(Colonel Ashley.)

Resolved, That the Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1926, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of the Borough of Tenby, in the County of Pembroke, which was presented on the 2nd day of May 1927, be approved.—(Colonel Ashley.)
The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Midwives and Maternity Homes (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 the Second Reading of the Feltwell Fuel Allotment Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 20th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Thornton Rust Calvinistic Chapel Charity Bill:

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday the 20th day of June next, resolve itself into Standing Committee.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 14th day of June next.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 14th day of June next.

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

A Motion being made, That the County of London Electric Supply Company 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.

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

The Newcastle-upon-Tyne 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 Smethwick 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 Swansea 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 Greennock Burgh Extension, &c. Burgh Extension, &c. Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Colonel Ashley presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order made by the Minister of Corporation Transport under the Rotherham Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Act, 1924, relating to Rotherham Corporation Provisional Order Bill.

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

Colonel Ashley presented, pursuant to the Electricity directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Statute Acts, Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport, under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of parts of the Rural Districts of Cheltenham, Tewkesbury, and Winchcombe, in the County of Gloucester.

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

Lord Enstace Percy presented, by His Protection of Majesty's Command,—Copy of Memorandum Dogs Bill.
upon the Protection of Dogs Bill by the Medical Research Council.

Orderd, 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 an Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department for the discontinuance of Bodmin Prison.

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

Secretary Sir Austen Chamberlain presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Convention between His Majesty and the President of the United Mexican States for the Settlement of British Pecuniary Claims in Mexico arising from loss or damage from revolutionary acts between 20th November 1910 and 31st May 1920. Signed at Mexico, 19th November 1926.

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

Ministry of Health
Provisional Orders (No. 5) Bill.
[Provisional Orders confirmed.]

Message from the Lords.

Marriages
Provisional Order Bill.

War Risks Associations (Distribution of Reserve Funds) Bill.
Wallasey Corporation Bill [Lords.]

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Ministry of Health Provisional Orders (No. 5) Bill; That they had considered the Orders therein contained; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, with Amendments, to the House.

Orderd, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Orderd, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration 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 agreed to the Marriages Provisional Order Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the War Risks Associations (Distribution of Reserve Funds) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to authorise the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Wallasey to construct a tramway, promenades, street improvements, and other works, and to provide and work trolley vehicles, and to acquire the undertaking of the New Brighton Pier Company; to confer further powers upon the Corporation with reference to their ferries, gas, water, electricity, tramway and omnibus undertakings, and the health, local government, and improvement of the Borough; to alter the boundaries of the Borough, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Wallasey Corporation Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

The Croydon Corporation Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

The Fleetwood Urban District Council Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

The West Cheshire Water Board Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

Orderd, That the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to empower the Fleetwood Urban District Council to construct a sea wall and other works; to run omnibuses; to confer further powers on the Council in regard to the supply of electricity; and to make further and better provision for the health, local, government, finance and improvement of the District, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled West Cheshire Water Board Bill [Lords.]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to make further provision for the maintenance of the Royal Albert Hall; to provide for a rate on seats therein, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled Royal Albert Hall Bill [Lords.]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to extend the boundaries of the County Borough of Derby; to confer further powers upon the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of that Borough in relation to their water and tramway undertakings and other matters; to make further provision in regard to the Derby Borough Court of Record, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled Derby Corporation Bill [Lords.]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to extend the boundaries of the County Borough of Brighton; to alter and adjust the boundary between the Boroughs of Brighton and Hove; to constitute a single Parish for the area of the extended Borough of Brighton, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled Brighton Corporation Bill [Lords.]

The Wallasey Corporation Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

The Croydon Corporation Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

The Fleetwood Urban District Council Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

The West Cheshire Water Board Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Orderd, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.
The Royal Albert Hall Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

The Isle of Wight Water Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

The Derby Corporation Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

The Brighton Corporation Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

The Order for resuming, upon Thursday next, the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 29th day of April last, That the Protection of Dogs Bill be now read a second time, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday the 13th day of June next.

Sir Edmund Turton reported from the Chairmen’s Panel, That they had appointed Mr. Morgan Jones to act as Chairman of Standing Committee A (in respect of the Mental Deficiency Bill).

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Sir Arthur Shirley Benn reported from the Committee on Group E of Private Bills; That they had adjourned till Tuesday 14th June, at Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Slaughter of Animals.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to regulate the methods of slaughtering animals: And that Mr. Buxton, Mr. Ponsonby, Mr. Duff Cooper, Mr. Riley, Sir Robert Neuman, Dr. Drummond Shields, and Major Sir Archibald Sinclair do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Buxton accordingly presented a Bill to regulate the methods of slaughtering animals: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 15th day of June next; and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Trade Disputes and Trade Unions Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 6 (Provisions as to persons employed by local and other public authorities). Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 33, to leave out subsection (1)—(Mr. Lansbury.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out to the word “ to,” in l. 34, stand part of the Clause;

And it being half-past Seven of the clock, the Chairman proceeded, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 16th May, to put forthwith the Question on the Amendment already proposed from the Chair.

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out to the word “ to,” in l. 34, stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the

Yeas, Captain Bowyer : 294.

Tellers for the

Noes, Mr. Charles Edwards : 116.

The Chairman then proceeded to put forthwith the Question on an Amendment moved by the Government of which notice had been given to that part of the Clause to be concluded at half-past Seven of the clock at this day’s Sitting.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 41, to leave out the word “ and,” in order to insert the words,—

“(2) It shall not be lawful for any local or other public authority to make it a condition of any contract made or proposed to be made with the authority, or of the consideration or acceptance of any tender in connection with such a contract, that any person to be employed by any party to the contract shall or shall not be a member of a trade union.”—(Mr. Attorney General.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the

Major Sir George Hennays, Mr. Frederick Thomas : 296.

Tellers for the

Noes, Mr. Whitley : 118.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 1, to leave out subsection (2).—(Mr. Dunnico.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word “ employed,” in l. 4, stand part of the Clause;

And it being half-past Ten of the clock, the Chairman proceeded, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 16th May, to put forthwith the Question on the Amendment already proposed from the Chair.

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word “ employed,” in l. 4, stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the

Major Sir George Hennays, Lord Stanley : 309.

Tellers for the

Noes, Mr. Charles Edwards : 129.

The Chairman then proceeded to put forthwith the Question necessary to dispose of the business to be concluded at half-past Ten of the clock at this day’s Sitting.

Question put, That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.
The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Diseases of Animals Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee, and on recommittal;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Destructive Insects and Pests Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Colonial (Protected States and Mandated Territories) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 13th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 23rd day of this instant May, That the Lords' Message of the 1st day of April last relating to the appointment of a Joint Committee to consider the Law of Libel Amendment Bill [Lords] be now taken into consideration.

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday the 13th day of June next.

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

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

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 23rd day of March last, That the Bill Re-organisation of Offices (Scotland) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday the 13th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Welsh Church Second Reading of the Welsh Church (Burial Grounds) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 13th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Royal Naval into consideration the Royal Naval Reserve 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 Police into consideration the Police (Appeals) 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 Police (Widows' Pensions Amendment) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 13rd day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Welsh Church Second Reading of the Welsh Church (Burial Grounds) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 13th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Standing Committee on the Crown Lands (No. 2) Bill (recommitted) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday the 13th day of June next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 13th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Roadside Petrol Pumps Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 13th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 14th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Coal Mines (Abolition of Wheelless Tubs) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 15th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Squares and Enclosures (Preservation) (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 15th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Succession (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 15th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Candidates (Local Government) Election Deposit Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 15th day of June 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 Wednesday the 15th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 15th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Liquor (Popular Control) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 15th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Betting (Juvenile Messengers) (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 15th day of June next.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 15th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the New Clubs Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 15th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Clubs Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 15th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Shops (Hours of Employment) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 15th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Authorities (Banks) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 15th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Coal Mines Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 15th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Importation of Plumsage (Prohibition) Act (1921) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 15th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Hairdressers' and Barbers' Shops (Sunday Closing) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 15th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the House of Commons Attendance Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 15th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Government the adjourned Debate on the Question pro-
posed upon the 13th day of this instant May, That the Government of Scotland Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further ad-
journed till Wednesday the 15th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Divorce Jurisdiction (Overseas Domicile) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 13th day of June next.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 15th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Bona Fide Second Reading of the Bona Fide Travellers Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 15th day of June next.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Highways Administration Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 15th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Leaseshold Enfranchisement Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 13th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Protection of Animals (Amendment) Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday the 13th day of June next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Midwives and Maternity Homes (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday the 24th day of June next.

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

[No. 75.]

Wednesday, 1st June 1927.
The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

Pray res.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Ministry of Health Provisional Orders (No. 5) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

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

The Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

Major Elliot presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 24th May 1927, made under the Widows’, Orphans’, and Old Age Contributory Pensions Act, 1925, entitled the Contributory Pensions (Workmen’s Compensation Notification) Regulations (Scotland) 1927.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir William Joynson-Hicks presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Report of the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis for the year 1926.
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 the Plant and Machinery (Valuation for Rating) Order, 1927, dated 30th May 1927, confirming with modifications the Statement prepared by the Committee constituted under Section 24 (3) of the Rating and Valuation Act, 1925.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Resolved, That this House do meet to-morrow, Sittings of the House of the 16th May, successively to forthwith put the Questions on any Amendments moved by the Government of which notice had been given, and the Question necessary to dispose of the business to be concluded at half-past Ten of the clock at this day’s Sitting.

Amendments made.
Question put, That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill.
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the f Captain Bouyer, Yeas, {Mr. Penny : 1212.
Tellers for the f Sir Robert Hudson, Noes, {Mr. Fenby : 123.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 15, to leave out the word “person,” in order to insert the words “member of the union or unions involved.”—(Captain Garro-Jones.)
Question put, That the word “person” stand part of the Clause.
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the f Captain Bouyer, Yeas, {Mr. Penny : 233.
Tellers for the f Mr. Charles Edwards, Noes, {Mr. Whiteley : 125.

And it being after half-past Ten of the clock, the Chairman proceeded, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 16th May, successively to put forthwith the Questions on any Amendments moved by the Government of which notice had been given, and the Question necessary to dispose of the business to be concluded at half-past Ten of the clock at this day’s Sitting.

Amendments made.
Question put, That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill.
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the f Captain Bouyer, Yeas, {Mr. Penny : 235.
Tellers for the f Mr. Charles Edwards, Noes, {Mr. Parkinson : 125.

Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again—(Mr. Attorney General),—put, and agreed to.
Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported that the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday the 13th day of this instant June, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Land Tax Commissioners Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday the 13th day of this instant June, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Diseases of Animals Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee, and on recommittal;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday the 13th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Destructive Insects and Pests Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 13th day of this instant June.

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

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

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

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 Royal Naval Reserve Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday the 13th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Police (Appeals) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday the 13th day of this instant June.

Ordered, That Clauses No. 1 to No. 7 of the Trade Disputes and Trade Unions Bill, as amended in the Committee, be printed.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till five minutes before Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

colonel Moore, supported by sir robert gower, mr. templeton, sir robert hamilton, dr. shields, mr. couper, mr. westwood, and sir archibald Sinclair, presented a bill to provide for the humane slaughter of animals in Scotland: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 1st day of July next; and to be printed.

a motion was made, and the question being proposed, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn until Monday 13th June.—(Mr. chancellor of the Exchequer)

an amendment was proposed to be made to the question by leaving out the words "Monday 13th," and inserting the words "Wednesday 8th"—(Mr. batey), instead thereof.

And the question being put, That the words "Monday 13th" stand part of the question; The House divided.

the yeas to the right;

the noes to the left.

Tellers for the yeas, Mr. frederick thomson, lord stanley: 149.

Tellers for the noes, Mr. batey, Mr. ernest brooks: 36.

so it was resolved in the affirmative.

and the main question being put:

Resolved, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn until Monday 13th June.

and accordingly the House, having continued to sit till nine minutes before Five of the clock, adjourned till Monday the 13th day of this instant June, pursuant to the resolution of the House of this day.

[No. 77.]

Monday, 13th June 1927.

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

Prayers.

The greenock burgh extension, &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 birkenhead extension bill [lords] was read a second time, and committed.

the east surrey water bill [lords] was read a second time, and committed.

the littlehampton harbour and arun drainage outfall bill [lords] was read a second time, and committed.

ordered, That the Liverpool corporation bill [lords] be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

the Peterborough corporation bill [lords] was read a second time, and committed.

the st. catherine's college, Cambridge (canonship of norwich) bill [lords] was read a second time, and committed.

the wessex electricity bill [lords] was read a second time, and committed.

the following papers, presented by his Majesty's command during the Whitsuntide adjournment, were delivered to the librarian (as charged):

1. copy of the therapeutical substances regulations Act, dated 21st may 1927.

2. copy of the sale of glebe land rules, 1927, glove lands act, 1888.

ordered, That the said papers do lie upon the table.

Mr. guinness presented, pursuant to the directions of several acts of Parliament—Copy of order made under the diseases of animals acts, dated 1st june 1927, regarding the landing and defining the quarantine station of two white oryx (antelopes) from Nigeria.

ordered, That the said papers do lie upon the table.

secretary sir william joyson-hicks presented, by his Majesty's command,—Copy of the second interim report of the Royal commission on agriculture in India.

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 the therapeutic substances regulations Act, 1927, dated 31st may 1927.

ordered, That the said paper do lie upon the table.

Mr. mcNeill presented, pursuant to the finance directions of an act of Parliament—Copy of the finance accounts of the United Kingdom for the financial year 1926-27.

ordered, That the said paper do lie upon the table; and be printed.

Secretary sir samuel hoare presented, pursuant to the directions of an act of Parliament—Copy of order amending in certain respects
His Majesty's Order, dated 23rd November 1925, providing for the government, discipline, and pay of the Royal Air Force Reserve, including the Reserve of Air Force Officers and Men of the Royal Air Force Reserve.

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

Electricity (Supply) Acts.

Colonel Ashley presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport, under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of the Parishes of Maghull and Lydiate, in the Rural District of West Lancashire, in the County Palatine of Lancaster.

Copies of Provisional Regulations, made under the London Traffic Act, 1924, dated 1st June 1927, entitled—

(1) the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Amendment (Route No. 416) Provisional Regulations, 1927;
(2) the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Amendment (Route No. 408) Provisional Regulations, 1927;
(3) the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Amendment (Route Nos. 407 and 411) Provisional Regulations, 1927;
(4) the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Amendment (Route No. 409) Provisional Regulations, 1927;
(5) the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Amendment (Route No. 402) Provisional Regulations, 1927;
(6) the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Amendment (Various Routes) Provisional Regulations, 1927.

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

Forestry Commission.

Sir Lockin Forestier-Walker presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Seventh Annual Report of the Forestry Commissioners for the year ended 30th September 1926.

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

International Labour Conference.

Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of statement of the proposed action by the British Government regarding the draft Convention and the Recommendation adopted by the Conference at its Eighth Session, 26th May to 5th June 1926.

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

Unemployment Insurance Acts.

Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Unemployment Insurance (Banking Industry Special Scheme) (Amendment) Order, 1927, dated 3rd June 1927.

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

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Copy of Report of the Chief Registrar of Friendly Societies for the year 1925, Part 4, Trade Unions.

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 Lambeth (Brixton Division), in the room of Sir Davison Dalziel, Baronet, who, since his Election for the said Borough, hath accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of His Majesty's Three Chaldern Hundreds of Stoke, Desborough and Burnham, in the County of Buckingham.—Commander Eyres-Monell.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Trade Disputes and Trade Unions Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 8. (Short title, construction, interpretation, extent and repeal).

Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 31, at the end, to insert the words,—

"(2) In Section three of the Trade Union Act, 1913, and Section four of this Act, the expression ‘trade union’ shall include any association or body of employers, and the expression ‘member of a trade union’ shall include any member of an association or body of employers.—" (Mr. Arthur Henderson.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the 

Mr. Charles Edwards, 
Yeas, 
77.

Mr. Frederick Hall: 
Noes, 
190.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 37, at the end, to insert the words,—

"(3) A ‘political fund’ is any fund or part of a fund formed for or applied towards a purpose or purposes other than promoting the benefit and interest of the members of the union in the industry, trade, business, or employment in which they are occupied, and includes a fund to provide moneys to promote the election of or pay Members of Parliament, a County Council, a Corporation, or other public elected body, or to finance a political party or a public newspaper or political propaganda, and other like purposes.—" (Colonel Gretton.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 37, at the end, to insert the words,—

"(4) The expression ‘calculated’ means wilfully and maliciously intended."—(Sir Henry Slesser.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 37, at the end, to insert the words,—

"(5) The expression ‘coerce’ means to intimidate by apprehension of violence or violence."—(Mr. Sullivan.)
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Betting Second Reading of the Betting Overseas (Prohibition) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Ouse Second Reading of the Ouse Drainage Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Poor Law Second Reading of the Poor Law Bill [Lords];

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Police Second Reading of the Police Districts (Scotland) Bill [Lords];

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Audit (Local Authorities) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Crown Lands Committee on the Crown Lands (No. 2) (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 Colonial Probates (Protected States and Mandated Territories) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 27th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Law of Libel Amendment Bill [Lords.] the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 23rd day of May last, That the Lords' Message of the 1st day of April last, relating to the appointment of a Joint Committee to consider the Law of Libel Amendment Bill [Lords] be now taken into consideration.

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Re-organisation of Offices (Scotland) Bill.

Ordered, That the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 23rd day of March last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Re-organisation of Offices (Scotland) 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 Welsh Church Second Reading of the Welsh Church (Burial Grounds) Bill [Lords];

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

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Urban District Councillors Election 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 Representation of the People 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 Workmen’s Compensation 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 8th day of April last, That the Coal Mines 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 Coal (Selling Price Agreements) 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 Honours (Prohibition) 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 Parish Councils (National Association Expenses) (No. 2) Bill;

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

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

[No. 78.]

Tuesday, 14th June 1927.

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

PRAYERS.

The Gainsborough Bridge Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Forestry Commission, which was presented upon the 13th day of this instant June, be printed.

Colonel Ashley presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 1st June 1927, Vol. 182.

made by the Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1926, and entitled the Electric Lighting (Clauses) Act, 1899 (Application to Central Electricity Board) Regulations, 1927.

Copy of Report and Abstract of Accounts of Harwich Harbour Conservancy Board for the Harbour, year ended 31st March 1927.

Copy of Sixth Annual Report of the Minister Caledonian of Transport upon the Caledonian and Crinan Canals for the year ended 31st March 1926.

Copies of Provisional Regulations, made under the London Traffic Act, 1924, dated 10th June 1927, entitled—

(1) the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Amendment (Route No. 15) Provisional Regulations, 1927;
(2) the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Amendment (Route No. 83) Provisional Regulations, 1927;
(3) the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Amendment (Route No. 263) Provisional Regulations, 1927.

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

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House —

Copy of Report to the Lord Chancellor of Lunacy, the number of Visits made, the number of Patients seen, and the number of Miles travelled by the Visitors of Lunatics, between 1st October 1926 and 31st March 1927.

Sir William Edge, Member for the County of Leicester (Bosworth Division) was sworn.

The House, according to Order, resolved Trade itself into a Committee on the Trade Disputes and Trade Unions Bill.

(In the Committee.)

A Clause (Essential Services)—(Sir Leslie Scott),—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 (Management of benefit fund)—(Captain Bourne),—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 (Lock-outs or Strikes to be preceded by ballot)—(Colonel Burton), brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time:—Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Illegal withholding of supplies)—(Mr. Albert Alexander),—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. Charles Edwards, Yeas, 132.
Mr. Hayes:]

Tellers for the [Lord Stanley, Noes, Captain Margesson: 248.
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First Schedule.

Question put, That this be the First Schedule to the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Major Cope, Lord Stanley : 265.]
Yea,, [Mr. Parkinson, Mr. Whiteley : 134.

Nees,

And it being after half past Ten of the clock, the Chairman proceeded, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 16th May, to put forthwith the Question necessary to bring the Committee stage to a conclusion.

Second Schedule.

Question put, That this be the Second Schedule to the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Major Sir George Hankey, Mr. Penny : 268.]
Yea,, [Mr. Barnes, Mr. Thomas Hender-son : 136.

Nees,

Whereupon the Chairman left the Chair to report the Bill, as amended, to the House, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 16th May.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time: and be printed.

Land Tax Commissioners Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Land Tax Commissioners Bill;

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

Royal Naval Reserve Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Royal Naval Reserve Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee;

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

Police (Appeals) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Police (Appeals) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

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

Diseases of Animals Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Diseases of Animals Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee, and on recommittal;

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

Destructive Insects and Pests Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Destructive Insects and Pests Bill;

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

Law of Libel Amendment Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 23rd day of May last, That the Lords' Message of the 1st day of April last, relating to the appointment of a Joint Committee to consider the Law of Libel Amendment Bill [Lords] be now taken into consideration;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till to-morrow.

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

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

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Access to Mountains Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Law of Libel Amendment Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And it being Eleven of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Factories Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Divorce Jurisdiction Bill;

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

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

[No. 79.]

Wednesday, 15th June 1927.

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 Liverpool Corporation 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 Audit (Local Authorities) 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, being of opinion that the powers now vested in district auditors are anomalous and contrary to the principles of democratic government, declines to proceed with a Bill which fails to safeguard the rights of local elected authorities in the exercise of the duties imposed upon them by Acts of Parliament and the will of the community, indirectly increases the powers of bureaucratic officials independent of popular control, and establishes the principle that duly elected representatives of the people may be disqualified for holding office otherwise than for corruption, misconduct, or negligence, and notwithstanding that they retain the confidence of their constituents"—(Mr. Greenwood),—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, {Lord Stanley : } 220.

Tellers for the Noes, {Mr. Charles Edwards, Mr. Benjamin Smith : } 94.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

The Poor Law Bill [Lords] was, according to Poor Law Order, read a second time;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for Thursday the 23rd day of this instant June.—(Mr. Neville Chamberlain.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Land Tax Committee on the Land Tax Commissioners Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking Royal Naval Reserve 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 Police into consideration the Police (Appeals) 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 Diseases of Animals Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee, and on recommittal;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.
Destructive Insects and Pests Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Destructive Insects and Pests Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Law of Libel Amendment Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 23rd day of May last, That the Lords' Message of the 1st day of April last relating to the appointment of a Joint Committee to consider the Law of Libel Amendment Bill [Lords] be now taken into consideration;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till 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.

Estimates.

Ordered, That Captain Craig be discharged from the Select Committee on Estimates, and that Sir Malcolm Macnamara be added to the Committee.—(Colonel Gibbs.)

Adjournment.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

—(Commander Eyres-Monsell.)

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

[No. 80.]

Thursday, 16th June 1927.

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 which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz.:

Croydon Corporation Bill [Lords].
Derby Corporation Bill [Lords].
Royal Albert Hall Bill [Lords].
Isle of Wight Water Bill [Lords].
Brighton Corporation Bill [Lords].
Wallasey 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 Bills, referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz.:

Mexborough and Swinton Tramways Company (Trolley Vehiches) Provisional Order Bill.
Southend-on-Sea Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill.
Rotherham Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill.
Maidstone Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill.

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

The Darlington Corporation Trolley Vehicles Darlington (Additional Routes) Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read the third time and passed.

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the St. Helens Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill, as amended in the Committee.

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

Mr. Attorney General presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Clause 1 of the Disputes and Trade Unions Bill as proposed to be printed, after Amendment, by His Majesty's Government on Report.

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

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Regulation Copy of Draft of a Special Order proposed to be made by the Board of Trade under the Gas Regulation Act, 1929, on the application of the Deal and Walmer Gas Company.

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

Secretary Sir Austen Chamberlain presented, Armies of by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Agreement for the period 1st April 1926 to 10th January 1930. Paris, 13th January 1927.

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


Copy of Order in Council, made under the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865, dated 26th May 1927, approving an Admiralty Memorial relating to Regulations regarding the
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ial, Sir Henry Cauley, Mr. Duff Cooper, Mr. Arthur Greenwood, Captain Gunston, Mr. Hanson, Mr. Harney, Major Harvey, Mr. James Hudson, Mr. Landbury, Miss Lawrence, Mr. Lawson, Sir Douglas Newton, Sir Ashton Pownall, Mr. Sutton, and Sir Kingsley Wood.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Chairman's Panel; That they had appointed Panel.

Sir Cyril Cobb to act as Chairman of Standing Committee D (in respect of the Audit (Local Authorities) Bill).

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 the Lords, one of their Clerks, as followeth:—

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the North Metropolitan Electric Power Supply Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That other Government Business have the House. Business be exempted from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House) of the North Metropolitan Electric Power Supply Bill [Lords].

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Frederick Thompson: 179.

Tellers for the Nos, Mr. Whiteley: 83.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ouse Second Reading of the Ouse Drainage 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 recognising the need for the efficient drainage of the area drained by the River Ouse and its tributaries, cannot approve of any method involving the granting of subsidies by the State which does not secure for the expenditure incurred a satisfactory return by means of the public ownership of the land affected"—(Mr. Buxton),—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. Frederick Thompson: 143.

Tellers for the Nos, Mr. Whiteley: 85.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was read a second time.
A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That it is expedient that the Bill be referred to a Joint Committee of both Houses of Parliament—(Mr. Guinness);

Ordered, That the House be adjourned

Mr. Speaker resumed, the Chair; and asked 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.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the House proceeded to a Division.

Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill;

The Committee divided.

Clause No. 8 (Separate dealing with surface leases).

Clause No. 7 (Regulations respecting mining leases).

Clause No. 6 agreed to.

Question proposed, That the Clause stand part of the Bill;

Clause No. 5 (Powers of Sale).

Clause No. 4 to No. 6 agreed to.

Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill;

Clause No. 3 (Regulations respecting Sales).

Question, That those words be there inserted, referred to a Joint Committee of both Houses of Parliament.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Crown Lands (No. 2) (re-committed) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Incorporation of Commissioners of Crown Lands).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 8, after the word " Lands," to insert the words " who shall be three in number and be appointed by the Treasury."—(Mr. Maxton.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (Powers of Sale).

Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas,

Tellers for the Noes,

Clause No. 3 (Regulations respecting Sales).

Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

Tellers for the Yeas,

Tellers for the Noes,

Clause No. 4 to No. 6 agreed to.

Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill;

Order for the Bill.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Crown Lands (No. 3) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Incorporation of Commissioners of Crown Lands).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 8, after the word " Lands," to insert the words " who shall be three in number and be appointed by the Treasury."—(Mr. Maxton.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (Powers of Sale).

Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas,

Tellers for the Noes,

Clause No. 3 (Regulations respecting Sales).

Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

Order for the Bill.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Crown Lands (No. 2) (re-committed) Bill.

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Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas,

Tellers for the Noes,

Clause No. 3 (Regulations respecting Sales).

Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

Order for the Bill.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Crown Lands (No. 3) Bill.

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (Powers of Sale).

Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas,

Tellers for the Noes,
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The Committee divided.
Tellers for the Major Cope, Yeas, Mr. Penny: 108.
Tellers for the Mr. Charles Edwards, Noes, Mr. Tinker: 18.
Clause No. 9 agreed to.
Clause No. 10 amended, and agreed to.
Clause Nos. 11 to 13 agreed to.
Clause No. 14 (Power to pay for improvements out of capital):
Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again—(Mr. Guinness)—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 taking into consideration the Diseases of Animals Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee, and on re-committal;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Destructive Insects and Pests Bill;

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

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

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Land Tax Commissioners Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Royal Naval Reserve 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 Police (Appeals) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

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

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 23rd day of May last, That the Lords' Message of the 1st day of April last, relating to the appointment of a Joint Committee to consider the Law of Libel Amendment Bill [Lords], be now taken into consideration;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.

—(Commander Eyres-Monsell.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes after One of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned 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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[No. 81.]

Friday, 17th June 1927.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

P R A Y E R S.

THE Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Liverpool Corporation Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next at a quarter of an hour after Eight of the clock.

The St. Helens Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) St. Helens 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 Maidstone Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The Mexborough and Swinton Tramways Company (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The Rotherham Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The Southend-on-Sea Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

Major Elliot presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Eighth Annual Report of the Scottish Board of Health, 1926.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Lord Advocate presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order, dated 15th June 1927, entitled the Dunfermline Water Rate (Application of Rating Act) Order, 1927.

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) South Suburban Gas Company;
(2) Newquay (Cornwall) Gas Company, Limited.

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

Secretary Sir Austin Chamberlain presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Report to the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs of the British Representative on the League of Nations Preparatory Committee for the Disarmament Conference. Third Session, Geneva, 21st March to 26th April 1927.

Copy of Report to the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs of the British Representative on the League of Nations Committee of the Council on Article 11 of the Covenant.

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

Air Force.

Sir Samuel Hoare presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Statement of Particulars of Grants of Pay and Allowances, &c., of the Air Force, sanctioned by the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty’s Treasury during the year 1926–27, under the Dispensing Order of 14th January 1922.

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

London and Home Counties Joint Electricity Authority (No. 2) Bill.

Sir Arthur Shirley Benn reported from the Committee on the London and Home Counties Joint Electricity Authority (No. 2) Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

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

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

(In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates, 1927.

Class II.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £74,834 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 1928 for a contribution towards the cost of the Department of His Majesty’s Secretary of State for India in Council, including a Grant in Aid:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a sum not exceeding £74,734 be granted for the said Service.—(Mr. Lansbury.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas,

Mr. Barnes : 45.

Tellers for the Noes,

Sir Harry Barnston : 173.

Original Question again proposed;

And it being after Four 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.

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 receiving the Report from the Committee on Ouse Drainage [Money];

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved Protection of itself into a Committee on the Protection of Animals (Amendment) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 2 agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Agricultural Holdings (Scotland) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Small Landholders (Scotland) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Vinegar Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 5th day of July next.
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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 Tuesday the 5th day of July next.

Coal Mines (Abolition of Wheelless Tubs) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Coal Mines (Abolition of Wheelless Tubs) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

London Squares and Enclosures (Preservation) (No. 2) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Squares and Enclosures (Preservation) (No. 2) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

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

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

Betting (Juvenile Messengers) (Scotland) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Betting (Juvenile Messengers) (Scotland) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

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

Importation of Plumage (Prohibition) Act (1921) Amendment Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Importation of Plumage (Prohibition) Act (1921) Amendment Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Hairdressers' and Barbers' Shops (Sunday Closing) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Hairdressers' and Barbers' Shops (Sunday Closing) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

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

Government of Scotland Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 13th day of May last, That the Government of Scotland Bill be now read a second time; 
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 14th day of this instant June, That the Fancy Jewellery (Standard Trade Descriptions) Bill be now read a second time; 
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 a quarter of an hour after Four of the clock, till Monday next.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Secretary Amery presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of 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.

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) part of the Rural District of Williton, in the County of Somerset;
(2) the Urban District of Poulton-le-Fylde and the Townships of Carleton and Marton, in the Rural District of Fylde, in the County Palatine of Lancaster;
(3) the Urban Districts of Altofts, Anlaby East and West, and Methley, the Rural District of Wakefield, and parts of the Rural District of Tadcaster, all in the West Riding of the County of York.
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 Report of Sixty-third Annual Reports on Alkali, &c., &c., for 1926 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.

Mr. Gervas Beckett, Major Harvey, and Sir Assheton Pownall; and
had appointed in substitution: Mr. Campbell, Sir Frederick Hall, and Mr. Looker.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Trade Disputes and Trade Unions Bill, as amended in the Committee.
A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Provisions as to persons employed by certain companies and societies).—(Captain Cazalet.)
And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Clause be read a second time:—It passed in the Negative.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, by leaving out Clause 1—(Mr. Clynes.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "within," in l. 8, stand part of the Bill;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Sir Harry Barnston, Mr. Penny:]
Yea, 233.  
Mr. Charles Edwards, Mr. Whiteley:
Noes, 111.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

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

Commander Eyres-Monsell reported from the Committee on Ouse Drainage [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:
That for the purpose of any Act of the present Session to make provision for the better drainage of the area drained by the River Ouse and its tributaries and for purposes connected therewith, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of—

1. a contribution towards the expenses to be incurred by the Ouse Drainage Board in respect of certain works and of a certain matter specified in the said Act, up to an amount not exceeding one-half of those expenses;
2. a sum of four thousand five hundred pounds to the Company of Proprietors of the Norfolk Estuary in consideration of the surrender to His Majesty in right of His Crown of certain lands now vested in the Company.
The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Finance Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday, the 25th day of this instant June, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Police Second Reading of the Police Districts (Scotland) Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Re-organisation of Offices (Scotland) 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 Welsh Church Second Reading of the Welsh Church (Burial Grounds) Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Crown Lands Committee on the Crown Lands (No. 2) Bill (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 taking into consideration the Diseases of Animals Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee, and on re-committal;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking Royal Naval Reserve 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 Police into consideration the Police (Appeals) 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 Law of Libel the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed Amendment Bill [Lords], Message of the 1st day of April last, relating to the appointment of a Joint Committee to
consider the Law of Libel Amendment Bill [Lords] be now taken into consideration; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Protection of Animals (Amendment) Bill, as amended in the Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Thornton Rust Calvinistic Chapel Charity 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 Feltwell Fuel Allotment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 29th day of April last, That the Protection of Dogs Bill be now read a second time;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday the 18th day of July 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 Commonwealth of India 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 Omnibuses 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 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 Education in Prisons Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Mental Deficiency Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Protection of Dogs Bill be now read a second time upon Tuesday the 28th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Coal Mines after the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed Bill, upon the 8th day of April last, That the Coal Mines Bill be now read a second time;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Tuesday the 28th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Coal (Selling Price Agreements) Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Sale of Honours (Prohibition) Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Engineers Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Divorce Jurisdiction (Overseas Domicile) Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Agricultural Holdings (Scotland) (Defence against Deer) Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Small Landholders (Scotland) Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.
Ordered, 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 Squares and Enclosures (Preservation) (No. 2) Bill;

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time, and committed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Coal Mines (Abolition of Wheelless Tubs) 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 Succession (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 Shops (Hours of Employment) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 28th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Hairdressers' and Barbers' Shops (Sunday Closing) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 28th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the House of Commons Attendance 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 14th day of this instant June, That the Fancy Jewellery (Standard Trade Descriptions) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

And then the House, having continued to sit till fourteen minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Order for the House to resolve itself into a Committee, upon Thursday next, on the Thornton Rust Calvinistic Chapel Charity Bill, was read, and discharged.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday the 7th day of July next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Thursday next, the Felthwell Fuel Allotment Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time, upon Thursday the 7th day of July next.

Ordered, That the Slaughter of Animals Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Mr. Rhys Davies, supported by Mr. Clynes, Mr. Arthur Greenwood, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Morgan Jones, and Miss Bondfield, presented a Bill to make further provision with respect to procuration and trading in prostitution and kindred offences and to disorderly houses and other premises; to extend and amend the Extra-dition Act, 1870, and the Children (Employment Abroad) Act, 1913; to amend the Criminal Law Amendment Act, 1922, and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid: And the same was ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday the 12th day of July next; and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into further consideration the Trade Disputes and Trade Unions Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 10, by leaving out the words “the Government,” and inserting the word “Parliament”—(Captain Crookshank)—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word “the” 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. 10, by leaving out the word “Government,” and inserting the word “State”—(Sir John Marriott)—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word “Government” stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 34, by leaving out subsection (4) of Clause 1.—(Sir Henry Slesser.) 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 (Captain Viscount Curzon, Lord Stanley: 248. Tellers for the (Mr. Charles Edwards, Noes, Mr. Whitley: 132. So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That further consideration of the Bill, as amended, be now adjourned.—(Mr. Attorney General.)

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

The Liverpool Corporation Bill [Lords] was, Liverpool Corporation Bill [Lords] according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Diseases of Animals Bill Animals Bill into consideration the Diseases of Animals Bill Animals Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee and on re-committal;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Destructive Insects Insects and Pests Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Land Tax Committee on the Land Tax Commissioners Commis-

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking Royal Naval Reserve Reserve Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee;

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

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

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.

Protection of Animals (Amendment) Bill. The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Protection of Animals (Amendment) Bill, as amended in the Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

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

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

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

Government of Scotland Bill. The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 13th day of May last, That the Government of Scotland Bill be now read a second time;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

Small Landholders (Scotland) Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Small Landholders (Scotland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon 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 twenty-six minutes before Twelve of the clock, till to-morrow.

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

PRAYERS.

Wallasey Corporation Bill [Lords.]

THE Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Wallasey Corporation Bill [Lords.];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

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

Secretary Sir William Jayson-Hicks presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations made under the Petroleum Act, 1926, dated 31st May 1927, entitled the Petroleum Spirit (Conveyance) Regulations, 1927.

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

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

The Lords have agreed to the Ministry of Health Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill, without any Amendment.

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 Southern Railway Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled Coventry Corporation (Boundaries Extension) Bill [Lords.]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to authorise the Abersoch Water Company, Limited, to construct and maintain waterworks, and to supply water in part of the County of Carnarvon; 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 Sunderland to construct a quay and other works; and to provide and work omnibuses; to confer powers upon the Corporation in regard to their water and electricity undertakings, 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 boundaries of the City of Coventry, 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 boundaries of the Borough of Sunderland; to empower the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough to construct a quay and other works; and to provide and work omnibuses; to make further provision with regard to tramways and electricity and the health, local government, and improvement 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 amend Saint Mary's Hospital (Newcastle-upon-Tyne) Act, 1888, and certain schemes made thereunder, 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 Citizens of the City of Salford to execute street improvements and acquire lands; to
The Lords concur with the Commons in their Resolution, that it is expedient that the Ouse Drainage Bill be committed to a Joint Committee of Lords and Commons.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Order Confirmation (Hove Extension) 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 Abersoch Water Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Bedford Corporation Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Coventry Corporation (Boundary Extension) Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Sunderland Corporation Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Hospital of St. Mary the Virgin (Newcastle-upon-Tyne) Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Salford Corporation Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Sir Murrough Wilson reported from the Select Committee on the Post Office (Sites) 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 an Amendment thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House for to-morrow.

Sir Walter Raine reported from the Local Legislation Committee (Section B); That in the case of the Aberdare Urban District Council 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 Richard Eric Onslow Long, Member New Member for the County of Wilts (Westbury Division) sworn, was sworn.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into further consideration the Trade Disputes and Trade Unions Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, by leaving out Clause 3.—(Mr. Oliver.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word “and,” in p. 4, l. 3, stand part of the Bill.

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right.

Tellers for the Yeas, Major Sir George Hennessy, Mr. Penny:

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Charles Edwards, Mr. Thomas Hender.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 4, l. 3, by leaving out from the word " peace " to the end of subsection (1), and inserting the words " and any person acting in contravention of the foregoing provisions shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding twenty pounds or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months, or on conviction on indictment to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months with or without hard labour "—(Captain T. J. O'Connor),—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. 4, l. 9, by inserting, after the word " section," the words " and in Section seven of the Conspiracy and Protection of Property Act, 1875."—(Captain T. J. O'Connor.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 5, l. 42, by inserting, after the word " union," the words " who has not claimed exemption."—(Mr. Abery.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 6, l. 3, by leaving out the words " the foregoing subsection," and inserting the words " this section, or for the purposes of the Trade Union Act, 1913, as amended by this Act, which require approval by the Registrar."—(Mr. Attorney General),—instead thereof.
And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill; the House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Thomas Hender- son, 124.
Mr. Benjamin Smith ;

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Frederick Thomas son ;
Captain Mergeson ; 211.

Mr. Speaker puts Questions forthwith (pursuant to Order of the House.)

So it passed in the Negative.

And the proposed words were there inserted in the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 6, by leaving out Clause 3.—(Mr. Walter Baker.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out, to the end of 1. 38, stand part of the Bill;

And it being half-past Ten of the clock, Mr. Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 16th day of May last, to put forthwith the Question on the Amendment already proposed from the Chair.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out, to the end of 1. 38, stand part of the Bill;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Major Cope,
Lord Stanley ; 258.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Charles Edw ards,
Mr. Whiteley ; 128.

Mr. Speaker then proceeded successively to put forthwith the Questions on any Amendments moved by the Government of which notice had been given.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 6, l. 39, by inserting, at the beginning thereof, the words " any person who is at the commencement of this Act."—(Mr. Attorney General.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Frederick Thomas son, 262.
Captain Bowyer ;

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Charles Edw ards,
Mr. Parkinson ; 134.

Mr. Speaker puts Questions forthwith (pursuant to Order of the House.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Frederick Thomas son, 277.
Mr. Penny ;

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Benjamin Smith ; 117.

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. 17, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words ": (c) a strike or lock-out shall not be deemed to be calculated to coerce the Government unless such coercion ought reasonably to be expected as a consequence thereof."—(Mr. Attorney General.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Frederick Thomas son, 262.
Captain Bowyer ;

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Charles Edwar ds,
Mr. Parkinson ; 134.

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Captain Viscount Curzon,
Captain Bowyer ; 260.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Whiteley,
Mr. Thomas Hender- son ; 130.

Mr. Speaker puts Questions forthwith (pursuant to Order of the House.)

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third Bill 154.

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time to-morrow; and be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Diseases of Animals Bill [Lords.]
Mr. Neville Chamberlain presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order, dated 17th June 1927, made by the Minister of Health under the Board of Guardians (Default) Act, 1926, and entitled the West Ham Union (Default) Orders (Continuation) Order, 1927.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. McNeill presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Fifty-second Annual Report of the Public Works Loan Board, 1926-27, with Appendices.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Richard Barnwell reported from Standing Committee A, to whom the Seditious and Blasphemous Teaching to Children Bill was referred: That they had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Standing Committee be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Friday the 1st day of July next; 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 Mercantile Marine Memorial Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Ministry of Health Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to confirm a Provisional Order of the Minister of Health relating to Newcastle-under-Lyme; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to confirm a Provisional Order of the Ministry of Health relating to Wokingham; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to confirm a Provisional Order of the Ministry of Health relating to New Sarum; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to confirm a Provisional Order of the Ministry of Health relating to Conway; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

P R A Y E R S.

A PUBLIC Petition was 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 Burghs of Girvan, Maybole, and Largs, in the County of Ayr, and for other purposes.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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Thursday, 23rd June 1927.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.
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The Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 7) Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 9) Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Sir Robert Gower, supported by Colonel Dogs and Moore, Mr. James Henry Thomas, Mr. Hall Cate Bill, Caine, Major Kenyon-Shane, Mr. Bromley, Mr. Ernest Evans, Captain Holt, Dr. Watts, Captain Fergus Graham, Mr. James Hudson, and Mr. Cazin, presented a Bill, intituled "An Act to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Minister of Health relating to Clare and Bumstead Joint Hospital District, Guildford, Scarborough, Sheffield, Wandle Valley Joint Sewerage District, and Whitehaven; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intitled "An Act to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Minister of Health relating to Combe Down and District Water, Thirsk District Water, and York Water; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intitled "An Act to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Minister of Health relating to Gillingham, Hereford, Margate, Sheffield, Swindon, and Willenhall; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Order Confirmation (Newcastle-under-Lyme Extension) Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Order Confirmation (Wokingham Extension) Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Order Confirmation (New Sarum Extension) Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Order Confirmation (Conway Extension) Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 6) Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 7) Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 8) Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Major Sir George Hennessey, Mr. Frederick Thomson; 146.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Mosley; 73.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Mr. Speaker then directed Mr. Maxton to withdraw from the House, and he withdrew accordingly.

And the Question being again proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question;
And it being half-past Ten of the clock, Mr. Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 16th day of May last, to put forthwith the Question already proposed from the Chair.
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; 354.
Tellers for the Noes, Sir Harry Burnston; 139.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
The Bill was read the third time and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the said Message.

The House accordingly proceeded to take so much of the Lords' Message of the 22nd day of this instant June as relates to the appointment of a Joint Committee on the Ouse Drainage Bill to be now taken into consideration.—(Commander Eyres-Monsell.)
The House accordingly proceeded to take so much of the said Message into consideration.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Select Committee of Five Members to be joined with a Committee to be appointed by the Lords.
Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to acquaint them therewith: And that the Clerk do carry the said Message.

The Committee was nominated of Mr. Campbell, Captain Crookshank, Colonel Hennege, Sir Murdoch Macdonald, and Mr. Riley.
Ordered, That all Petitions against the Bill presented on or before Tuesday 5th July be referred to the Committee.
Ordered, That the Petitioners praying to be heard by themselves their Counsel, Agents, or Witnesses 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.)

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Protection of Animals (Amendment) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Ordered, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Ordered, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

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Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Yorkshire Electric Power Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Wallasey Corporation Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.


Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Bridge presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of List of Exceptions to the King's Regulations as to Pay, Non-effective Pay, and Allowances for the Navy, sanctioned during the year 1926.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. McNeill presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Accounts of all Deposits received and paid during the year ended 31st December 1926, 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 1926, and the nature and amount of the Securities held by the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt to meet those Liabilities at that date.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Guinness presented, pursuant to the Destructive Insects and Pests Acts.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Standing Committee on Group F 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 John Ganzoni reported from the Committee on the Access to Mountains Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 4th day of July next.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Auctions (Bidding Agreements) 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 the word "dealer," and inserting the word "person"—(Colonel Gadie), instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word "dealer " stand part of the Bill;

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 12, by inserting, after the word " aforesaid," the words " or if any person agrees on behalf of the vendor to bid up the price at a sale by auction generally or for any particular lot without any intention of purchasing."—(Mr. Albert Alexander.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill;

So it was resolved in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 13, by leaving out
the words "one hundred," and inserting the words "twenty-five"—(Colonel Wedgwood)—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words "one hundred" stand part of the Bill:

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the (Lord Fermoy, Yeas, {Major Alan McLean :} 103.
Tellers for the Mr. Whiteley, Noes, {Mr. Charles Edwards :} 50.

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. 17, by leaving out the words "or to both such fine and such imprisonment."—(Mr. Albert Alexander.)

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 (Lord Fermoy, Yeas, {Sir Douglas Newton :} 105.
Tellers for the Mr. Parkinson, Noes, {Mr. Whiteley :} 57.

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. 1, l. 24, by inserting, after the word "account," the words "and has before the goods were purchased at the auction deposited a copy of the agreement with the auctioneer."—(Major Alan McLean.)

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 Fermoy, Yeas, {Sir Douglas Newton :} 94.
Tellers for the Colonel Gadie, Noes, {Mr. Benjamin Smith :} 70.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 5, by inserting at the end thereof, the words "in the condition in which he buys them."—(Mr. Scurr.)

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. Whiteley, Yeas, {Mr. Charles Edwards :} 67.
Tellers for the Lord Fermoy, Noes, {Sir Douglas Newton :} 110.

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 three months."—(Mr. Scurr.)

And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the (Lord Fermoy, Yeas, {Sir Douglas Newton :} 138.
Tellers for the Mr. Parkinson, Noes, {Mr. Barnes :} 65.

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 House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Midwives and Maternity Homes (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Local supervising authorities to provide midwives in certain cases)—(Mr. Barclay-Harvey),—was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

 Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Protection of Animals (Amendment) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

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 Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Widows', Orphans', and Old Age Contributory Pensions Act (1925) Contributory Pensions Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Widows', Second Reading of the Widows', Orphans', and Old Age Contributory Pensions Act (1925) Contributory Pensions Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Sale of Second Reading of the Sale of Honours (Prohibition) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Slaughter of Second Reading of the Slaughter of Animals (Amendment) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 8th day of July next.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Importation of Plumage (Prohibition) Act (1921) Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to Standing Order No. 3, it being then one minute after Four of the clock, till Monday next.

[No. 87.]
Monday, 27th June 1927.

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 (General Powers) Bill: And the same were twice read, and agreed to.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Southern Railway Bill: And the same were twice read, and agreed to.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Aberdare Urban District Council Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Fleetwood Urban District Council Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.
Ordered, That the West Cheshire Water Board Bill [Lords] be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Wallasey Corporation Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Mr. Secretary Amery presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Note on the work of the Empire Marketing Board and Statement of Research Grants approved by the Secretary of State from July 1926 to May 1927.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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 1926.
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 Basingstoke Gas Company.
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 Grand Juries (Dispensation at Criminal Quarter Sessions) Rules, 1927, dated 11th June 1927.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Select Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee A:—Major Sir Granville Wheler; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Ellis.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The House, according to Order, resolved Supply itself into the Committee of Supply. (In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates, 1927.

Class I.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £198,158 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 1928 for the Salaries and other Expenses in the Department of His Majesty's Treasury and Subordinate Departments:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a sum not exceeding £198,058 be granted to the said Service. (Mr. William Graham.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, [Mr. Barnes, [83.
Mr. Benjamin Smith.] Yea, [Mr. Cunliffe-Lister, [292.
Mr. Barnes, [Captain Margesson, [83.
No, [Captain Bowyer.] Original Question put, and agreed to.

Resolution to be reported.

Class V.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £12,943,593 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 1928 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Ministry of Health, including Grants and other Expenses in connection with Housing, Grants to Local Authorities, &c., in connection with Public Health Services, Grants in Aid in respect of Benefits and Expenses of Administration under the National Health
The Order of the day being read, for the

\[\text{Crown Lands Committee on the Crown Lands (No. 2) (No. 2) Bill.}\]

\[\text{Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow,}\]

\[\text{resolve itself into the said Committee.}\]

The Order of the day being read, for taking

\[\text{Police}\]

\[\text{into consideration the Police (Appeals) Bill, (Appeals) Bill.}\]

\[\text{Ordered, That the Bill be taken into con-}\]

\[\text{sideration to-morrow.}\]

The Order of the day being read, for resuming

\[\text{Law of Libel}\]

\[\text{the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed}\]

\[\text{Amendment}\]

\[\text{upon the 23rd day of May last, That the Lords'}\]

\[\text{Message of the 1st day of April last, relating to}\]

\[\text{the appointment of a Joint Committee to}\]

\[\text{consider the Law of Libel Amendment Bill}\]

\[\text{[Lords.] be now taken into consideration;}\]

\[\text{Ordered, That the Debate be further ad-}\]

\[\text{journed till to-morrow.}\]

The Order of the day being read, for the

\[\text{Post Law Committee on the Post Law Bill}\]

\[\text{[Lords.]}\]

\[\text{Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday}\]

\[\text{next, resolve itself into the said Committee.}\]

The Order of the day being read, for taking

\[\text{Diseases of Animals}\]

\[\text{into consideration the Diseases of Animals Bill}\]

\[\text{[Lords.] as amended in the Standing}\]

\[\text{Committee, and on re-committal;}\]

\[\text{Ordered, That the Bill be taken into con-}\]

\[\text{sideration to-morrow.}\]

The Order of the day being read, for the

\[\text{Destructive Second Reading of the Destructive Insects and}\]

\[\text{Pests Bill;}\]

\[\text{Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time}\]

\[\text{upon Monday next.}\]

The Order of the day being read, for the

\[\text{Land Tax Committee on the Land Tax Commissioners}\]

\[\text{Bill,}\]

\[\text{Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow,}\]

\[\text{resolve itself into the said Committee.}\]

The Order of the day being read, for taking

\[\text{Royal Naval}\]

\[\text{into consideration the Royal Naval Reserve}\]

\[\text{Reserve Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee;}\]

\[\text{Ordered, That the Bill be taken into con-}\]

\[\text{sideration to-morrow.}\]

The Order of the day being read, for the

\[\text{Leasehold Second Reading of the Leasehold Enfranchise-}\]

\[\text{ment Bill;}\]

\[\text{Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time}\]

\[\text{upon Monday next.}\]

The Order of the day being read, for the

\[\text{Commonwealth of India Wealth of}\]

\[\text{Ireland Bill;}\]

\[\text{Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time}\]

\[\text{upon Wednesday next.}\]
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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Omnibuses 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 Offices Regulation 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 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 Education in Prisons 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 Mental Deficiency (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 Representation of the People 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 Coal (Selling Price Agreements) 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 Engineers 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 Divorce Jurisdiction (Overseas Domicile) 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 Holdings (Scotland) (Defence against Deer) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Coal Mines (Abolition of Wheelless Tubs) 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 Squares and Enclosures (Preservation) (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 Succession (Scotland) (Enabling) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Authorities (Enabling) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the House of Commons Attendance Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Factories Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Coal Mines (Abolition of Wheelless Tubs) Bill; the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed of Scotland upon the 14th day of this instant June, That the Fancy Jewellery (Standard Trade Descriptions) 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 Small Landholders (Scotland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

And then the House, having continued to sit till fourteen minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 88.]

Tuesday, 28th June 1927.

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.:

- Aberdeens Water Bill [Lords].
- Bedford Corporation Bill [Lords].
- Coventry Corporation (Boundary Extension) Bill [Lords].
- Sunderland Corporation Bill [Lords].
- Hospital of St. Mary the Virgin (Newcastle-upon-Tyne) Bill [Lords].
- Salford Corporation Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

The Yorkshire Electric Power 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, 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 the Committee 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 Dundee Corporation draft Provisional Order, in so far as Clauses 67, 68 and 69 are concerned, and the Edinburgh Corporation draft Provisional Order, in so far as Clause 71 is concerned, 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 following Provisional Orders be allowed to proceed, subject to such recommendations as they may hereafter make with respect to the several Orders, namely:—

- Dundee Corporation (except Clauses 67, 68, and 69);
- Edinburgh Corporation (except Clause 71);
- Edinburgh Chartered Accountants Annuity, &c., Fund;
- Grampian Electricity Supply;
- Renfrewshire County Council (Giffnock Railway Bridges);
- (3) the consideration of the following Provisional Orders is postponed, namely:—

- Lerwick Harbour;
- Scottish Insurance Companies (Superannuation Fund).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir William Joynson-Hicks presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Royal Commissioners' Second and Final Report relating to Mining Subsidence.

Secretary Sir William Joynson-Hicks also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Orders made under the Shops Act, 1912, by the Council of the undermentioned Local Authority, and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department:—

- West Riding of Yorkshire (two).

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 22nd June 1927, entitled the National Health Insurance (Joint Committee) Regulations, 1927.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Guinness presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order made under the Destructive Insects and Pests Acts, dated 21st June 1927, entitled the Importation of Potatoes (Malta) Order, 1927.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Colonel Ashley presented, pursuant to the Electricity Supply Act, 1924, entitled the Electricity (Supply) Acts, from 1st April 1926 to 31st March 1927.


Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Major Sir Richard Barnett reported from Standing Committee A, to whom the Mental Deficiency Bill was referred; That they had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Standing Committee be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Selection Committee of Selection; That they had dischared the following Members from Standing Committee A:—Captain Brass, Major Cofoz, Committee A; Captain Gunston, and Mr. Herbert Williams; and had appointed in substitution: Captain Bourne, Mr. Duff Cooper, Viscount Ewenden, and Major Steel.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from Standing Committee A, following Fifteen Members to Standing Committee A:—Mr. Barclay-Harvey, Colonel Douglas Clifton Brown, Lord Colum Crichton-Stuart, Mr. Rhys Davies, Sir William Edge, Major Hills, Mr. Robert Hudson, Secretary Sir
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William Jogson-Hicks, Mr. Mazton, Mr. Hugh Morrison, Sir Clive Morrison-Bell, Dr. Shiel, Mr. Snell, Sir Fredric Wise, and Sir Hilton Youngn.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

Sir Walter Raine reported from the Local Legislation Committee (Section B); That in the case of the Coventry Corporation Bill [Lords] they had examined the allegations of the Bill, and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. 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 West Bridgford Urban District Council Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Westgate and Birchington Water Bill.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intitled An Act to consolidate the Scarborough Gas Company's special Acts; to extend their limits of supply; to authorise the company to acquire additional lands, to construct additional works and to raise further capital, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intitled An Act to authorise an alteration of the tunnel under the River Mersey authorised by the Mersey Tunnel Act, 1925, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intitled An Act to authorise the Mersey Tunnel (Birkenhead Entrance, &c.) Bill [Lords] was the first time.

The Mersey Tunnel (Birkenhead Entrance, &c.) Bill [Lords] was the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Mersey Tunnel (Birkenhead Entrance, &c.) Bill [Lords] was the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Widows', Orphans', and Old Age Beneficent and Orphans', and Old Age Contributory Pensions Act (1925) Amendment (No. 2). Bill 166.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Finance Bill.

(28th June. 1927.)

Clause No. 1 (Duty on Tea).

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, 1, 5, to leave out the word "fourpence," in order to insert the words "one penny."—(Mr. James Hudson.)

Question put, That the word "fourpence" stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, 221.

Major Sir George Hennessy, Capt. Viscount Curzon.

Tellers for the Noes, 121.

Mr. Charles Edwards, Mr. Whiteley.

Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, 224.

Major Cope, Mr. Penny.

Tellers for the Noes, 120.

Mr. Hayes.

Clause No. 2 (Additional Medicine Duties).

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 11, to leave out from the word "charged" to the end of the Clause, in order to insert the words "until the first day of August, nineteen hundred and twenty-eight."—(Sir Robert Hamilton.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, 249.

Major Cope, Mr. George Hennessy.

Tellers for the Noes, 125.

Sir Robert Hutchison, Mr. Fenby.

Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, 258.

Major Cope, Captain Margesson.

Tellers for the Noes, 123.

Mr. Fenby.

Clause No. 3 (Exemption of motor tyres from customs duty to cease).

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 16, to leave out the words "motor bicycles and motor tricycles."—(Mr. Harris.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, 335.

Major Sir George Hennessy, Captain Margesson.

Tellers for the Noes, 130.

Mr. Robert Hutchison, Mr. Fenby.

Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, 236.

Mr. Frederick Thomson, Captain Margesson.

Tellers for the Noes, 119.

Mr. Whiteley, Mr. Hayes.

Clause No. 4 (Amendment with respect to duty on cinematograph films).
Wednesday, 29th June 1927:

Clause No. 9 (Customs duty on translucent or vitrified pottery).

Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again—(Mr. Snowden)—put, and agreed to.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported that the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Land Tax Committee on the Land Tax Commissioners Commissioners Bill:

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 27th day of this instant June;

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 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 Welsh Church Second Reading of the Welsh Church (Burial Grant) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Crown Lands Committee on the Crown Lands Bill (re-committed) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Police into consideration the Police (Appeals) 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 Law of the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed to the Amendment Message of the 1st day of April last, relating to the appointment of a Joint Committee to consider the Law of Libel Amendment Bill [Lords.] be now taken into consideration.

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Post Office Committee on the Post Office (Sites) (re-commited) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Diseases of Animals Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee, and on re-committal;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

Diseases of Animals Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Royal Naval Reserve Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

Royal Naval Reserve Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 24th day of this instant June, That the Protection of Animals (Amendment) Bill be now read the third time;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

Protection of Animals (Amendment) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Workmen's Compensation Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Workmen's Compensation Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 8th day of April last, That the Coal Mines Bill be now read a second time;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Tuesday next.

Coal Mines Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Betting (Juvenile Messengers) (Scotland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Betting (Juvenile Messengers) (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Shops (Hours of Employment) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Shops (Hours of Employment) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Hairdressers' and Barbers' Shops (Sunday Closing) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Hairdressers' and Barbers' Shops (Sunday Closing) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Licensing (Amendment) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Licensing (Amendment) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Engineers Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Engineers Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 14th day of this instant June, That the Fancy Jewellery (Standard Trade Descriptions) Bill be now read a second time;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

Fancy Jewellery (Standard Trade Descriptions) Bill.

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 six minutes after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning, till this day.

[No. 89.]

Wednesday, 29th June 1927.

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 Wallasey Corporation Bill [Lords.];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the West Cheshire Water Board Bill [Lords.];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Secretary Sir Austen Chamberlain presented, Russia (No. 3, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of a 1927.) Selection of Papers dealing with the relations between His Majesty's Government and the Soviet Government, 1921-27.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir John Gilmour presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Destructive Insects and Pests Acts, entitled the Importation of Potatoes (Malta) (Scotland) Order, 1927.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Chamberlain presented, pursuant to Contributions Pensions (Regulations) Directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Account of Revenue and Expenditure in respect of the Duties of the Customs of the Isle of Man, and Accounts of the Accumulated Fund, of Passenger Tax and Harbour Dues, for the year ending 31st March 1927, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Accounts of the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt in respect of Banks for Savings and Friendly Societies in the Isle of Man.

Mr. McNeill presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Account of Revenue and Expenditure in respect of the Duties of the Customs of the Isle of Man, and Accounts of the Accumulated Fund, of Passenger Tax and Harbour Dues, for the year ended 31st March 1927, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

PRAYERS.
Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth :—

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Yorkshire Electric Power Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

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. —

Dundee Corporation (Substituted Bill).

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill; That they had considered the Orders therein contained; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, with Amendments, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Maidstone Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill; That they had considered the Order therein contained; that the said Order ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, with Amendments, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Southend-on-Sea Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill; That they had considered the Order therein contained; that the said Order ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, with Amendments, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Bognor Gas and Electricity Bill [Lords] and the Southend-on-Sea Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill; That they had considered the Order therein contained; that the said Order ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, 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 the Bognor Gas and Electricity Bill [Lords] with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported Maidstone the Maidstone Water Bill [Lords], with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported the Littlehampton Harbour and Arun Drainage Outfall Bill [Lords], with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported the St. Catharine's College, Cambridge (Canonship of Norwich) 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. William Nicholson reported from the Chairmen's Committees. That they had appointed Panel. Sir Samuel Roberts to act as Chairman of Standing Committee A (in respect of the Wild Birds' Protection Bill).

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Selection Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee A:—Brigadier-General Warner; and had appointed in substitution: Sir Alfred Hopkinson.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Nigel Claudian Dalziel Colman, Esquire, Member for the Borough of Lambeth (Brixton Division), was sworn.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates, 1927.

Class V.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £12,943,493 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 1928 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Ministry of Health, including Grants and other Expenses in connection with Housing, Grants to Local Authorities, &c., in connection with Public Health Services, Grants in Aid in respect of Benefits and Expenses of Administration under the National Health Insurance Acts, certain Expenses in connection with the Widows’, Orphans’, and Old Age Contributory Pensions Act, 1925, and certain Special Services:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £12,943,493 be granted for the said Service—(Mr. Crawfurd):

Whereupon the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod being come with a Message, the Chairman left the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair;

A Message was delivered by Lieutenant-General Sir William Pulteney, K.C.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:

2. Pacific Cable Act, 1927.
4. Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Act, 1927.
5. Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 2) Act, 1927.
6. Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 3) Act, 1927.
7. Provisional Order (Marriages) Confirmation Act, 1927.
8. Great Indian Peninsula Railway Annuities Act, 1927.
10. Farnham Gas and Electricity Act, 1927.
15. Frimley and Farnborough District Water Act, 1927.
21. Stoke-on-Trent Corporation (Gas) Act, 1927.
23. War Risks Associations (Distribution of Reserve Funds) Act, 1927.
25. London County Council (General Powers) Act, 1927.
27. West Bridgford Urban District Council Act, 1927.

Then the House again resolved itself into the Supply Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Question again proposed, That a sum not exceeding £12,943,493 be granted for the said Service.

Question put, and negatived.

Original Question again proposed:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Class II.

£29,440, for the Salaries and Expenses 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 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.
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And the Question being again proposed:—
The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

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 read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 29th day of July next.

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Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time;—Vol. 182.
Thursday, 30th June 1927.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Chamberlain presented, by His Majesty's West Ham Command,—Copy of Second Report of the Union West Ham Board of Guardians on their Administration for the period 1st November 1926 to 31st May 1927.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain also presented, Gas and pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Special Report by the Minister of Health under Section 4 of the Gas and Water Works Facilities Act, 1870, stating the grounds on which he has dispensed with the consents of certain local and road authorities to the Combe Down and District Water Order, 1927 (Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 7) Bill).

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 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 that the Lerwick Harbour Provisional Order (the consideration of which was postponed from the 22nd instant) be allowed to proceed.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Colonel Ashley presented, by His Majesty's Electricity Command,—Copy of Special Report by the Electricity Commissioners under Section 1 of the Electric Lighting Act, 1888, dispensing with the consent of the Williton Rural District Council in the case of the Minehead and Dunster Electricity (Extension) Special Order, 1927.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir John Ganzoni reported from the Hastings (Special) Committee A., that they had considered the Hastings Tramways Company (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill (Lords), with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir John Ganzoni reported from the Committee on Group F of Private Bills; That, for the convenience of parties, the Committee had adjourned till Monday next, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Selection Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee A.
Committee A.—Viscount Elveden; and had appointed in substitution: Colonel Windsor-Cuise.

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, intitled An Act to make such Amendments of the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1925, as are necessary to give effect to a certain resolution adopted by an Imperial Conference held in London in the year nineteen hundred and twenty-six; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intitled An Act to vary the trusts, powers, and provisions of two several settlements, both dated the seventeenth day of August, one thousand nine hundred and twenty, and executed on the marriage of Ralph Frederic Bury and Violet Esme Bentley; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have appointed a Committee consisting of five Lords to join with a Committee of the Commons to consider the Ouse Drainage Bill, pursuant to the Commons' Message of Monday last, and they propose that the Joint Committee do meet in Committee Room No. 1, on Tuesday the 12th of July next, at Eleven of the clock.

The Bury Estate Bill [Lords.] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Lords request that the Commons will be pleased to give leave to Sir Edmund Turton, Baronet, a Member of their House, to attend, in order to his being examined as a witness, before the Select Committee appointed by their Lordships in the present Session of Parliament on the Rabbids and Rooks Bill [Lords.]

The Bury Estate Bill [Lords.] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The House proceeded to take into consideration so much of the Lords' Message as refers to the Ouse Drainage Bill.

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.

The House proceeded to take into consideration so much of the Lords' Message as requests the attendance of Sir Edmund Turton, Baronet, before the Select Committee appointed by their Lordships on the Rabbids and Rooks Bill [Lords.]

And Sir Edmund Turton, having signified that he was willing, with leave of the House, to go to the House of Lords, as desired by their Lordships;

Resolved, That Sir Edmund Turton, Baronet, have leave to go to the House of Lords, as desired by their Lordships, if he think fit.

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Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 11, at the end, to insert the words, "Provided that nothing in this subsection shall apply to fire-proof china."—(Mr. Ernest Brown.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 11, at the end, to insert the words,—

"Provided that there shall be allowed and paid in the case of any manufactured article exported from Great Britain a drawback equal to the amount shown to the satisfaction of the Commissioners to have been paid as duty on the translucent or vitrified pottery used as a container."—(Mr. Strauss.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Question put, That the words "one pound and eight" stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Frederick Thomson:]—225.

Tellers for the [Mr. Penny:]—94.

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Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Question put, That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Frederick Thomson:]—225.

Tellers for the [Mr. Penny:]—94.

Clause No. 10 agreed to.

Clause No. 11 (Alteration of duties on certain licences for mechanically propelled vehicles).

Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 30, to leave out the word "and."—(Mr. Crawfurd.)

Question put, That the word "and" stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Frederick Thomson:]—209.

Tellers for the [Mr. Penny:]—7.

Another Amendment proposed in p. 5, l. 32, at the end, to add the words "and as if the duties specified in the said paragraph (5), as amended by the Finance Act, 1926, were further amended in respect of the duties of Exeise on vehicles adapted for the conveyance of goods by the substitution of the rates of duties for such vehicles set out in the Fourth Schedule to this Act for the rates for such vehicles set out in the First Schedule to the Finance Act, 1926."—(Colonel Howard-Bury.)

Question proposed, That those words be there added:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 32, at the end, to add the words,—

"Provided that a rebate of twenty-five per cent. of the licence duty payable in respect of a vehicle exceeding two tons in weight unladen under the said paragraph (5) shall be allowed in respect of every such vehicle fitted with pneumatic tyres."—(Mr. Sour.)

Question put, That those words be there added.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Charles Edwards, Mr. Parkinson:]—97.

Tellers for the [Sir Harry Barnston, Captian Viscount Curzon:]—240.

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The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Penny:]—225.

Tellers for the [Mr. Ernest Brown:]—94.
Clause No. 33 postponed until after postponed Clause No. 32.

Clause No. 34 postponed until after postponed Clause No. 33.

Clauses No. 35 to No. 38 agreed to.

Clause No. 39 (Provisions as to date of payment, assessment, &c. of sur-tax).

Amendment proposed, in p. 26, l. 13, at the end, to insert the words,—

"Provided that, if an individual liable to sur-tax under Section thirty-five, paragraph (b), hereof died during the year of assessment, no sur-tax shall be assessed or charged in respect of such year of assessment, and if he die during the year next following the year of assessment a part only of this sur-tax shall be payable, proportionate to the part of the year next following the year of assessment as shall have elapsed before the date of death."—(Sir Cooper Bason.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses No. 40 to No. 45 agreed to.

Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again—(Mr. Chanceller of the Exchequer),—put, and agreed to.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Land Tax Commissioners Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Land Tax Commissioners Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Supply.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, 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.

Supply [27th June]

Report.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 29th day of this instant June;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

Supply [27th June]

Report.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 27th day of this instant June;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

Welsh Church (Burial Grounds) Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Welsh Church (Burial Grounds) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Crown Lands (No. 2) (No. 2) Bill:

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Police into consideration the Police (Appeals) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 23rd day of May last, That the Lords' Message of the 1st day of April last, relating to the appointment of a Joint Committee to consider the Law of Libel Amendment Bill [Lords], be now taken into consideration;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Post Office Committee on the Post Office (Sites) (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 taking Diseases of Animals Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee, and on re-committal;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Royal Naval Reserve Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration 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 a quarter of an hour after One of the clock on Friday morning, till this day.

[No. 91.]

Friday, 1st July 1927.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE Order of the day being read, for the Wallasey Second Reading of the Wallasey Corporation 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.


was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

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The Memborough and Swinton Tramways Company (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.

The 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 Southend-on-Sea 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.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Gravesend Rosherville, and Northfleet Tramways (Amendment) Provisional Order Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

A Public Petition was presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Major Elliot, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of Regulations, dated 30th May 1927, entitled the Local Authorities (Assisted Housing Schemes) Amendment Regulations (Scotland), 1927.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Chamberlain, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of Regulations, dated 16th June 1927, entitled the Contributory Pensions (Statutory Undertakers Total Exception) Regulations, 1927.

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 Statement of the Accounts of the Conservators of the Upper Medway for the year ended 31st March 1927.

Resolved, Than an humble Address be presented to His Majesty that He will graciously pleased to give directions that there be laid before this House a Return of the Budget of the Governor-General of India in Council for 1927–28.—(Earl Winterton.)

The Order for the House to resolve itself into a Committee on Thursday next on the Thornton Rust Calvinistic Chapel Charity Bill, was read, and discharged;

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Workman's Compensation (Transfer of Funds) Bill [Lords] 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, proceeded to Moneylenders take into consideration the Moneylenders Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 9, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words,—

"( ) where the total amount of the duties payable by a moneylender exceeds one hundred pounds the Commissioners of Customs and Excise shall from any excess payable thereon deduct five per cent, per annum, and."

—(Colonel Watts-Morgan.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 23, by leaving out the word "the" at the end of the subsection, and inserting the words "county court judge for the division in which the moneylender's business is to be carried on":—(Mr. Harney),—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. 5, l. 24, by leaving out the words "may, if it thinks fit," and inserting the word "shall":—(Colonel Watts-Morgan),—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:—

Mr. Burman, Mr. Wells;

Colonel Watts-Morgan,

Mr. Womersley;

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It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 6, l. 1, by leaving out subsection (1).—(Colonel Watts-Morgan.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 8, l. 25, by leaving out the words "within seven days," and inserting the words "at the time":—(Mr. Somerville),—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. 10, l. 21, by leaving out the words "five per cent. per annum," and inserting the words "the rate provided for in the original contract":—(Mr. Harney),—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. 11, l. 33, by leaving out
the words "of a money-lender," and inserting the words "in respect of money lent after the commencement of this Act."—(Colonel Watts-Morgan),—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. 14, by leaving out Clause 13.—(Mr. Rhyce Davies.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "a," in l. 30, 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. 15, l. 11, by leaving out the word "reasonable."—(Mr. Dennison.)

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 House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Sedition and Blasphemous Teaching to Children Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

And it being Four o'clock, further consideration of the Bill, as amended, stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into further consideration upon Monday next.

The Slaughter of Animals (Scotland) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Abolition of Capital Punishment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Widows’, Orphans’, and Old Age Contributory Pensions Act (1925) 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 Sale of Honours (Prohibition) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Coal (Selling Price Agreements) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

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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.

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Monday, 4th July 1927.

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 House of Lords to the Westgate and Birchington Water Bill: And the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The St. Catharine’s College, Cambridge, Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

The Bedford Corporation Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

The Coventry Corporation (Boundary Extension) Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

The Hospital of St. Mary the Virgin (Newcastle-upon-Tyne) Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

The Salford Corporation Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

The Sunderland Corporation Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

The Gravesend, Rochester, and Northfleet Drainage 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.

Several Public Petitions against the Ouse Drainage Bill were presented, and read: and referred to the Joint Committee on the Bill.

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, 1926.
Order, That the said Paper 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 2 of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, that they are of opinion that the Scottish Insurance Companies (Super-annuation Fund) Draft Provisional Order (the consideration of which was postponed from 22nd June) is of such a nature that it ought to be dealt with by Private Bill and not by Provisional Order.

Order, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir John Gilmour presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order, dated 28th June 1927, entitled the Paisley Water Rate (Application of Rating Act) Order, 1927.

Order, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. McNeill presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Estimate of a further sum required to be voted for the service of the year ending 31st March 1928.

Mr. McNeill also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 9th May 1927, approving £3,000,000 as the aggregate amount which may be advanced by the Public Works Loans Commissioners under the provisions of the Agricultural Credits Act, 1923.

Order, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table, and that the said Estimate be referred to the Committee of Supply; and be printed.

Order, 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 1927 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 184, of Session 1926).—(Mr. Chamberlain.)

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Committee of Selection: That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee A—Major MacAndrew; and had appointed in substitution: Major Elliot.

Order, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Finance Bill.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. William Graham):—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question again proposed:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 15, l. 39, after “1922,” to insert the words “shall be amended by the addition of the words ‘or such part thereof as they may require the Board of Referees to decide as being a reasonable distribution’” after the words “direct that for the purpose of Super-tax the said income,” and,—(Mr. Herbert Williams.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 15, l. 43, after the word “shall,” to insert the words “in any case in which a business undertaking or property has been acquired by the company from the person or persons who have control of the company.”—(Mr. David Reid.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 16, l. 24, after the word “therefor,” to insert the words “not being debentures or debenture stock issued pursuant to an offer contained in a public prospectus or offered for sale, being for an amount not more than one-third of the total purchase price paid by the company for the business undertaking or property acquired by the company, or any other business undertaking or property from time to time acquired by the company.”—(Mr. Gates.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 16, to leave out l. 40, in order to insert the words “and which is not a subsidiary company or a company in which the public are substantially interested.”

For the purpose of this subsection—
a company shall be deemed to be a subsidiary company if, by reason of the beneficial ownership of shares therein, the control of the company is in the hands of a company not being a company to which the provisions of this section apply, of two or more companies none of which is a company to which those provisions apply: a company shall be deemed to be a company in which the public are substantially interested if shares of the company—

(a) being shares of a class or classes in respect of which a public offer for subscription has been made by the company; and

(b) not being shares entitled to a fixed rate of dividend, whether with or without a further right to participate in profits; carrying not less than twenty-five per cent. of the voting power have been allotted unconditionally to, and are at the end of the year or other period for which the accounts of the company have been made up as aforesaid beneficially held by, the public (not including a company to which the provisions of this
section apply) and any such shares have in the course of such year or other period been the subject of dealings on a stock exchange in the United Kingdom and the shares have been quoted in the official list of such a stock exchange.

The expression "company" means a company within the meaning of the Companies (Consolidation) Act 1908. —(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and negatived.

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.

Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, in l. 10, after the word "if" to insert the words "twenty-five per cent. of the." —(Mr. Runciman.)

Question, That those words be there inserted in the proposed Amendment, put, and negatived.

Proposed words amended, by leaving out ll. 11 and 12, and in l. 16, by inserting, after the word "to" the words "or acquired unconditionally by"—(Mr. Dennis Herbert), and, as amended, there inserted.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 17, l. 28, at the end, to add the words,—

'(6) The following shall be substituted for paragraph (5) of the First Schedule to the Finance Act, 1922:—

5.—(a) Where the Special Commissioners have—

(i) issued a notice requiring any company to furnish them with particulars under paragraph (4) of this Schedule as respects any year or other period; or

(ii) given a direction under subsection (1) of Section twenty-one of this Act as respects any year or other period in relation to any company to which no such notice has been issued as respects that year or period;

the directors of the company, if they are of opinion that has not been and will not be any avoidance of the payment of Super-tax through failure to distribute to the members of the company a reasonable part of its income for that year or period, may make a statutory declaration to that effect stating the facts and circumstances upon which their opinion is based;

(b) In any case where such a statutory declaration as aforesaid is sent to the Special Commissioners within twenty-eight days of the issue of such a notice or the giving of such a direction as aforesaid the Special Commissioners shall not, unless they see reason to the contrary, take any further action in the matter;

(c) If in any such case the Commissioners see reason to the contrary they shall send to the Board of Referees a certificate to that effect, together with the said statutory declaration, and shall at the same time transmit a copy of the certificate and of the statutory declaration to the Commissioners of Inland Revenue;

(d) The Commissioners of Inland Revenue may at any time within twenty-eight days after receiving the copy of the certificate and the copy of the statutory declaration submit to the Board of Referees a counter-statement with reference to the matter;

(e) The Board of Referees shall in any such case take into consideration the declaration, and the certificate, and the counter statement, if any, and shall determine whether there is or is not a prima facie case for proceeding in the matter;

(f) The determination of the Board of Referees under this paragraph shall be final and conclusive, and, where the Board of Referees determines that there is a prima facie case for proceeding, the notice or direction aforesaid shall have effect as if it had been issued or given on the date on which notice of the determination of the Board is given to the company."—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Question proposed, That those words be there added.

Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, in l. 11, to leave out the word "any," in order to insert the words "with a view to the." —(Mr. Runciman.)

Question put, That the word "any" stand part of the proposed Amendment.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, —

Major Cope, Mr. Frederick Thompson — 299.

Mr. Runciman, Sir Leslie Scott — 55.

Proposed words there added.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 17, after the words last added, to add the words,—

"(6) The provisions of this section shall not apply to any company engaged in commerce, trade, or industry."—(Sir John Marriott.)

Question, That those words be there added, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 17, after the words last added, to add the words,—

"(6) For the purposes of the said Section twenty-one of the Finance Act, 1922, any part of a company's actual income from all sources for the year or other period in that section referred to which has been distributed among or paid to or for the benefit of any employees or former employees or widows or dependents of any employees or former employees of the company shall be deemed to have been distributed among the members of the company."—(Mr. Dennis Herbert.)

Question proposed, That those words be there added:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Postponed Clause No. 30 agreed to.

Postponed Clause No. 31 (Provisions for preventing avoidance of Super-tax by sales cum dividend, &c.)

Amendment proposed, in p. 19, l. 14, to leave out from the beginning, to the word "requiring," in l. 15, in order to insert the words, "With a view to preventing the avoidance of the payment of Super-tax, and where the Special Commissioners have reasonable grounds for believing that any individual has systematically engaged in transactions as defined in this section with a view to such avoidance, the Special Commissioners may serve upon him a notice."—(Sir Henry Buckingham.)
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 19, l. 39, to leave out the word "five," in order to insert the word "ten."—(Mr. Herbert Williams.)

Question put, That the word "five" stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Amendment made.

Tellers for the Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 20, l. 10, to leave out from the word "assets," to the end of the subsection, in order to insert the words "by or to him shall be deemed to have been received as and when it is deemed to have accrued:

Provided that an individual shall not be liable to be assessed to Super-tax under this section in respect of any such income if he proves to the satisfaction of the Special Commissioners that the avoidance of Super-tax was exceptional and not systematic, and that there was not in his case in any of the three next preceding years any such avoidance of Super-tax as is described in the provisions of the last preceding subsection."—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Amendment made.

Tellers for the Amendment made.

Proposed words there inserted.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Postponed Clause No. 32 amended, and agreed to.

Postponed Clause No. 33 agreed to.

Postponed Clause No. 34 (Applicant of last five preceding sections).

Amendment proposed, in p. 22, l. 14, to leave out "1928-29," in order to insert "1929-30."—(Mr. Herbert Williams.)

Question, That "1928-29" stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 22, l. 14, at the end, to add the words "only and for any succeeding years of assessment."—(Mr. Herbert Williams.)

Question proposed, That those words be there added:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 46 postponed.

Clause No. 47 agreed to.

Clause No. 48 disagreed to.

Clauses No. 49 to No. 53 agreed to.
The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 29th day of June last;
Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 27th day of June last;
Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Welsh Church (Burial Grounds) 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 Police (Appeals) 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 Committee on the Crown Lands (No. 2) Bill (re-committed) Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Police (Appeals) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Post Office (Sites) Bill (re-committed) Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Diseases of Animals Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee, and on re-committal;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Royal Naval Reserve 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 Workmen's Compensation (Transfer of Funds) 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 Mental Deficiency 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 further consideration the Seditious and Blasphemous Teaching to Children Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into further consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Dogs and Cats 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 Access to Mountains 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 Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Dogs and Cats Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into further consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Coal Mines (Abolition of Wheelless Tubs) 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 Squares and Enclosures (Preservation) (No. 2) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Succession (Scotland) (Defence against Deer) 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 Succession (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 Local Authorities (Enabling) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the House of Commons Attendance Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Factories Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.
The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 13th day of May last, That the Government of Scotland 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 Small Landholders (Scotland) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Small Landholders (Scotland) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Abolition of Capital Punishment Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Widows', Orphans', and Old Age Contributory Pensions Act (1925) 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 Sale of Honours (Prohibition) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Resolved, That the Resolution of the House of the 23rd March 1888, which provides that a Member serving on a Select Committee, while in attendance on the Committee, should retain a seat without being present at prayers by affixing the proper card thereto, be extended to the case of Members serving on a departmental committee.—(Mr. Lamb.)

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 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 Slaughter of Animals (Scotland) Bill is a Bill relating exclusively to Scotland, the Bill will be considered by the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Private Bills from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:

Scarborough Gas Company (Consolidation) Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Private Bills from one of the Examiners of Petitions for [Lords] (No Standing Orders applicable thereto)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Provisional Order Bills 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 Order Confirmation (Conway Extension) Bill [Lords].

Ministry of Health Provisional Order Confirmation (Hove Extension) Bill [Lords].

Ministry of Health Provisional Order Confirmation (New Sarum Extension) Bill [Lords].

Ministry of Health Provisional Order Confirmation (Newcastle-under-Lyme Extension) Bill [Lords].

Ministry of Health Provisional Order Confirmation (Wokingham Extension) Bill [Lords].

Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 9) Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time to-morrow.
the First Reading thereof, no Standing Orders are applicable, viz.:—

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have not been complied with, viz.:—

Mersey Tunnel (Birkenhead Entrance, &c.) Bill (Lords).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Several Public Petitions against the Ouse Drainage Bill were presented, and read; and referred to the Joint Committee on the Bill.

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 Stroud Gaslight and Coke Company.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Guinness presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order made under the Diseases of Animals Acts, dated 22nd June 1927, regarding the landing and defining the quarantine station of three Duiker Antelopes (including two Lechwe and seven Antelopes) and eight Buffaloes from South Africa.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Chamberlain presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 4th day of this instant July, 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.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Treasury List of Colonial Stocks in respect of which the provisions of the Colonial Stock Act, 1900, are for the time being complied with.—(Mr. McNell.)

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.:—

Scottish Insurance Companies (Superannuation Fund) (Substituted Bill).

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Welsh Church 
(Burial Grounds) Bill [Lords.]
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time 
upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Crown Lands 
Committee on the Crown Lands (No. 2) (No. 2) Bill, 
(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 taking Police 
into consideration the Police (Appeals) Bill, as (Appeals) 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 taking 
Diseases of Animals Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee, 
and on re-committal;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking 
Royal Naval Reserve Reserve 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 Workmen's 
Compensation (Transfer of Funds) Bill [Lords.]
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time 
upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Workmen's 
Compensation Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time 
upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming 
The adjourned Debate on the Question proposed 
upon the 5th July.

2) (No. 2) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be received to-
journd till Tuesday next.
THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH PROVISIONAL ORDER CONFIRMATION (CONWAY EXTENSION) BILL [Lords.] was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Order Confirmation (Hove Extension) Bill [Lords.] was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Order Confirmation (New Sarum Extension) Bill [Lords.] was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Order Confirmation (Newcastle-under-Lyme Extension) Bill [Lords.] was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Order Confirmation (Wokingham Extension) Bill [Lords.] was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (Newcastle-under-Lyme Extension) Bill [Lords.] was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

Mr. McNeill presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Return showing (1) the Aggregate Gross Liabilities of the State as represented by the Nominal Funded Debt, Estimated Capital Liability in respect of Terminable Annuities, Unfunded Debt, and other Liabilities in respect of Debt, the Estimated Assets, and the Exchequer Balances at the close of each financial year from 1913-14 to 1926-27, both inclusive; and (2) the Gross and Net Expenditure charged annually during that period against the Public Revenue on account of the National Debt, and other Payments connected with Capital Liabilities.

Mr. McNeill also presented, pursuant to the Civil List directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Pensions. List of all Pensions granted during the year ended 31st March 1927, 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 relating to the Civil List Pensions be printed.

Secretory Sir John Gilmour presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Copy of Order by the Secretory of State closing the prison of Dundee.

Copy of Rules made by the Secretory of State—

(1) appointing police cells in the City of Dundee to be a legal prison for the detention of prisoners for a period not exceeding fourteen days before, or during, or after trial;

(2) as to the appointment of a Visiting Committee to the police cells prison at Dundee.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Bristol Water Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Smethwick Corporation Bill.

The Lords request that the Commons will be pleased to give leave to Sir Charles Wilson, a Member of their House, to attend, in order to his being examined as a witness before the Select Committee appointed by their Lordships in the present Session of Parliament on the Rabbits and Rooks Bill [Lords].

The House proceeded to take so much of the said Message as relates to the Rabbits and Rooks Bill [Lords] into consideration.

And Sir Charles Wilson, having signified that he was willing, with leave of the House, to go to the House of Lords, as desired by their Lordships;

Resolved, That Sir Charles Wilson have leave to go to the House of Lords, as desired by their Lordships, if he think fit.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords, to acquaint them that this House hath given leave to Sir Charles Wilson to go to the House of Lords, as desired by their Lordships, if he think fit: And that the Clerk do carry the said Message.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Isle of Wight Water 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 the Royal Albert Hall Bill [Lords], with an Amendment.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported the Wessex Electricity Bill [Lords], with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported Gainseborough Bridge 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, and had amended the Bill.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported Peterborough Corporation 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 Fleetwood Urban District Council Bill [Lords] they had examined the Fleetwood Urban District Council Bill [Lords] 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.

Ordered, That the Vinegar Bill be read a Vinegar Bill second time upon Wednesday the 20th day of this instant July.

Mr. Rose, supported by Mrs. Phillipson, Sir Agencies and Walter de Frece, Colonel James, Mr. Secton, Mr. Hayday, Major Sir Archibald Sinclair, Mr. Macpherson, Mr. Thomas Kennedy, and Mr. Kidd, presented a Bill to make provision with respect to certain agencies and registries, and for purposes in connection therewith: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 25th day of this instant July; and to be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House regrets that the Government has put forward a scheme for fundamental changes in the House, pursuant to the gerrymanders the constitution in the interests of the Conservative party, deprives the House of Commons of that control over finance which it has possessed for generations, entrenches the
House of Lords, on a hereditary basis, more firmly against the people's will than for centuries past, and, in defiance of every precedent of modern times, robs the electors of power to deal with the House of Lords; and this House declares that it will be an outrage on the constitution to force such proposals through Parliament without a mandate from the people—[Mr. Ramsay MacDonald];

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Parkinson,
Mr. Charles Edwards :]

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Tellers for the [Commander Eyres-
Monsell, Colonel Gibbs :]

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So it passed in the Negative.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Land Tax Commissioners 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 Finance 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 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 Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 29th day of June last;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 27th day of June last:

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Education in Prisons 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 Mental Deficiency (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 Representation of the People Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Education in Prisons Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

And then the House, having continued to sit till thirteen minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Chamberlain presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copies of Orders made under the Local Government Act, 1888, and entitled—

(1) the Surrey (Carshalton and Wallington) Confirmation Order, 1927;
(2) the Denbigh (Llantysilio to Bryneglwy) Confirmation Order, 1927;
(3) the Dorchester (Union of Parishes and Burial Areas) Confirmation Order, 1927.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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 1927.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Committee of Selection; that they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee A.—Major Elliot; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland, which stated, That the House of Lords had passed a Bill, intituled An Act to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Minister of Health relating to Essex, Port Talbot, Shoreham-by-Sea, and Southend-on-Sea; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the surpluses and deficits upon Navy and Air Grants for 1925-26, and the application of surpluses to meet Expenditure not provided for in the Grants for that year.—(Commander Eyres-Monsell.)

Ordered, That the Appropriation Accounts for the Navy and Air Departments, which were presented upon the 4th March and 23rd February last, respectively, be referred to the Committee.—(Commander Eyres-Monsell.)

Ordered, That other Government Business have precedence this day of the Business of the House. Supply.—(The Prime Minister.)

The House, according to Order, resolved Finance Bill itself into a Committee on the Finance Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Another Clause (Repeal of sugar duties)—(Mr. Dalton),—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, 128.

Mr. Charles Edwards, Mr. Hayes:

Tellers for the Noes, 245.

Major Sir George Hennessy, Mr. Frederick Thomson:

Another Clause (Relief in respect of voluntary contributions under National Health Insurance Act or Widows’, Orphans’, and Old Age Contributory Pensions Act)—(Mr. Townend),—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, 124.

Mr. Whitley, Mr. Hayes:

Tellers for the Noes, 258.

Major Sir George Hennessy, Lord Stanley:

Another Clause (Gas mantles)—(Mr. Harris),—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, 131.

Sir Robert Hutchison, Mr. Harris:

Tellers for the Noes, 240.

Captain Bouyer, Captain Margesson:
Another Clause (Wrapping paper (exemption when used as new materials for yarn)—(Sir Leslie Scott),—brought up, and read the first and second time; and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Amendment of 10 and 11 Geo. V. c. 18, s. 3, sub-s. (2)—(Mr. Macquisten),—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put, and negatived.

Another Clause (Allowance for cost of education)—(Major Hills),—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time;

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 Wallasey Corporation Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

Finance Bill.

Postponed Proceeding on Question, That the Clause (Allowance for cost of education) be read a second time, resumed.

Question put, and negatived.

Another Clause (Deduction for costs of maternity)—(Major Hills),—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put, and negatived.

Another Clause (10 and 11 Geo. V., c. 18, s. 21)—(Major Hills),—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 {Lieutenant - Commander Kenworthy} 107.
Yeas, {Mr. Haydel} 152.

Tellers for the {Captain Margesson} 152.
Noes, {Mr. Penwys}.

Another Clause (Amendment of 10 Edw. VII., c. 8)—(Sir Frank Meyer),—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. Kirkwood} 80.
Yeas, {Mr. Buchanan}.

Tellers for the {Major Cope} 170.
Noes, {Captain Margesson}.

Another Clause (Extension of s. 19 of Finance Act, 1920, as amended by ss. 21 and 22 of Finance Act, 1924)—(Mr. Thomas Williams),—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put, and negatived.

Another Clause (Silk Duties (Amendment)—(Mr. Benson),—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put, and negatived.

Another Clause (Reduced duty on sugar refined in the United Kingdom)—(Mr. Hannon),—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put, and negatived.

Another Clause (Increased preference on Empire brandy)—(Sir Cooper Rawson),—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put, and negatived.

Another Clause (Reduction of betting duty in case of bets made under certain conditions on sporting events)—(Mr. Blundell),—brought up, and read the first and second time; and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Stamp duties on powers of attorney)—(Mr. Wither),—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Amendment of s. 22 of the Finance Act, 1922)—(Sir John Marriott),—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put, and negatived.

First Schedule.

Amendment proposed, in p. 40, l. 7, at the end, to insert the words,—

"Exceeding 25 degrees and not exceeding 30 degrees, if in a Customs or Excise warehouse on the twenty-fourth day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven, and delivered for home consumption between the twenty-fourth day of July, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven, and the first day of January, nineteen hundred and twenty-eight—5°.

—(Mr. Campbell.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the {Mr. Frederick Thomson}.
Yeas, {Captain Bowyer} 151.

Tellers for the {Mr. Parkinson}.
Noes, {Mr. Barnes} 68.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 40, l. 8, after the second word " degrees," to insert the words " and not being wine chargeable under this part of this Schedule with duty at the rate of five shillings per gallon."—(Mr. Campbell.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee proceeded to a Division:—Friday, 8th July 1927:

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Second Schedule.

Question put, That the Schedule be the Second Schedule to the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the

Yeas, Captain Bowyer : 134.

Tellers for the

Noes, Mr. Charles Edwards : 56.

Third Schedule.

Amendment proposed, in p. 42, l. 19, to leave out "6s. 0d." in order to insert, "4s. 6d." — (Sir John Power.)

Question, That "6s. 0d." stand part of the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Question put, That the Schedule be the Third Schedule to the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the

Captain Bowyer, Yeas : 130.

Tellers for the

Mr. Hayes, Noes : 51.

Fourth Schedule.

Amendment proposed, in p. 42, l. 38, after the word "person," to insert the words, "owning agricultural land or." — (Captain Bourne.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 43, l. 3, at the end, to insert the words, "For the purposes of this Schedule the expression 'person engaged in agriculture' shall include nurseryman."—(Mr. Smithers.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Question put, That the Schedule be the Fourth Schedule to the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the

Captain Bowyer, Yeas : 127.

Tellers for the

Mr. Charles Edwards, Noes : 43.

Fifth and Sixth Schedules agreed to.

Question put, That the Chairman do report the Bill, as amended, to the House.—The Committee proceeded to a Division:

Major Cope and Mr. Frederick Thomson were appointed as Tellers for the Yeas, but there being no Members willing to act as Tellers for the Noes, the Chairman declared that the Yeas had it.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for the 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 Supply receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 29th day of June last;

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Order of the day being read, for Supply receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 25th June Report.

Resolved, That the draft of a Special Order Gas proposed to be made by the Board of Trade Regulation Act, 1920, under Section 10 of the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the borough of Tiverton, which was presented on the 23rd May and published, be approved, subject to the following modification:—

Clause 4, line 2, substitute the word "July" for the word "June."—(Sir Burton Chadwick.)

Resolved, That the draft of a Special Order Gas proposed to be made by the Board of Trade Regulation Act, 1920, under Section 10 of the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of the Deal and Walmer Gas Company, Limited, which was presented on the 24th May 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 Newport Pagnell Gas and Coke Company, Limited, which was presented on the 23rd May 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, under Section 10 of the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of the Cleethorpes Gas Company, which was presented on the 25th May 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 Deal and Walmer Gas Company, which was presented on the 16th June and published, be approved.—(Sir Burton Chadwick.)
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 Newquay (Cornwall) Gas Company, Limited, which was presented on the 17th June and published, be approved, subject to the addition of the following Clause:—(Saving rights of Duchy of Cornwall.)

Nothing in this Order contained shall prejudice or affect any property, rights, powers, authorities, or privileges of His Royal Highness the Duke of Cornwall in right of His Duchy of Cornwall or of the possessor of the Duchy of Cornwall for the time being.—(Sir Burton Chadwick.)

And notice being taken that Forty Members were not present, the House was told by Mr. Deputy Speaker; and Forty Members not being present, and it being then after Four of the clock on Thursday afternoon, the House was adjourned by Mr. Speaker at twenty-nine minutes after One of the clock on Friday morning without a Question first put, till this day.

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.

Secretary Sir William Joynson-Hicks presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order in Council under the Government of Ireland Act, 1920, dated 27th June 1927, entitled the Land Purchase (Northern Ireland) Order, 1927.

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 Order in Council under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1920, in respect of the following Bills:

(1) East Hull Gas Company.
(2) Ipswich Gas Light Company.
(3) Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Manchester.
(4) St. Ives (Hunts) Gas 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 Order in Council under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1920, in respect of the following Bills:

(1) parts of the Rural Districts of Guildford and Hambledon, in the County of Surrey;
(2) parts of the Rural Districts of Newton Abbot and Totnes, in the County of Devon, and for other purposes.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir John Ganzoni reported from the Committee on Group F of Private Bills; that the (Group F) parties opposing the East Surrey Water Bill [Lords] had stated that the evidence of Henry Edward Stilgoe, of 173, Rosebery Avenue, London, E.C. 1, was essential to their case; and, 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 Henry Edward Stilgoe do attend the said Committee this day, at Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That Henry Edward Stilgoe do attend the Committee on Group F of Private Bills this day, at Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That the adjourned Debate upon Gas the Question proposed upon the 7th day of this instant July, That the draft of a Special Order proposed to be made by the Board of Trade under Section 10 of the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of the Newquay

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(Cornwall) Gas Company, Limited, which was presented on the 17th June and published, be approved, subject to the addition of the following Clause (Saving rights of Duchy of Cornwall):

Nothing in this Order contained shall prejudice or affect any property, rights, powers, authorities, or privileges of His Royal Highness the Duke of Cornwall in right of His Duchy of Cornwall or of the possessor of the Duchy of Cornwall for the time being:

be resumed upon Monday next.

Sir John Ganzoni reported from the Committee on Group F 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 itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates, 1927.

Class II.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £74,834 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 1928 for a Contribution towards the Cost of the Department of His Majesty's Secretary of State for India in Council, including a Grant 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 acquainted the House that the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Finance Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 29th day of June last;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Slaughter Second Reading of the Slaughter of Animals Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Leasehold 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 Blasphemy Second Reading of the Blasphemy Laws Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the County Second Reading of the Coal (Selling Price Agreements) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Feltwell Fuel Allotment Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for Monday next.—(Mr. Penny.)

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.

[No. 97.]

Monday, 11th July 1927.

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 Bristol Water Bill: And the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House
hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Smethwick Corporation Bill: And the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords: and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Ordered, That the Liverpool Corporation Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Bury Estate Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

The Scarborough Gas Company (Consolidation) Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

Several Public Petitions against the Ouse Drainage Bill were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

The Royal Albert Hall Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee, be 17.

Mr. Secretary Amery presented, by His Majesty's Command, a Copy of Paper relating to future policy in regard to Eastern Africa.

Ordered, That the Royal Albert Hall Bill [Lords] be ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the said Accounts be printed.

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:

1. Copy of Statement of Receipts and Expenditure of the Conservators of the River Medway Conservancy, for the year ended 31st March 1926.
2. Copy of Rules, dated 6th July 1927, made by the Commissioners of the Board of Control, with the approval of the Lord Chancellor, under the Lunacy Acts, 1890 to 1911.

Major-General Sir Newton Moore reported Standing from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

1. That in the case of the Mersey Tunnel (Birkenhead Entrance, &c.) Bill [Lords], the Standing Orders ought not to be dispensed (Preservation and Enclosures (Preservation) (No. 2) Bill, the Squares and Drainage (Preservation) Bill) with, that the parties be permitted to proceed with &c.)

2. That in the case of the London Squares and Enclosures (Preservation) (No. 2) Bill, the Standing Orders ought not to be dispensed with.

The first Resolution, being read a second time was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Colonel Sir Vivian Henderson reported from the Select Committee on Estimates, That they had made Progress in 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, and Appendices.

Ordered, That the Report 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 other 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, Major Sir George Hennessy: 166.]
Tellers for the [Mr. Thomas Kennedy, Mr. Benjamin Smith: 56.]
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)
Civil Estimates, 1927.

Class II.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £117,673 be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to make good the said total deficits on other Grants for Navy Services.

1. Resolved, That the application of such sums be sanctioned.—(Mr. McNeill.)

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Whereas it appears by the Appropriation Account for the year ended the 31st day of March 1926, that the aggregate expenditure on Air Services has not exceeded the aggregate sums appropriated for those Services, and that, as shown in the Schedule hereto appended, the net surplus of the Exchequer Grants for Air Services over the net expenditure is £63,007 0s. 9d., viz.:—

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Net Surplus £63,007 0 9

And whereas the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury have temporarily authorized 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.
Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Post Office (Sites) Bill [re-committed].

(In the Committee.)

Post Office (Sites) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for the Betting Second Reading of the Betting Overseas (Prohibition) Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Police Second Reading of the Police Districts (Scotland) Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Colonial Probates (Protected States and Mandated Territories) Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Re-organisation of Offices (Scotland) Bill.

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

Mr. Deputy Speaker stated, that he thought Division unnecessary.

And, on his decision being successively challenged, it appeared to him that the Division was unnecessarily claimed, and he accordingly called upon the Members who supported and challenged his decision successively to rise in their places, and he declared the Ayes had it, eleven Members only who challenged his decision having stood up.

A Motion was 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 Tuesday morning:

Tuesday, 12th July 1897:

And the Question being put;—

The Yeas to the Right;—

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, [Mr. Bowyer, Mr. Penny];

Tellers for the Noes, [Mr. Stephen, Mr. Kirkwood];

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.

Max Geo. V.

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2. Resolved, That the application of such sums be sanctioned.—(Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare.)

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2 Mr. Penny.

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Excesses of actual over estimated Expenditure.

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Deficits £563,547 17 9

Surpluses £626,554 18 6

Mr. Stephen.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Destructive Insects and Pests Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Monday next.

Welsh Church (Burial Grounds) Bill [Lords].

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Welsh Church (Burial Grounds) Bill [Lords]; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Crown Lands (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Crown Lands (No. 2) (re-committed) Bill; 
Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Diseases of Animals Bill [Lords].

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Diseases of Animals Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee, and on re-committal; 
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

Workmen's Compensation (Transfer of Funds) Bill [Lords].

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Workmen's Compensation (Transfer of Funds) Bill [Lords]; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Gas Regulation Act, 1920.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 23rd day of May last, That the Lords' Message of the 1st day of April last, relating to the appointment of a Joint Committee to consider the Law of Libel Amendment Bill [Lords] be now taken into consideration; 
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

Law of Libel Amendment Bill [Lords].

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 23rd day of May last, That the Lords' Message of the 1st day of April last, relating to the appointment of a Joint Committee to consider the Law of Libel Amendment Bill [Lords] be now taken into consideration; 
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

Diseases of Animals Bill [Lords].

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Diseases of Animals Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee; 
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

Finance Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Finance Bill, as amended in the Committee; 
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.


The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 27th day of June last; 
Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 27th day of June last; 
Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

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 South Suburban Gas Company, which was presented on the 17th June and published, be approved.—(Sir Burton Chadwick.)

The Order of the day being read, for taking Mental into consideration the Mental Deficiency 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 taking Seditious and Blasphemous Teaching to Children Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee; 
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into further consideration upon Monday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved Feltwell Fuel itself into a Committee on the Feltwell Fuel Allotment Bill. 

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 and No. 2 agreed to. 
Schedule agreed to. 
Preamble 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.

The Order of the day being read, for the Widows', Orphans', and Old Age Contributory Pensions Act (1925) 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 Dogs and Cats Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Access to Mountains Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Divorce Jurisdiction (Overseas Domicile) 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 Holdings (Scotland) (Defence against Deer) Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Coal Mines (Abolition of Wheelless Tubs) 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 Squares and Enclosures (Preservation) (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 Succession (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 Local Authorities (Enabling) Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the House of Commons Attendance Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Factories Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 13th day of May last, That the Government of Scotland 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 Small Landholders (Scotland) Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Abolition of Capital Punishment Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Widows', Orphans', and Old Age Contributory Pensions Act (1925) 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 Licencing (Amendment) (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 Sale of Honours (Prohibition) 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 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 Leasehold Enfranchisement Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Liverpool Corporation 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 taking Airdrie Burgh Extension Order, &c., Order 1899, relating to Airdrie Burgh Extension, &c.; And the same was ordered (under Section 7 of the Act) to be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Glasgow Corporation Confirmation 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 taking Liverpool Corporation Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;  
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.
second time upon Wednesday the 20th day of this instant July; and to be printed.

Lord Eustace Percy presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Two Orders in Council under the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865, dated 27th June 1927, approving Admiralty Memorials relating to (1) the grant in certain cases to Seamen and Royal Marines of service pension in addition to war disablement pension, and (2) payment of a special daily allowance to fully qualified Naval Observers appointed to ships prior to trials.

Copy of Order in Council, dated 27th June 1927, entitled the Crown Office Rules (No. 2) Order, 1927.

Copy of Order in Council, dated 27th June 1927, entitled the Explosives (Di-nitro-phenol and Di-nitro-phenolate) Order, 1927.

Copy of Order in Council, dated 27th June 1927, entitled the Northern Rhodesia Order in Council, 1927.

Copy of Order in Council, dated 27th June 1927, entitled the Albania (Extradition) Order in Council, 1927.

Lord Eustace Percy also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—

Copy of Order in Council, dated 27th June 1927, entitled the Bishopric of Derby.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir John Gilmour presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Forty-fifth Annual Report of the Fishery Board for Scotland for the year 1926.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Amery presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Statement of the Secretary of State for the Colonies to accompany the Estimates for Colonial Services, 1927, and Middle Eastern Services, 1927.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return containing a list of the Bills which have been certified by Mr. Speaker or his predecessor as Money Bills under the Parliament Act, and a list of the Finance Bills passed by the House of Commons since the coming into operation of the Parliament Act which have not been so certified.—(Sir John Simon.)

Sir John Ganzoni reported from the Com-

Sir Walter Raine reported from the Local Legislation Committee (Section B); That in the case of the Croydon 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 from Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled Companies An Act to amend the Companies Acts, 1908 Bill [Lords.] to 1917, and for purposes connected therewith; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Ministry of Health relating to Seaton Burn Valley Joint Sewerage District and Ware; Confirmation Bill [Lords.] to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 12) Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; 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 other 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 Major Sir George Yess, Yew, [Mr. Penny]: 231.

Tellers for the Mr. Parkinson, Noses, [Mr. Barnes]: 117.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(Civil Estimates, 1927.)

Class VI.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £117,917 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 1928 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Mines Department of the Board of Trade:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £117,917 be granted for the said Service—(Mr. Varley):

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again—(Mr. Thomas Williams)—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Question again proposed, That a sum not exceeding £117,917 be granted for the said Service—Debate arising;

Mr. Harthshorn 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, as he thought that the Committee would soon be willing to come to a decision without that Motion—Debate resumed.

Question put.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Charles Edwards : 140.
Tellers for the Noes, Major Sir George Hennessy, Lord Stanley : 258.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again—(Commander Egres-Monsell)—put, and agreed to.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means acquainted the House that the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Crown Lands (No. 2) (re-committed) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 14 agreed to.
Clause No. 15 amended, and agreed to.
Clauses No. 16 to No. 18 agreed to.
Clause No. 19 (Transfer to London Diocesan Fund of investments and moneys held by Commissioners of Crown Lands under 45 & 46 Vict. c. 32, s. 9.)

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Amendment proposed, in p. 14, l. 23, to leave out the words "transferred to the London Diocesan Fund," in order to insert the words "used for the benefit of persons residing, or for whom dwellings may be erected, on any Crown land."—(Mr. Maxton.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Clause disagreed to.
Clauses No. 20 to No. 24 agreed to.
Clause No. 25 amended, and agreed to.
Clause No. 26 agreed to.
A Clause (Power to make agreements in connection with town planning schemes)—(Mr. Guinness), brought up, and read the first and second time; and added to the Bill.
Schedule agreed to.
Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, 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. 2, l. 28, by leaving out Clause 2.—(Mr. Tinker.)
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 Sir George Hennessy, Mr. Frederick Thomson;
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Whitley;
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 7, l. 14, by leaving out Clause 8.—(Mr. Westwood.)
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 Sir George Hennessy, Major Cope;
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Whiteley;
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Ordered, That the Order made upon the Ouse Drainage Bill presented on or before (Petitions.)
Expenditure, 1925-26.  

12th—13th July.  

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Police take into consideration the Police (Appeals) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.  

And the House, having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning:  

Wednesday, 13th July 1927:  

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 Poor Law Committee on the Poor Law Bill [Lords];  

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.
18 Geo. V. 12th—13th July.

Resolved, That the Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1926, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of the Rural District of Williton, in the County of Somerset, which was presented on the 20th day of June 1927, be approved.—(Colonel Ashley.)

Resolved, That the Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1926, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of the Urban Districts of Altofts, Arsley, East and West, and Methley, the Rural District of Wakefield, and parts of the Rural District of Tadcaster, all in the West Riding of the County of York, which was presented on the 20th day of June 1927, be approved.—(Colonel Ashley.)

Resolved, That the Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1926, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of the Urban Districts of Cheltenham, Tewkesbury, and Winecombe, in the County of Gloucester, which was presented on the 31st day of May 1927, be approved.—(Colonel Ashley.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Traffic in Second Reading of the Traffic in Women, &c., Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Workmen's Compensation Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Coal Mines Bill:

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Shops (Hours of Employment) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Hairdressers', Barbers' Shops (Sunday Closing) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Importation of Plumage (Prohibition) Act (1921) Amendment Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Resolved, That the Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Destructive Insects and Pests Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Resolved, That the Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Welsh Church (Burial Grounds) Bill [Lords]:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Resolved, That the Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Diseases of Animals Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee, and on re-committal:

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Friday next.

Resolved, That the Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 23rd day of May last, That the Lords' Message of the 1st day of April last, relating to the appointment of a Joint Committee to consider the Law of Libel Amendment Bill [Lords] be now taken into consideration:

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

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Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

Nothing in this Order contained shall prejudice or affect any property, rights, powers, authorities, or privileges of His Royal Highness the Duke of Cornwall in right of His Duchy of Cornwall or of the possession of the Duchy of Cornwall for the time being:

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

Resolved, That the Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1926, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of the Urban District of Poulton-le-Fylde and the Townships of Carleton and Marton, in the Rural District of Fylde, in the County Palatine of Lancaster, which was presented on the 20th day of June 1927, be approved.—(Colonel Ashley.)

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Omnibuses 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 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 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 Leasehold Enfranchisement Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 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 eleven minutes after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning, till this day.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

A MOTION being made, That the Bognor Gas and Electricity 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 Maidstone 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.

The House proceeded to take into considera- tion the Isle of Wight Water Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into considera- tion the Wessex Electricity 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 Liverpool Corporation Bill [Lords,] as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Friday next.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Airdrie Burgh Extension, &c., Order Confirmation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. McNeill presented,—Return to an Order National dated the 12th day of this instant July for a Debt. Return relative to the National Debt. No. 82.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Colonel Ashley presented, pursuant to the Electricity directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy (Supply) Acts, of Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport, under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of the Borough of Scarborough, the Urban District of Scalby, and the Rural District of Scarborough, in the North Riding of the County of York, and the Urban District of Filey, in the East Riding of the County of York.

Copy of Provisional Regulations made under London the London Traffic Act, 1924, dated 8th July 1924, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Amendment (Route No. 14) Provisional Regulations, 1927.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.
Sir Cyril Cobb reported from Standing Committee D, to whom the Audit (Local Authorities) 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.

No. 83.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Standing Committee be printed.

Bill 173.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Wednesday next; and be printed.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Ministry of Health Provisional Order Confirmation (Conway Extension) 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.

Ministry of Health Provisional Order Confirmation (New Sarum Extension) 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 Order Confirmation (Newcastle-under-Lyme Extension) 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 Order Confirmation (Wokingham Extension) 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. 6) Bill [Lords.] [Provisional Orders confirmed.]

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third 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 Buxton Corporation Bill, with Amendments; to which Corporation Bill, 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 from the Ministry of 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 Brighton Corporation Bill [Lords.]; That, in pursuance of the Resolution of the House of the 13th April 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.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

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Sir Samuel Roberts reported from Standing Committee A. to whom the Wild Birds Protection Bill was referred; That they had agreed to report the Bill, so far as amended, to the House.

The House was moved, That leave be given Special Committee A. to proceed further with the consideration of the Bill. And the same was brought up and read as followeth: Your 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.

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The Lords have agreed to the Buxton Corporation Bill, with Amendments; to which Corporation Bill, 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 Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Metropolitan Water Board Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Sir Henry Conom, supported by Mr. Buxton, Mr. Campbell, Sir Martin Conway, Sir Alfred Hopkisson, Mr. Hurd, and Colonel Vaughan-Morgan, presented a Bill to amend the law relating to public rights of way: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday the 21st day of this instant July; and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved [13th allotted itself into the Committee of Supply.

(Civil Estimates, 1927. Class VIII.)

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum, not exceeding £38,242,832, 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 1928 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:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum, not exceeding £38,242,732, be granted for the said Service.

Mr. Frederick Roberts.

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.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Poor Law 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 Welsh Church (Burial Grounds) 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 23rd day of May last, That the Lords' Message of the 1st day of April last, relating to the appointment of a Joint Committee to consider the Law of Libel Amendment Bill [Lords] be now taken into consideration.

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Education in Prisons Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

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And then the House, having continued to sit till one minute after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 100.]

Thursday, 14th July 1927.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE Royal Albert Hall Bill [Lords] was Royal Albert Hall Bill [Lords] 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 Ministry of Health Provisional Order Confirmation (Conway Extension) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Order Confirmation (New Sarum Extension) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Order Confirmation (Newcastle-under-Lyme Extension) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Order Confirmation (Wokingham Extension) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

Mr. Chamberlain presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Order, dated 12th July 1927, made under the Boards of Guardians (Default) Act, 1926, and entitled the Chester-le-Street Union Amendment.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

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 Derwent Valley Water Board Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Orders to the Ouse and Cam Fisheries Provisional Order Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from the Standing Committee:—That they had added the following Ten Members to the Standing Committee A:—Sir John Ganzoni reported the East Surrey Water Bill [Lords], with Amendments.

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 Ouse and Cam Fisheries Provisional Order Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Ouse and Cam Fisheries Provisional Order Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from the Standing Committee:—That they had added the following Ten Members to the Standing Committee A (in respect of the Nursing Homes (Registration) Bill):—Miss Bondfield, Mr. Chamberlain, Dr. Vernon Davies, Colonel Fremautte, Sir Robert Gower, Mr. Gerald Hurst, Mrs. Philipson, Dr. Sheils, Mr. Cecil Wilson, and Sir Fredric Wise.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from the Standing Committee:—That they had added the following Ten Members to the Standing Committee A (in respect of the Slaughter of Animals (Scotland) Bill):—The Lord Advocate, Lord Colvin Crickshank-Stuart, Mr. Devossen, Sir Robert Gower, Sir James Grant, Mr. Grotrian, Mr. Smillie, Major-General Sir Frederick Sykes, Mr. Luke Thompson, and Mr. Thomas Williams.

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 1926, under licences granted under the Act 39 and 40 Vict., cap. 57, distinguishing the nature of the Experiments (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 129, of Session 1926).—(Captain Hacking.)
Private Bills (Group G.)

Sir Arthur Churchman reported from the Committee on Group G of Private Bills; That, for the convenience of parties, the Committee had adjourned till Monday next, at Twelve of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Chairmen's Panel.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Chairmen's Panel; That they had appointed Mr. Ellis Davies to act as Chairman of Standing Committee A (in respect of the Road Transport Lighting Bill) and Mr. Morgan Jones (in respect of the Nursing Homes (Registration) Bill); and Major Sir Richard Barnett to act as Chairman of the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills (in respect of the Slaughter of Animals (Scotland) Bill).

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Business of the House.

Ordered, That this day, notwithstanding anything in Standing Order No. 15, the Motion relating to the Board of Guardians (Default) Act, 1926, may be taken before Eleven of the clock.—(The Prime Minister.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates, 1927.

Class III.

1. £257,647, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of His Majesty's Secretary of State for the Home Department and Subordinate Offices, including Liquidation Expenses of the Royal Irish Constabulary and Contributions towards the Expenses of Probation Committees.

2. £503,901, for the Expenses of the Prisons in England and Wales.

Resolutions to be reported.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £3,396,102 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 1928 for the Salaries of the Commissioner and Assistant Commissioners of the Metropolitan Police, and of the Receiver for the Metropolitan Police District, Bonus to Metropolitan Police Magistrates, the Contributions towards the Expenses of the Metropolitan Police, the Salaries and Expenses of the Inspectors of Constabulary, and other Grants in respect of Police Expenditure, including Places of Detention, and a Grant in Aid of the Police Federation:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again.—(Captain T. J. O'Connor):—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question again proposed:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again.—(Secretary Sir William Joynson-Hicks);—put, and agreed to.

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 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.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that the Order, dated the 17th day of June 1927, made by the Minister of Health under the Boards of Guardians (Default) Act, 1926, and entitled the West Ham Union Default Order (Continuation) Order, 1927, be annulled.—(Mr. Barnes.)

The House proceeded to a Division.

And the House, having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning;

Friday, 15th July 1927:

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Benjamin Smith ; 68.

Tellers for the Noes, Major Sir John Hennessy, Mr. Frederick Thomson : 170.

So it passed in the Negative.

The Order of the day being read, for the Poor Law Committee on the Poor Law Bill [Lords]:

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Welsh Church Second Reading of the Welsh Church (Burial Grounds) 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 23rd day of May last, That the Lords' Message of the 1st day of April last, relating to the appointment of a Joint Committee to consider the Law of Libel Amendment Bill [Lords] be now taken into consideration;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 7th day of this instant July, That the draft of a Special Order proposed to be made by the Board of Trade under Section 10 of the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of the Newquay (Cornwall) Gas Company, Limited, which was presented on
the 17th June and published, be approved, subject to the addition of the following Clause (Saving rights of Duchy of Cornwall):—

Nothing in this Order contained shall prejudice or affect any property, rights, powers, authorities or privileges of His Royal Highness the Duke of Cornwall in right of His Duchy of Cornwall or of the possessor of the Duchy of Cornwall for the time being.

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till 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 four minutes after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning, till this day.

[No. 101.]

Friday, 15th July 1927.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Fleetwood Urban District Council 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 Liverpool Corporation 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;

The Question was amended, by leaving out from the word "That" to the word "be," and inserting the words "although the allowance of a term of eighty years for the repayment of certain loans is contrary to Standing Order 173a of this House, having regard to the special circumstances mentioned in the Report of the Committee, orders the Bill to be read the third time, be resumed upon Friday the 29th day of June last, That the Fancy Jewellery (Standard Trade Descriptions) Bill be now read a second time, be resumed upon Friday the 29th day of this instant July.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Selection Committee of Selection:—That they had added to the following five Members to Standing Committee A (in respect of the Road Transport Lighting Bill)—Mr. Bromfield, Colonel Sir George Courthope, Sir William Edge, Colonel Howard-Bury, and Sir Frank Meyer.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir Laming Worthington Evans, by Sheriff Courts and Legal Officers (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.

(Provisional Order Bill).
which, under any Act of the present Session to amend the Law relating to the offices of sheriff clerk, procurator fiscal, and commissary clerk in Scotland, and to make further provision regarding the sheriff courts, may become payable in respect of—

(a) salaries and other allowances to persons holding the office of sheriff clerk, procurator fiscal, or commissary clerk, and to deputes, clerks, or other assistants of such officers;

(b) the grant in accordance with the Superannuation Acts, 1834 to 1919, of superannuation and other allowances to or in respect of the above-mentioned officers appointed after the passing of such Act, or appointed prior thereto and not having attained the age of 55 on the 1st October 1918;

(c) the grant on retirement to or in respect of such existing officers as are not eligible for superannuation allowances of gratuities not exceeding in the case of any such officer twice the amount of the salary and emoluments received by him from any source whatsoever in respect of his office during his last year of service;

(d) the payment of expenses incurred by a procurator fiscal in any proceedings taken by him or at his instance.—(Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Frederick Thomson, Lord Stanley: 116.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Parkinson, Mr. Charles Edwards: 53.
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.

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 House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Diseases of Animals Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee, and on re-committal;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 31, by inserting, after the word "shall," the words "continue to apply in the case of store cattle, but shall."—(Sir Malcolm Macnaghten.)

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.

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 Destructive Insects and Pests Bill was, according to Order, 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 Destructive Insects and Pests [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 that there shall be paid out of moneys provided by Parliament such sums as may be payable by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries under any Act of the present Session to amend the Destructive Insects and Pests Acts, 1877 and 1907, as compensation in respect of any crop removed or destroyed by or under instructions of an inspector authorised by the Minister, and any other expense incurred by the Minister in the execution of the said Destructive Insects and Pests Acts, 1877 and 1907.—(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 upon Monday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved Poor Law itself into a Committee on the Poor Law Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 to No. 34 agreed to.
Clause No. 35 amended, and agreed to.
Clauses No. 36 to No. 116 agreed to.
Clause No. 117 amended, and agreed to.
Clauses No. 118 to No. 244 agreed to.
Clause No. 245 amended, and agreed to.
A Clause (Power to employ poor persons on cultivation of land)—(Sir Kingsley Wood)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.
Schedules 1 to 11 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, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be now taken into consideration:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

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 resuming Gas the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed Regulation upon the 7th day of this instant July, That
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the draft of a Special Order proposed to be
made by the Board of Trade under Section 10
of the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the
application of the Newquay (Cornwall) Gas
Company, Limited, which was presented on
the 17th June and published, be approved,
subject to the addition of the following Clause
(Saving rights of Duchy of Cornwall):

Nothing in this Order contained shall pre-
judice or affect any property, rights, powers,
authorities, or privileges of His Royal Highness
the Duke of Cornwall in right of His Duchy
of Cornwall or of the possessor of the Duchy
of Cornwall for the time being.

And the Question being again proposed:—
The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.
And the Question being put:—It was
resolved in the Affirmative.

PRAYERS.

THE House proceeded to take into con-
sideration the Amendments made by the
Lords to the Derwent Valley 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 con-
sideration the Amendments made by the
Lords to the Metropolitan 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 Isle of Wight Water Bill [Lords] was Isle of Wight
read the third time and passed, with Amend-
ments.

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 Wessex
Electricity Bill [Lords] be now read the third
time;

Captain Fitzroy, 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 Mersey Tunnel (Birkenhead Entrance, Mersey
Tunnel &c.,) Bill [Lords] was read a second time and
committed.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 82, 211, 236
and 237 be suspended, and that the Committee

THE House met at a quarter of an hour
before Three of the clock.
on the Bill have leave to sit and proceed to-morrow.—(The Deputy Chairman.)

Ordered, That the proceedings upon the 15th day of this instant July on the consideration of the Liverpool Corporation Bill [Lords] be null and void.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.—(The Deputy Chairman.)

Secretary Sir John Gilmour presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, relating to Ayr Burgh (Water, &c.): And the same was read the first time, and ordered (under Section 9 of the Act) to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 26th day of this instant July; and to be printed.

A Public Petition was presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Chamberlain presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 30th June 1927, entitled the National Health Insurance (Approved Societies) Amendment Regulations, 1927.

Copy of Order made under the Local Government Act, 1888, entitled the Market Harborough (Union of Parishes) Confirmation Order, 1927.

Copies of Provisional Regulations,—
1. dated 16th June 1927, entitled the Contributory Pensions (Exempt and Excepted Persons) Amendment Regulations, 1927;
2. dated 24th June 1927, entitled the Contributory Pensions (Claims and Payment) Regulations, 1927.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Earl Winterton presented,—Return to an Address, dated the 1st day of this instant July, for a Return relative to East India (Budget). Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and to be printed.

Colonel Ashley presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Provisional Regulations made under the London Traffic Act, 1924, dated 14th July 1927, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Amendment (Route No. 111) (No. 3) Provisional Regulations, 1927.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Committee: That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee A:—Mr. Smalley Crooke, Mr. George Harvey, and Major Steel; and had appointed in substitution: Lord Fermoy, Sir Clement Kinloch-Cooke, and Mr. Shepperson.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from the Committee: That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee A (added in respect of the Road Transport Lighting Bill):—Captain Brass; and had appointed in substitution: Colonel Vaughan-Morgan.

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 one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Grimshy Corporation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Greenock Burgh Extension, &c., Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the London County Council (Money) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Newcastle-upon-Tyne Corporation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to confirm a Provisional Order of the Minister of Health relating to Sutton Coldfield Extension, &c., to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Order Confirmation (Sutton Coldfield Extension) 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.

The Companies Bill [Lords] was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, proceeded Finance Bill, to take into consideration the Finance Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause (Relief from Super-tax in case of amalgamations of companies) (Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer),—was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Provision as to stamp duty on powers of attorney) (Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer),—was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Relief from capital and transfer stamp duty in case of reconstructions or amalgamations of companies) (Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer).

And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first and second time.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the proposed Clause, in l. 64, by leaving out from the word “under,” the word “this,” in l. 65.—(Sir Alfred Mond.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed Clause:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the proposed Clause was made part of the Bill.
Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Amendment of 15 and 16 Geo. V., c. 36, s. 15.)—(Mr. Lees Smith.)

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. Parkinson, Yeas, Mr. Whiteley :\} 79.

Tellers for the \{Mr. Frederick Thom-son, Noes, Captain Bouyer :\} 294.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Repeal of lace duty.)—(Mr. Gillett.)

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. Parkinson, Yeas, Mr. Whiteley :\} 104.

Tellers for the \{Mr. Frederick Thom-son, Captain Bouyer :\} 254.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Amendment of 8 and 9 Geo. V., c. 15.)—(Captain Bourne.)

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. Parkinson, Yeas, Mr. Barnes :\} 114.

Tellers for the \{Mr. Parker, Noes, Mr. Penny :\} 256.

So it passed in the Negative.

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Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Amendment of 10 Edw. VII., c. 8.)—(Sir Frank Meyer.)

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 Frank Meyer, Yeas, Major Courtauld :\} 81.

Tellers for the \{Mr. Frederick Thom-son, Captain Bouyer :\} 223.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Income tax not taxed at source)—(Brigadier-General Charteris.)

And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the said Clause be read a second time—The said Motion and Clause were severally, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2. 1, 19, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"Provided that notwithstanding any repeal effected by this Act the exemption given by Section three of the Finance Act, 1925, shall continue to have effect in relation to motor tyres which are shown to the satisfaction of the Commissioners to have been shipped on board the importing ship for import direct on or before the twelfth day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven."—(Mr. Macquis-ten.)

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. Parkinson :\} 111.

Tellers for the \{Mr. Frederick Thom-son, Noes, Mr. Penny :\} 229.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 5, l. 3, by leaving out Clause 9.—(Mr. Albert Alexander.)

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 \{Captain Viscount Curzon, Yeas, Captain Bouyer :\} 244.

Tellers for the \{Mr. Charles Edwards, Noes, Mr. Barnes :\} 122.

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. 9, l. 9, by leaving out
the words "is imported after the date of the passing of this Act," and inserting the words "has been since the twenty-fifth day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven, or is hereafter imported."—(Mr. A. R. Kennedy), 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, Captain Viscount Curzon, Captain Margesson ; 240.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Whitley, Mr. Burns ; 120.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 9, l. 11, by inserting, after the word "yarn," the words "or to be used in some other process of manufacture."

—(Mr. Harris.)

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 Robert Hutchison, Mr. Pestry ; 129.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Frederick Thomson, Captain Viscount Curzon ; 252.

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. 17, l. 7, by leaving out Clause 31.—(Mr. Renton.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "whether," in l. 22, 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, by inserting, after the words last inserted, the words,—

"(g) If a company is dissatisfied with the determination of the Special Commissioners and appeals to the board of referees in accordance with the provisions of the First Schedule of the Finance Act, 1922, for a re-hearing of the case, and the board of referees are satisfied on the evidence placed before them that the whole of the income of the company for that year or period could not reasonably have been distributed, they shall state the amount which in their opinion could have been so distributed, and notwithstanding anything in section twenty-one of the Finance Act, 1922, the amount so stated shall be deemed to be the income of the members of the company, and the amount thereof shall be apportioned among the members."—(Mr. Herbert Williams.)

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. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into further consideration to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Colonial Probates (Protected States and Mandated Territories) 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 Betting Overseas (Prohibition) 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 Police Districts (Scotland) 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 Amendment which, upon the 23rd day of March last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Re-organisation of Offices (Scotland) 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 Workmen's Compensation (Transfer of Funds) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 29th day of June last;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 27th day of June last;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland reported the Committee on Sheriff Courts and Legal Officers (Scotland) [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of the sums which, under any Act of the present Session to amend the Law relating to the offices of sheriff clerk, procurator fiscal, and commissary clerk in Scotland, and to make further provision regarding the sheriff courts, may become payable in respect of—

(a) salaries and other allowances to persons holding the office of sheriff clerk, procurator fiscal, or commissary clerk, and to deputes, clerks, or other assistants of such officers;
The Order of the day being read, for taking into further consideration the Seditious and Blasphemous Teaching to Children Bill, as Children Bill, amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into further consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Widows’, Orphans’, and Old Age Contributory Pensions Act (1925) 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 Access to Mountains 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 Divorce Jurisdiction (Overseas Domicile) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Agricultural Holdings (Scotland) (Defence against Deer) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Coal Mines Second Reading of the Coal Mines (Abolition of Wheelless Tubs) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the London Squares and Enclosures (Preservation) (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Succession Second Reading of the Succession (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Second Reading of the Local Authorities (Enabling) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the House of Second Reading of the House of Commons Attendance Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Factories Second Reading of the Factories Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Government the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed of Scotland upon the 13th day of May last, That the Government of Scotland Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Destructive Insects and Pests Act [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That it is expedient that there shall be paid out of moneys provided by Parliament such sums as may be payable by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries under any Act of the present Session to amend the Destructive Insects and Pests Acts, 1877 and 1907, as compensation in respect of any crop removed or destroyed by or under instructions of an inspector authorised by the Minister, and any other expense incurred by the Minister in the execution of the said Destructive Insects and Pests Acts, 1877 and 1907.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 14th day of this instant July;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Mental Deficiency Bill as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

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Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Small Landholders (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Abolition of Capital Punishment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Abolition of Capital Punishment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Liquor (Popular Control) 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 Honours (Prohibition) 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 Slaughter of Animals Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Coal (Selling Price Agreements) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Liquor (Popular Control) 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 Exportation of Horses (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

And it being after half past Eleven of the clock, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then one minute 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.

Name of Bill | Standing Committee
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Destructive Insects and Pests Bill | D.

Tuesday, 19th July 1927.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

MR. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bills, brought from the Lords and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz.:

Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 11) Bill [Lords].

Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 12) Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time to-morrow.

A Motion being made, That the Fleetwood Urban District Council Bill [Lords.] be now read the third time;

And notice being taken, that the interest of His Majesty, as Duke of Lancaster, is concerned therein;

Captain Fitzroy, 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 Abersoch Water Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Brighton Corporation Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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 Order made under the Diseases of Animals Acts, dated 12th July 1927, regarding the landing and defining the quarantine station of six Dromedaries from the steamer "Trentino."

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
Mr. Bridge-Tman presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Statement of the estimated Income and Expenditure of Greenwich Hospital and of Travers' Foundation for the year 1927.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Lord Advocate presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Act of Sederunt extending certain temporary Acts of Sederunt increasing fees.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Hastings Tramways Company (Trolley Vehices) Bill [Lords], with out any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to amend the Law with respect to the constitution of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council; 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 Barry, Basingstoke, Hartlepool Port Sanitary District, Oxford, Romford Joint Hospital District, and Sutton (Surrey); to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 10) Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Sir Thomas Robinson reported from the Local Legislation Committee (Section A); That in the case of the Sunderland 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 thereto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 7) Bill [Lords]; That they had considered the Orders therein contained; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported the Bury Estate Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported the Mersey Tunnel (Birkenhead Entrance, &c.) Bill [Lords], with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported the Coventry Corporation (Boundary Extension) 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 thereto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported the Scarborough Gas Company (Consolidation) 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 thereto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported the Staffordshire Mond Gas 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 thereto.

The Chairman of Ways and Means further reported from the Committee that they had agreed to the following Special Report:—

Section 17 of the Bill as laid before the Committee contained important powers to manufacture gases which have not hitherto been granted by Private Bill. It was stated to the Committee by a representative of the Board of Trade that the effect
of the Section if it was passed might be to encourage the production of gases and chemical compounds which are manufactured in Germany and America, but are not manufactured in this country to any considerable extent.

The question raised is an important one, but the advisability of granting these powers by statute and the effect which the grant of them would have upon non-statutory chemical manufacturers and upon the Chemical Industry has not been enquired into by the Department, and the Committee upon Unopposed Bills has no powers which would enable such an enquiry to be effectively conducted.

Your Committee, therefore, decided not to take the responsibility of allowing the Section to proceed, but they are unanimously of opinion that the matter is of such importance that an enquiry should be instituted before a Committee properly equipped for the purpose, Ordered, That the Report and Special Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Derby Corporation 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. McNeill 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.

Ordered, That this day, notwithstanding anything in Standing Order No. 15, Business other than Business of Supply may be taken before Eleven of the clock.—(The Prime Minister.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide that receipt of money advanced in pursuance of section ninety-two of the Housing Act, 1925, shall not disqualify the recipient from being a member of the Local Authority making such advance.—(Mr. Thomas Williams.)

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 passed in the Negative.

The House, according to Order, resolved Supply itself into the Committee of Supply. (In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates, 1927.

Class II.

1. £95,494, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of His Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Class VII.

2. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £384,570 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 1928 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Commissioners of His Majesty's Works and Public Buildings:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a sum not exceeding £384,470 be granted for the said Service.—(Mr. Johnston.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Johnston, Yeas, Mr. James Brown: 71.]

Tellers for the [Major Cope, Nos, Mr. Pessey: 239.] Original Question put, and agreed to.

Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions; Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Deputy Chairman also acquainted the House that he was directed to move, That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Finance Bill, the House, according to Order, proceeded Finance Bill. to take into further consideration the Finance Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Another Amendment was made to the Bill. Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 25, l. 9, by leaving out the word "ten," and inserting the word "five"—(Mr. William Graham)—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 Curzon, [Viscount Carson;]
Mr. Penney;

Tellers for the Noes,
Mr. Parkinson;
Mr. Whiteley;

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. 25, l. 37, by inserting, after the word "amount," the words "for the following year."—(Sir Frank Meyer.)

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. 29, l. 25, by leaving out Clause 41.—(Sir Edward Riffes.)

And the Question being proposed, That 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. 32, l. 13, by inserting, after the word "individual," the words "who in the opinion of the surveyor would be liable to be charged at a rate or rates exceeding the standard rate and."—(Sir John Marriott.)

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 John Marriott;
Mr. Macquisten;

Tellers for the Noes,
Major Sir George Hennessy;
Mr. Frederick Thornton;

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. 38, l. 29, by leaving out Clause 50.—(Colonel Sir George Courthope.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill;—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Mr. Stephen moved, That the Debate be now adjourned: but Mr. Speaker, being of opinion that the Motion was an abuse of the Rules of the House, declined to propose the Question thereupon to the House.

And the Question being put;—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Companies Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time tomorrow.

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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 Tuesday 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 twenty-six minutes before Twelve of the clock, till to-morrow.

[No. 104.]

Wednesday, 20th July 1927.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Gainsborough Bridge Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 7) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 8) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 11) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 12) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The Glasgow Corporation Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and ordered to be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Secretary Sir William Joynson-Hicks presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Certificate of the Auditors of the Accident Offices Association, showing, for the year 1926, the effect of the undertaking given by the Association for the purpose of limiting the charges to employers in respect of Employers' Liability Insurance.

Copy of Statistics as to the operation and licensing administration of the Laws relating to the sale of Intoxicating Liquors in England and Wales for the year 1926.

Secretary Sir William Joynson-Hicks also presented,—Return to an Address to His Majesty, dated the 14th day of this instant July, for a Return relative to Experiments on Living Animals.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the said Return be printed.

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Draft Order in Council, entitled the Merchandise Marks (Sale of Imported Goods) No. 1 Order, 1927.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. McNeill presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 6th day of this instant July, for a Return relative to Colonial Stock Act, 1900.

Return to an Order, dated the 12th day of Parliament, this instant July, for a Return relative to Parliament Act (Certificate of Money Bills). No. 89.

Mr. McNeill also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account of the Receipts and Expenditure of the Commissioners of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea (for Legacy Services other than those voted by Parliament) in the year ended 31st March 1927, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Finance Bill, as amended Finance Bill, in Committee and on Consideration, be printed. Bill 180.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Selection Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Members from the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills (added in respect of the Slaughter of Animals (Scotland) Bill):—Lord Colman Crichton-Stuart, Mr. Grotrian, and Major-General Sir Frederick Sykes; and had appointed in substitution: Captain Fergus Graham, Captain Robert Henderson, and Mr. Lamb.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Order for reading a second time to-morrow the Rights of Way Bill was read, and Way Bill, discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply. (In the Committee.) Civil Estimates, 1927.

Class VI.

1. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £45,076 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 1928 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:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a sum not exceeding £44,976 be granted for the said Service.—(Major Sir Archibald Sinclair.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the

Yeas, { Major-General Sir Robert Hutchison, Mr. Fenby: 90.

Tellers for the

Nees, Captain Viscount Curzon, Mr. Penny: 118.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

2. £296,617, 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.

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.

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means:

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.


The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 29th day of June last:

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.


The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 27th day of June last:

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.


The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 14th day of this instant July:

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.


The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 19th day of this instant July:

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

Audit (Local Authorities) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Audit (Local Authorities) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee:

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Isle of Man 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 Companies Second Reading of the Companies Bill [Lords]: Bill [Lords.]

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.

(—Commander Eyres-Monsell.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-seven minutes after Ten of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 105.]

Thursday, 21st July 1927.

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 Amendments made by the Lords to the Greenock Burgh Extension, &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 Order of the day being read, for taking Liverpool Corporation Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee; And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill, as amended, be now taken into consideration:

The Question was amended, by leaving out from the word “That” to the word “be,” and inserting the words “although the allowance of a term of eighty years for the repayment of certain loans is contrary to Standing Order 173a of this House, this House, having regard to the special circumstances mentioned in the Report of the Committee, orders the Bill to “—(The Chairman of Ways and Means), —instead thereof; And the Question, so amended, being put; Resolved, That although the allowance of a term of eighty years for the repayment of certain loans is contrary to Standing Order 173a of this House, this House, having regard to the special circumstances mentioned in the Report of the Committee, orders the Bill to be now taken into consideration.

The House, accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

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 Glasgow Corporation Order Confirmation Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. McNeill presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 19th July 1927, relative to a final contribution by the States of Jersey towards the expenses of the War.
Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 19th July 1927, relative to a final contribution by the States of Guernsey towards the expenses of the War.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Ellis Davies reported from Standing Committee A, to whom the Road Transport Lighting 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. 91.
Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Standing Committee be printed.
Bill 181.
Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Wednesday next; and be printed.

Licensing (Amendment) Bill.
Ordered, That the Licensing (Amendment) Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 8th day of November next.

Hospital of St. Mary the Virgin (Newcastle-upon-Tyne) Bill [Lords.]
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 Amendments Isle of Wight Water Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.
The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to make permanent Section one of the Aliens Restriction (Amendment) Act, 1919; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Sir Walter Raine reported from the Local Legislation Committee (Section B): That in the case of the Salford Corporation Bill [Lords.] 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 Robert Sanders reported from Standing Committee C, to whom the Cinematograph Films Bill was referred; That they had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the No. 92. 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 Wednesday next; and be printed.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Selection Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee A:—Lord Fermoy, Sir Clement Committee A. Kinloch-Cooke, Mr. Macquisten, Major-General Sir Newton Moore, Major Price, Mr. Shepperson, and Colonel Woodcock; and had appointed in substitution: Viscountess Astor, Captain Cazalet, Captain Gunston, Mr. Looker, Major-General Sir Richard Luce, Mr. Geoffrey Peto, and Viscount Sandle.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from Standing Committee; That they had discharged Committee A, the following Member from Standing Committee A (added in respect of the Nursing Homes (Registration) Bill)—Sir Frederic Wise; and had appointed in substitution: Sir Kingsley Wood.
Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

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 the House. of the clock—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer);
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Major George Hennessey, Yeas, 207.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on the Isle of Man the House. (Customs) Bill 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 [Major Cope, Yeas, Captain Margesson : 213.]
Tellers for the [Mr. Buchanan, Noes, Mr. Stephen : } 57.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates, 1927.

Class V.

1. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £2,387,155 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 1928 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Scottish Board of Health, including Grants and other Expenses in connection with Housing, Grants to Local Authorities, and in connection with Public Health Services, Grant in Aid of the Highlands and Islands Medical Service, Grants in Aid in respect of Benefits and Expenses of Administration under the National Health Insurance Acts, certain Expenses in connection with the Widows’, Orphans’, and Old Age Contributory Pensions Act, 1925, and certain Special Services:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a sum not exceeding £2,387,055 be granted for the said Service.—(Mr. Johnston.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Thomas Henderson, Yeas, Mr. Whiteley : 96.]
Tellers for the [Major Cope, Noes, Mr. Frederick Thomson : 211.]

Original Question put, and agreed to.

Class III.

2. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £86,153 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 1928 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Prison Commissioners for Scotland, and of the Prisons under their control, including the Maintenance of Criminal Lunatics, Defectives, and Inmates of the State Inebriate Reformatory, the Preparation of Judicial Statistics, and a Grant for certain Expenses connected with Discharged Prisoners:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a sum not exceeding £86,053 be granted for the said Service.—(Mr. Masson.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Parkinson, Yeas, Mr. Whiteley : 78.]
Tellers for the [Major Cope, Noes, Mr. Penny : } 165.

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Original Question put, and agreed to.

Resolutions to be reported.

Class IV.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £3,833,029 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 1928 for Public Education in Scotland, and for the Royal Scottish Museum, Edinburgh, including a Grant in Aid;

And it being Eleven of the clock, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Deputy Chairman 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.

The Isle of Man (Customs) Bill was, according Isle of Man Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for to-morrow.—(Mr. McNeill.)

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of [20th July] the 20th day of this instant July;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of [29th June] the 29th day of June last;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of [27th June] the 27th day of June last;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of [14th July] the 14th day of this instant July;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of [11th July] the 19th day of this instant July;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.
The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Audit (Local Authorities) 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 Companies Bill (Lords):

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Resolved, That the draft of a Special Order proposed to be made by the Board of Trade under Section 10 of the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of the Earl-Shilton Gas-Light and Coke Company, Limited, which was presented on the 11th July 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 Exeter Gaslight and Coke Company, which was presented the 11th July 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 St. Ives (Hunts) Gas Company, Limited, which was presented on the 8th July 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 Exeter Gaslight and Coke Company, which was presented on the 7th July 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 Earl-Shilton Gas-Light and Coke Company, Limited, which was presented on the 11th July 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 Earl-Shilton Gas-Light and Coke Company, Limited, which was presented on the 11th July and published, be approved, subject to the addition of the following Clause (For protection of the Warwickshire County Council):

The following provision for the protection of the Warwickshire 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 clear days were inserted therein instead of the period of three clear days in the said Section mentioned, and the notice therein mentioned shall be given to the surveyor of the County Council:

Provided that this Section shall not apply in the case of any opening or breaking up for the purpose of laying, connecting, or repairing consumers' service pipes.

—(Sir Burton Chadwick.)

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

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And then the House, having continued to sit till nine minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 106.]

Friday, 22nd July 1927.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Corporation Lords to the Grimsby Corporation Bill: And the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.
The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the London County Council (Money) 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 Bury Estate 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 Brighton 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 Abersoch 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.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. McNeill presented, by His Majesty's Superannuation Command,—Copy of Report of the Departmental Committee on the effect of the Rule of Law against perpetuities in its application to certain superannuation funds and funds with analogous purposes.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir Austen Chamberlain presented, Treaty Series by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Inter-

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.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Copy of Agreement between the United Kingdom and the Latvian Republic relating to Tomago Measurement Certificates. London, 24th June 1927.

Copy of Treaty between the United Kingdom and Iraq and Turkey regarding the settlement (No. 18, 1927.) of the Frontier between Turkey and Iraq, together with Notes exchanged. Angora, 18th June 1926. (With a Map.) (Ratifications exchanged at Angora, 18th July 1926.)

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 Indian Church Measure, 1927, Church of passed by the National Assembly of the Church of England.


Copy of the Clergy Pensions (Amendment) Measure, 1927, passed by the National Assembly of the Church of England.

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 Supply of [21st July] 1927:
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 [20th July] 1927:
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 [29th June] 1927:
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 [14th July] 1927:
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 [19th July] 1927:
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 [27th June] 1927:
Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas,

Commander Eyres-Monsell, 338,
Mr. Frederick Thomson,
Mr. Charles Edwards,
Mr. Thomas Hender-
som;

Tellers for the Noes, 86.

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 Committee on the Isle of Man (Customs) Bill:
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.
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 Chepping Wycombe Corporation Bill: And the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Colchester Corporation Bill: And the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Torquay Corporation Bill: And the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the West Bromwich 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 Gainsborough Bridge 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 Liverpool Corporation Bill [Lords.] was read the third time and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Bedford 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 Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Coventry Corporation Bill (Boundary Extension) 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 Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Peterborough 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.
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Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Scarborough Gas Company (Consolidation) 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 South Staffordshire Mond Gas Company 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 accordingly proceeded to take the Bill, as amended in the Committee, into consideration.

Ordered, That in the case of the Salford Salford 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.

Secretary Sir William Jagoen-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 1927.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Secretary Amery 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 1927.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Major Tyrone 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 1927.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. McNeill presented, by His Majesty’s Peterhead Command, Copy of Report respecting Peterhead Harbour Works for the year ended 31st March 1926.

Mr. McNeill also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, Account showing the money received, expended, and borrowed, and the securities created under the provisions of the West Indian Islands
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

Major Sir George

Yeas, 189.

Major Cope:

Tellers for the

Mr. Hayes,

Mr. Whiteley:

69.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Mr. Betterton reported from the Committee Supply of Supply of the 20th day of this instant July, which were read, as follow:

Civil Estimates 1927.

Class VI.

1. That a sum not exceeding £45,076 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 1928 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.

2. That a sum not exceeding £296,617 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 1928 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.

The First Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Second Resolution being read a second time;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That this House do agree with the Committee in the said Resolution;

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the

Lord Stanley:

Mr. Hayes:

Mr. Whiteley:

222.

86.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, resolved Isle of Man itself into a Committee on the Isle of Man (Customs) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Chauses No. 1 to No. 17 agreed to.
First to Fourth Schedules 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.

Mr. Speaker concluded the Adjourned Debate on the Bill, when Mr. Whiteley moved, That the Committee do report the Bill, with certain Amendments.

And the Committee reported, That the Bill be recommitted.

The Motion was agreed to.

Mr. Speaker informed the House, That the Lords had directed him to return the Report of the Committee of Supply of Supply of the 20th day of this instant July, which were read, as follow:

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The First Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Second Resolution being read a second time;

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

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(In the Committee.)

Chauses No. 1 to No. 17 agreed to.
First to Fourth Schedules agreed to.
Bill to be reported.
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).

Workmen's Compensation (Transfer of Funds) Bill [Lords.]

The Workmen's Compensation (Transfer of Funds) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

Resolved, That this House will immediately
resolve itself into the Committee on the Bill.

—(Secretary Sir William Jyneon-Hicks.)

The House accordingly resolved itself into
the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 and No. 2 agreed to.
Preamble agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the
Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That
the Committee had gone through the Bill, and
directed him to report the same, without
Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third
time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third
time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to
the Lords; and acquaint them that this House
hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

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.

Colonial Probates (Protected States and Mandated Territories) Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the Colonial Probates
(Protected States and Mandated Territories)
Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Tuesday the 8th day of November next.

Betting Overseas (Prohibition) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the Betting Overseas
(Prohibition) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Tuesday the 8th day of November next.

Police Districts (Scotland) Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the Police Districts (Scotland) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Tuesday the 8th day of November next.

Re-organisation of Offices (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming
the adjourned Debate on the Amendment
which, upon the 23rd day of March last, was
proposed to be made to the Question, That
the Re-organisation of Offices (Scotland) Bill
be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further ad-
journed till Tuesday the 8th day of November next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Welsh Church
Second Reading of the Welsh Church (Burial Grounds) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Tuesday the 8th day of November next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Audit (Local Authorities) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into con-
sideration upon Tuesday the 8th day of November next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Companies
Second Reading of the Companies Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 8th day of November next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply
the Report from the Committee of Supply of
the 21st day of this instant July;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-
morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply
the Report from the Committee of Supply of
the 14th day of this instant July;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-
morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply
the Report from the Committee of Supply of
the 27th day of June last;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-
morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply
the Report from the Committee of Supply of
the 19th day of this instant July;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-
morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply
the Report from the Committee of Supply of
the 19th day of this instant July;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-
morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Mental
Deficiency Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into con-
sideration upon Tuesday the 8th day of November next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Seditious and
Blasphemous Teaching to Children Bill, as
amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into further
consideration upon Tuesday the 8th day of November next.
The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the Agencies and Registries
Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Tuesday the 8th day of November next.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the Widows', Orphans', and
Old Age Contributory Pensions Act (1925)
Amendment (No. 2) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Tuesday the 8th day of November next.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the Access to Mountains
Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Tuesday the 8th day of November next.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the Divorce Jurisdiction
(Overseas Domicile) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Tuesday the 8th day of November next.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the Agricultural Holdings
(Scotland) (Defence against Deer) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Tuesday the 8th day of November next.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the Coal Mines (Abolition of
Wheelless Tubs) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Tuesday the 8th day of November next.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the London Squares and
Enclosures (Preservation) (No. 2) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Tuesday the 8th day of November next.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the Succession (Scotland)
Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Tuesday the 8th day of November 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 Wednesday the 9th day of November next.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the House of Commons
Attendance Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Wednesday the 9th day of November next.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the Factories Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Wednesday the 9th day of November next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming
the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed
upon the 13th day of May last, That the
Government of Scotland Bill be now read a
second time;
Ordered, That the Debate be further ad-
djourned till Wednesday the 9th day of
November next.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the Small Landholders
(Scotland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Wednesday the 9th day of November next.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Abolition of Second Reading of the Abolition of Capital
Punishment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Wednesday the 9th day of November next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Widows',
Second Reading of the Widows', Orphans',
and Old Age Contributory Pensions Act (1925)
Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Wednesday the 9th day of November next.

The Order of the day being read, for the sale
of the Sale of the Sale of Honours (Pro-
hibition) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Wednesday the 9th day of November next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Slaughter
of the Slaughter of Animals Bill,
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Wednesday the 9th day of November next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Coal
Selling Second Reading of the Coal (Selling Price
Agreements) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Wednesday the 9th day of November next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Liquor
Second Reading of the Liquor (Popular Control) (Popular
Control) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Friday the 11th day of November next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Exportation
Second Reading of the Exportation of Horses
(No. 2) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Friday the 11th day of November next.

And then the House, having continued
to sit till eighteen minutes after Eleven
of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the East Anglian Electricity Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The House, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 22nd day of this instant July, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords 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 House, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 22nd day of this instant July, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Birmingham Extension 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 22nd day of this instant July, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Manchester 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 East Surrey 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.

The Ayr Burgh (Water, &c.), Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and ordered to be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Secretary Sir John Gilmour presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, —Copy of Order, dated 22nd July, 1927, entitled the Ardrossan Water Rates (Application of Rating Act) Order, 1927.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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agreed to a Special Report, which they had directed him to make to the House.

**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 that he had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House, together with the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee, and Appendices.

**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 Land Tax Commissioners Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Midwives and Maternity Homes (Scotland) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Royal Naval Reserve Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Police (Appeals) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Mexborough and Swinton Tramways Company (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Rotherham Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Southend-on-Sea Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Darlington Corporation Trolley Vehicles (Additional Routes) Provisional Order Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the St. Helens Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Maidstone Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the County of London Electric Supply Company Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Swansea Corporation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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The Lords have agreed to the London and Home Counties Joint Electricity Authority Bill (No. 2), 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 Diseases of Animals Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Poor Law Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Aberdosh Water Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to confirm and give effect to certain agreements between representatives of Great Britain, the Irish Free State, and Northern Ireland as to the registration and control of medical practitioners and dentists; and to validate certain acts done by the Dental Board; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled Kilmarnock Gas and Water Order Confirmation Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Bill passed by this House to the Aberdosh Water Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Bill passed by this House to the Abersoch Water Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Bill passed by this House to the Poor Law Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Bill passed by this House to the Police (Scotland) Act, 1892, relating to Kilmarnock Gas and Water; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled Kilmarnock Gas and Water Order Confirmation 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.**

Major Sir Richard Barnett reported from the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills, to which the Slaughter of Animals (Scotland) Bill was referred; that they had gone through Animals Acts done by the Dental Board; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this 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, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Tuesday the 15th day of November next; and be printed.**

A Motion was made, and, the Question being put, That this day, notwithstanding anything in Standing Order No. 15, a Supplementary Estimate for a New Service may be considered in Committee of Supply, and that Business other than the Business of Supply may be taken before Eleven of the clock—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer).

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

**Tellers for the Yeas,**

Major Sir George Heneage.

**Tellers for the Noes,**

Mr. Charles Edwards, Mr. Whiteley.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

A Motion was made, and the Question being 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)—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right:
The Noes to the Left:

Tellers for the
Sir Harry Barnston, Yeas, Major Sir George Hennessy... 245.
Tellers for the Mr. Charles Edwards, Noes, Mr. Benjamin Smith... 112.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the alteration or removal of gates on highways: And that Mr. Crawfurd, Colonel Howard-Bury, Mr. Crawfurd accordingly presented a Bill to provide for the alteration or removal of gates on highways: And that Mr. Crawfurd, Colonel Howard-Bury, Captain Evans, Mr. Crawfurd, and Mr. Ernest Brown, do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Crawfurd accordingly presented a Bill to provide for the alteration or removal of gates on highways: And that the first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

The Committee divided.

The Yeas for the Sir Robert Hutchison, Yeas, Mr. Fenby... 153.
Tellers for the Commander Eyres-Monsell, Noes, Viscount Curzon... 316.

And it being after 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:

Original Question put, and agreed to.

The Committee divided.

The Chairman then proceeded, pursuant to Standing Order No. 15, to put severally the Questions, That the total amounts of the Votes outstanding in the several Classes of the Civil Estimates, including a Supplementary Estimate, and the total amounts of the Votes outstanding in the Estimates for the Navy, Army, Air, and Revenue Departments, be granted for the Services defined in those Classes and Estimates:

Class I.

6. That a sum not exceeding £1,117,513 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 1928 for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class I. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz.:

1. House of Lords Offices... 27,370
2. House of Commons... 236,042
3. Expenses under the Representation of the People Act... 137,000
4. Privy Council Office... 6,123
5. Privy Seal Office... 1,620
6. Charity Commission... 27,097
7. Exchequer and Audit Department... 41,336
8. Friendly Societies' Deficiency Fund... 99,700
9. Government Hospitality... 5,930
10. Government Actuary... 21,322
11. Government Auditor... 42,239
12. Government Chemist... 8,000
13. Government Hospitality... 50,000
14. Mint, including Coinage... 6,276
15. Miscellaneous Expenses... 6,123
16. National Debt Office... 11,695
17. National Savings Committee... 55,079
18. Public Record Office... 44,948
19. Public Works Loan Commission... 5
20. Royal Commissions, &c... 18,935
21. Secret Service... 100,000
22. Scottish Office... 125,216
23. Repayments to the Civil Contingency Fund... 26,580
24. Repayments to the Local Loans Fund... 45,000

£1,117,513

Question put.

Class II.

7. That a sum not exceeding £4,886,621 be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which will come...
in respect of the Services included in Class IV. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz. —

£
2. British Museum - - - - 165,858
3. Imperial War Museum - - - - 8,797
4. London Museum - - - - 3,224
5. National Gallery - - - - 12,896
6. National Portrait Gallery - - - - 5,374
7. Wallace Collection - - - - 8,063
8. Scientific Investigation, &c. - - - - 117,975
9. Universities and Colleges, Great Britain, and Intermediate Education, Wales (including a Supplementary sum of £212,500) - - - - 1,142,800

Scotland:
10. Public Education - - - - 3,833,029
11. National Galleries - - - - 5,429
12. National Library - - - - 667
£5,304,103

Question put, and agreed to.

Class V.

10. That a sum not exceeding £37,340,354 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 1928 for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class V. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz. —

£
1. Board of Control - - - - 358,532
2. Ministry of Health - - - - 12,943,593
3. National Health Insurance, Audit Department - - - - 111,090
4. Registrar General's Office - - - - 58,033
5. Friendly Societies Registry - - - - 29,855
6. Old Age Pensions - - - - 20,780,000
7. Widows', Orphans', and Old Age Contributory Pensions - - - - 3,000,000

Scotland:
8. General Board of Control - - - - 48,852
9. Registrar General's Office - - - - 10,399
£37,340,354

Question put.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yes, {Mr. Frederick Thomas :} 332.
Tellers for the Noes, {Mr. John Bowyer :} 138.

Class VI.

11. That a sum not exceeding £6,967,904 be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1928 for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class VI. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz. —

£
2. Bankruptcy Department of the Board of Trade - - - - 5
3. Mercantile Marine Services - - - - 230,634
4. Department of Overseas Trade - - - - 233,962
5. Export Credits - - - - 16,000
6. Mines Department of the Board of Trade - - - - 117,617
7. Office of Commissioners of Crown Lands - - - - 19,955
8. Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries - - - - 617,226
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necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1928 for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class IX. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz.: —

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**Total** £314,295

Question put, and agreed to.

Revenue Departments Estimates, 1927.

15. That a sum not exceeding £43,100,220 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 1928 for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in the Estimates for Revenue Departments, viz.: —

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<td>1. Customs and Excise</td>
<td>£3,221,685</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2. Inland Revenue</td>
<td>£4,235,535</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3. Post Office</td>
<td>£35,643,066</td>
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**Total** £43,100,220

Question put, and agreed to.

Navy Estimates, 1927.

16. That a sum not exceeding £37,116,100 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 1928 for Expenditure in respect of the Navy Services, viz.: —

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>3. Medical Establishments and Services</td>
<td>£432,900</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4. Fleet Air Arm</td>
<td>£882,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5. Educational Services</td>
<td>£240,700</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6. Scientific Services</td>
<td>£337,800</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7. Royal Naval Reserves</td>
<td>£317,800</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8. Sec. 1. Shipbuilding, Repairs, Maintenance, &amp;c., Personnel</td>
<td>£7,124,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9. Sec. 2. Shipbuilding, Repairs, Maintenance, &amp;c., Material</td>
<td>£5,902,800</td>
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<tr>
<td>10. Sec. 3. Shipbuilding, Repairs, Maintenance, &amp;c., Contract Work</td>
<td>£2,650,900</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11. Naval Armaments</td>
<td>£805,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12. Admiralty Office</td>
<td>£1,238,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>13. Non-Effective Services (Naval and Marine)</td>
<td>£2,943,700</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>14. Non-Effective Services (Naval and Marine), Men</td>
<td>£4,571,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>15. Civil Superannuation, Compensation, Allowances, and Gratuities</td>
<td>£962,000</td>
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**Total** £37,116,100

Question put.

The Committee divided.

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<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>16. Board of Agriculture</td>
<td>£967,904</td>
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Question put, and agreed to.

26th July. 1927.
18 GEO. V. 26th July.

charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1928 for Expenditure in respect of the Army Services (including Ordnance Factories), viz.:

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<tr>
<th>Service</th>
<th>Amount</th>
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<tr>
<td>2. Territorial Army and Reserve Forces</td>
<td>£5,325,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3. Medical Services</td>
<td>£1,044,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4. Educational Establishments</td>
<td>£914,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5. Quartering and Movements</td>
<td>£1,624,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6. Supplies, Road Transport, and Remounts</td>
<td>£5,658,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7. Clothing</td>
<td>£1,689,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8. General Stores</td>
<td>£1,177,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9. Warlike and Engineer Technical Stores</td>
<td>£2,310,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11. Miscellaneous Effective Services</td>
<td>£1,431,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>12. War Office</td>
<td>£869,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>— Ordnance Factories</td>
<td>£100</td>
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</tbody>
</table>

£21,441,100

Question put. The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, 

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Major Sir George Hennessy, Captain Margesson</th>
<th>323</th>
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Tellers for the Noes, 

| Mr. Parkinson, Mr. Charles Edwards           | 135 |

Air Estimates, 1927.

18. That a sum not exceeding £2,704,000 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 1928 for Expenditure in respect of the Air Force Services, viz.:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Service</th>
<th>Amount</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>5. Medical Services</td>
<td>£203,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6. Educational Services</td>
<td>£507,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7. Auxiliary and Reserve Forces</td>
<td>£500,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>8. Civil Aviation</td>
<td>£464,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9. Meteorological and Miscellaneous Effective Services</td>
<td>£150,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>10. Air Ministry</td>
<td>£887,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>11. Half-Pay, Pensions, and other</td>
<td>£196,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Non-Effective Services</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

£2,704,000

Question put. The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, 

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Sir Harry Barnston, Mr. Penny</th>
<th>321</th>
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Tellers for the Noes, 

| Mr. Parkinson, Mr. Charles Edwards           | 126 |

Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Chairman of Ways and Means also acquainted the House, That he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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 1928, the sum of £252,231,958 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Deputy Chairman also acquainted the House that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of [21st July] Report.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of [29th June] Report.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of [29th June] Report.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of [27th June] Report.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of [14th July] Report.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of [14th July] Report.

Ordered, That the Report be received 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, on the application of the Walton-on-Thames and Weybridge Gas Company, which was presented on the 11th 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 Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgess of the Borough of Conway, which was presented on the 11th 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 Portishead Gas Company, which was presented on the 11th July 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 Wellington (Somerset) Gas Company, which was presented on the 11th 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 Bolsover Gaslight and Coke Company, Limited, which was presented on the 4th July and published, be approved, subject to the following modifications:

In Clause 11, after sub-clause (1), insert,—Provided that it shall not be lawful for the company to carry forward at the end of any year to the credit of the said account any sum exceeding the total of the following amounts (that is to say):—

(a) The amount required by the company for paying any dividend or interest which the company are entitled to or required to pay on their capital in respect of the undertaking but have not paid in respect of that year;

(b) An amount equal to the total sum which the company would be lawfully entitled to distribute as dividends on such capital in respect of the next following year, having regard to the price charged by them for gas at the commencement of that year; and

(c) An amount equal to the total sum which the company will be required to pay during the next following year as interest on any mortgages or debenture stock secured on the undertaking.

In Clause 11, omit the proviso to sub-clause (2).—(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 East Hull Gas Company, which was presented on the 8th July and published, be approved, subject to the following modifications:

Insert, after the words "Provided that," in line 12 of Clause 6, the words:—"(a) Notwithstanding anything in this Section the price so charged shall not exceed nineteen decimal four pence per therm nor three decimal two pence per therm above the maximum price from time to time in force within the portion of the limits of supply within the City of Kingston-upon-Hull; and

(b)."—(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 Urban District Council of Colwyn Bay, which was presented on the 11th July and published, be approved.
—(Sir Burton Chadwick.)

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Moneylenders Bill:
Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Traffic in Women, &c., Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 9th day of November next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Workmen's Compensation Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 9th day of November next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the Coal Mines adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on the 8th day of April last, That the Coal Mines Bill be now read a second time;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday the 9th day of November next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Betting Second Reading of the Betting (Juvenile Messengers) (Scotland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 9th day of November next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Shops (Hours of Employment) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 9th day of November next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Hairdressers' and Barbers' Shops (Sunday Closing) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 9th day of November next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Importation of Plumage (Prohibition) Act (1921) Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 9th day of November next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Omnibus Second Reading of the Omnibus Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 9th day of November next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Offices Regulation Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 9th day of November next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Rent and Mortgages Interest Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 9th day of November next.

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 eight minutes before Twelve of the clock, till to-morrow.

[No. 109.]

Wednesday, 27th July 1927.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the County of London Electric Supply Company Bill, be taken into consideration this evening, at a quarter of an hour after Eight of the clock.

Swansea Corporation Bill.

The House, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 22nd day of this instant July, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Swansea 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.

London and Home Counties Joint Electricity Authority (No. 2) Bill.

The House, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 22nd day of this instant July, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the London and Home Counties Joint Electricity Authority (No. 2) Bill: And the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Croydon 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.

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration this evening at a quarter of an hour after Eight of the clock.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Ayr Burgh (Water, &c.) Order Confirmation 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.

A Public Petition was presented, and read; Public Petitions, Vide Third Report.

Secretary Sir John Gilmour presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Sixty-ninth Annual Report of His Majesty’s Inspector of Constabulary for Scotland for 1926.

Secretary Sir John Gilmour also presented, Education pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Fifty-fourth Annual Report by the Accountant in Edinburgh to the Scottish Education Department.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. McNeill presented, by His Majesty’s Customs and Command,—Copy of Eighteenth Report of Excise, relating to the Excise for the year ended 31st March 1927, being the Seventy-first Report relating to the Excise.

Mr. McNeill also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 26th July 1927, directing the application of moneys received by the Board of Trade in the year ended 31st March 1927, 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.

Mr. Guinness presented, pursuant to the Tithe Acts, directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Statutory Rule and Order, dated 27th June 1927, Schedule of Fees in respect of Transactions under the Tithe Acts, 1836 to 1925.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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 1926.

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 Thirteenth Annual Report of the Board of Control, for 1926.
The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Coventry Corporation Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Coventry Corporation (Boundary Extension) Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Derby Corporation Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Gainsborough Bridge Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Hospital of St. Mary the Virgin (Newcastle-upon-Tyne) Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Liverpool Corporation Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Mersey Tunnel (Birkenhead Entrance, &c.) Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Peterborough Corporation Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Salford Corporation Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Scarborough Gas Company (Consolidation) Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the South Staffordshire Mond Gas Company Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Sunderland Corporation Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Judicial Committee Bill [Lords] was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 8th day of November next; and to be printed.

The Aliens Restriction Bill [Lords] was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 8th day of November next; and to be printed.

The Medical and Dentists Acts Amendment Bill [Lords] was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 8th day of November next; and to be printed.

Mr. McNeill presented a Bill to continue the Expiring certain expiring laws: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday November 1937.
the 8th day of November next; and to be printed.

Mr. McNeill reported from the Committee of Supply of the 8th day of this instant July, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Civil Estimates, 1927.

Class V.

1. That a sum not exceeding £7,303,564 be granted to His Majesty, to complete the necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1928 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).

2. That a sum not exceeding £61,132 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 1928 for Relief arising out of Unemployment.

3. That a sum not exceeding £40,000 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 1928 for Grants to Local Authorities, &c., in Great Britain for assistance in carrying out approved Schemes of useful work to relieve Unemployment.

4. That a sum not exceeding £1,050,000 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 1928 for Grants in respect of Unemployment Schemes.

5. That a sum not exceeding £28,307,020 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 1928 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Board of Education, and of the various Establishments connected therewith, including sundry Grants in Aid.

Class I.

6. That a sum not exceeding £1,117,513 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 1928 for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class I. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz.: —

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<th>Class</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<td>1.</td>
<td>House of Lords Offices</td>
<td>27,570</td>
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<td>2.</td>
<td>House of Commons</td>
<td>236,042</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total</td>
<td></td>
<td>263,612</td>
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Class II.

7. That a sum not exceeding £4,886,621 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 1928 for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class II. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz.: —

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<td>Foreign Office</td>
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<td>2.</td>
<td>Diplomatic and Consular Services</td>
<td>548,495</td>
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<td>3.</td>
<td>League of Nations</td>
<td>32,300</td>
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<td>4.</td>
<td>Dominion Services</td>
<td>111,419</td>
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<td>5.</td>
<td>Empire Marketing</td>
<td>800,000</td>
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<td>6.</td>
<td>Overseas Settlement</td>
<td>940,000</td>
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<td>7.</td>
<td>Colonial Services (including a Supplementary sum of £10,000)</td>
<td>198,769</td>
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<td>8.</td>
<td>Middle Eastern Services</td>
<td>1,616,900</td>
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<td>9.</td>
<td>India Office</td>
<td>74,834</td>
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<td>10.</td>
<td>Imperial War Graves Commission</td>
<td>446,226</td>
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<td>11.</td>
<td>West Indian Islands Cable</td>
<td>5</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td></td>
<td>4,886,621</td>
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Class III.

8. That a sum not exceeding £5,789,826 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 1928 for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class III. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz.: —

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<td>Broadmoor Criminal Lunatic Asylum</td>
<td>49,020</td>
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<td>3.</td>
<td>Police, England and Wales</td>
<td>3,566,102</td>
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<td>4.</td>
<td>Reformatory and Industrial Schools, England and Wales</td>
<td>128,176</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5.</td>
<td>County Courts</td>
<td>5</td>
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<td>6.</td>
<td>Law Registry</td>
<td>90,333</td>
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<td>7.</td>
<td>Public Trustee</td>
<td>5</td>
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<td>8.</td>
<td>Supreme Court of Judicature, &amp;c.</td>
<td>216,715</td>
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<td>9.</td>
<td>Law Charges</td>
<td>112,881</td>
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<tr>
<td>10.</td>
<td>Miscellaneous Legal Expenses</td>
<td>15,469</td>
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<td>Scotland:</td>
<td></td>
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<td>12.</td>
<td>Police</td>
<td>400,000</td>
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<td>14.</td>
<td>Reformatory and Industrial Schools</td>
<td>45,243</td>
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<td>15.</td>
<td>Scottish Land Court</td>
<td>6,264</td>
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<td>16.</td>
<td>Law Charges and Courts of Law</td>
<td>54,145</td>
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<td>17.</td>
<td>Register House, Edinburgh</td>
<td>49,329</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total</td>
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<td>5,789,826</td>
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of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz.:

on the 31st day of March 1928 for Expenditure
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 1928 for Expenditure
in respect of the Services included in Class IV.

of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz.:

1. Board of Control - - - - - - £38,532
2. Ministry of Health - - - - - - 12,943,593
3. National Health Insurance, Audit
Department - - - - - - - 111,080
4. Registrar General's Office - - - - - - 38,033
5. Friendly Societies Registry - - - - - - 29,835
6. Old Age Pensions - - - - - - - 20,786,000
7. Widows', Orphans', and Old
Age Contributory Pensions - - - - 3,000,000

Scotland:
8. General Board of Control - - - - - 48,852
9. Registrar General's Office - - - - - 10,399

£37,340,354

Class VI.

11. That a sum not exceeding £6,967,904 be
granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum
necessary to defray the charge which will come
in course of payment during the year ending
on the 31st day of March 1928 for Expenditure
in respect of the Services included in Class VI.

of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz.:

2. Bankruptcy Department of the
Board of Trade - - - - - - - - - - 5
3. Mercantile Marine Services - - - 230,634
4. Department of Overseas Trade - - - 223,962
5. Export Credits - - - - - - - - 16,000
6. Mines Department of the Board
of Trade - - - - - - - - - - - - 117,617
7. Office of Commissioners of
Crown Lands - - - - - - - - 19,555

£15,769,826

Class IV.

9. That a sum not exceeding £5,304,103 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 1928 for Expenditure
in respect of the Services included in Class IV.

10. That a sum not exceeding £37,340,354 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 1928 for Expenditure
in respect of the Services included in Class V.

11. That a sum not exceeding £6,967,904 be
granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum
necessary to defray the charge which will come
in course of payment during the year ending
on the 31st day of March 1928 for Expenditure
in respect of the Services included in Class V.

12. That a sum not exceeding £39,566,510 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 1928 for Expenditure
in respect of the Services included in Class VIII.

13. That a sum not exceeding £39,566,510 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 1928 for Expenditure
in respect of the Services included in Class IX.

Ireland:
18. Northern Ireland Services - - - - 10,664
19. Supreme Court of Judicature,
&c., Northern Ireland - - 31,712
20. Land Purchase Commission,
Northern Ireland - - 913,873

£37,340,354

Class VII.

12. That a sum not exceeding £2,553,932 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 1928 for Expenditure
in respect of the Services included in Class V.

13. That a sum not exceeding £39,566,510 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 1928 for Expenditure
in respect of the Services included in Class VIII.

14. That a sum not exceeding £314,295 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 1928 for Expenditure
in respect of the Services included in Class IX.

Scotland:
16. Board of Agriculture - - - - 403,213

£6,967,904

Class VIII.

13. That a sum not exceeding £39,566,510 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 1928 for Expenditure
in respect of the Services included in Class VIII.

14. That a sum not exceeding £314,295 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 1928 for Expenditure
in respect of the Services included in Class IX.

£2,553,932

Class IX.

14. That a sum not exceeding £314,295 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 1928 for Expenditure
in respect of the Services included in Class IX.

£39,566,510

Class IX.

14. That a sum not exceeding £314,295 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 1928 for Expenditure
in respect of the Services included in Class IX.

£314,295
18 Geo. V. 27th July.

Revenue Departments Estimates, 1927.

13. That a sum not exceeding £43,100,220 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 1928 for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in the Estimates for Revenue Departments, viz. —

£

1. Customs and Excise — 3,221,685
2. Inland Revenue — 4,393,550
3. Post Office — 35,043,000

£43,100,220

Navy Estimates, 1927.

16. That a sum not exceeding £37,116,100 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 1928 for Expenditure in respect of the Navy Services, viz. —

£

3. Medical Establishments and Services — 452,000
4. Fleet Air Arm — 882,000
5. Educational Services — 240,700
6. Scientific Services — 438,000
7. Royal Naval Reserves — 429,000
8. Sec. 1. Shipbuilding, Repairs, Maintenance, &c., Personnel — 7,149,000
Sec. 2. Shipbuilding, Repairs, Maintenance, &c., Material — 5,024,800
Sec. 3. Shipbuilding, Repairs, Maintenance, &c., Contract Work — 8,043,700
9. Naval Armaments — 3,341,700
11. Miscellaneous Effective Services — 803,000
12. Admiralty Office — 1,238,000
13. Non-Effective Services (Naval and Marine), Officers — 2,943,700
14. Non-Effective Services (Naval and Marine), Men — 4,571,000
15. Civil Superannuation, Compensation, Allowances, and Gratuities — 962,000

£37,116,100

Army Estimates, 1927.

17. That a sum not exceeding £21,441,100 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 1928 for Expenditure in respect of the Army Services (including Ordnance Factories) viz. —

£

2. Territorial Army and Reserve Forces — 5,323,000
3. Medical Services — 1,040,000
4. Educational Establishments — 916,000
5. Quartering and Movements — 1,024,000
6. Supplies, Road Transport, and Remounts — 5,658,000
7. Clothing — 1,089,000
8. General Stores — 1,177,000
9. Warlike and Engineer Technical Stores — 2,310,000
12. War Office — 849,000
11. Miscellaneous Effective Services — 1,431,000
12. War Office — 849,000
— Ordnance Factories — 100

£21,441,100

Air Estimates, 1927.

18. That a sum not exceeding £2,701,000 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 Vol. 182.

1928 for Expenditure in respect of the Air Force Services, viz. —

£

5. Medical Services — 203,000
6. Educational Services — 507,000
7. Auxiliary and Reserve Forces — 500,000
8. Civil Aviation — 464,000
9. Meteorological and Miscellaneous Effective Services — 150,000
10. Air Ministry — 697,000
11. Half-Pay, Pensions, and other Non-Effective Services — 190,000

£2,701,000

The First Resolution being read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made thereto by leaving out "£7,303,564" and inserting "£7,303,464" (Mr. Thomas Shaw), instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That "£7,303,564" stand part of the Resolution;

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 House, according to Order, proceeded to County of London Electric Supply 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, according to Order, proceeded East Anglian Electricity Bill: And the same were twice read, and, with an Amendment thereto, 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 East Anglian Electricity Bill: And the same were twice read, and, with an Amendment thereto, 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, with an Amendment to one of them; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Postponed Proceeding on the Amendment Supply, proposed on consideration of Resolution:—

That a sum not exceeding £303,564 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 1928 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), was resumed.
And the Question being again proposed, That “£7,303,564” stand part of the Resolution;

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, {Commander Eyres, Monsell, Major Sir George Hennessy :}

Tellers for the Noes, {Mr. Hayes, Mr. Whiteley :}

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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 Estimates;

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, {Captain Bowyer, Mr. Charles Edwards :}

Tellers for the Noes, {Mr. Hayes, Mr. Barnes :}

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Mr. Deputy Speaker then proceeded to put forthwith the Questions, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolutions reported in respect of Classes I. to IX. of the Civil Estimates, and of the Navy Estimates, the Army Estimates, the Air Estimates, and the Revenue Departments Estimates.

Civil Estimates and Supplementary Estimate, 1927.

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 Estimates;

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, {Lord Stanley, Mr. Thomas Henderson :}

Tellers for the Noes, {Mr. Barnes :}

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Class III.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolutions reported in respect of Class III. of the Civil Estimates;

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, {Major Cope, Lord Stanley :}

Tellers for the Noes, {Mr. Thomas Henderson, Mr. Barnes :}

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 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 Estimates.

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, {Mr. Frederick Thomson, Captain Bowyer :}

Tellers for the 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 Resolution reported in respect of Class VI. of the Civil Estimates;

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, {Viscount Curzon, Mr. Penny :}

Tellers for the Noes, {Mr. Barnes, Mr. Whiteley :}

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Class VII.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolutions reported in respect of Class VII. of the Civil Estimates:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.
And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolution reported in respect of Class VIII. of the Civil Estimates:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Class IX.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolution reported in respect of Class IX. of the Civil Estimates ;—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right:

Tellers for the

[Mr. Barnes, Mr. Whiteley : 138.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Navy Estimates, 1927.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolution reported in respect of the Navy Estimates (including Ordnance Factories Estimate);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right:

Tellers for the

[Captain Viscount Curzon : 303.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Army Estimates, 1927.

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;

Tellers for the

[Sir Harry Barnston, Mr. Thomas Handson : 290.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Air Estimates, 1927.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolution reported in respect of the Air Estimates;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

Tellers for the

[Captain Viscount Curzon, Mr. Penny : 294.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Revenue Departments Estimates, 1927.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolution reported in respect of the Revenue Departments Estimates:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the House, having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Thursday morning;

Thursday, 28th July 1927:

Colonel Ashley reported from the Committee Ways and Means of the 26th day of this instant July, a Resolution; which was read, Report; as followeth:

That towards making good the Supply Consolidated Fund, granted to His Majesty for the service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1928, the sum of £232,291,008 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 Consolidated 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 Consolidated 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-eight, 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 this day; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Moneylenders into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Moneylenders Bill;

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration 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 Ways and Means:

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for taking cinematographic Bills into consideration the Cinematograph Films and Films Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

Ordered, That the Amendment made by the Lords to the Crown Lands Lords to the Crown Lands (No. 2) Bill be taken (No. 2) Bill, into consideration forthwith.—(Mr. Guinness.)

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.
Resolved, That the Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1926, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of the Burghs of Girvan, Maybole, and Largs, in the County of Ayr, and for other purposes, which was presented on the 23rd day of June 1927, be approved.—(Colonel Ashley.)

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Road Transport Lighting 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 Rights of Way 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 Gates on Highways Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 9th day of November next.

And it being after half-past Eleven of the clock on Wednesday evening, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then three minutes after Twelve of the clock on Thursday morning, till this day.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment. The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Ministry of Health Provisional Order Confirmation (Hove Extension) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee. Confirmation 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 concurrency of their Lordships.

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) part of the Rural District of Penybont, in the County of Glamorgan;
(2) the Urban District of Criccieth, in the County of Carnarvon;
(3) the Rural District of Gloucester, in the County of Gloucester;
(4) the Urban District of Tarporely and parts of the Rural District of Tarvin, in the County of Chester, and for the amendment of the Chester Electricity Orders, 1890 and 1923;
(5) part of the Urban District of Fleet and parts of the Rural Districts of Basingstoke and Hartley Wintney, in the County of Southampton, and parts of the Rural Districts of Guildford and Hambleton, in the County of Surrey, and for other purposes.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Earl Winterton presented, by His Majesty's East India Command.—Copy of Return showing the Results of Elections in India in 1925 and 1926.

Earl Winterton also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of Amendment of the Coorg Devolution Rules made by the Governor-General of India in Council, with the sanction of the Secretary of State in Council, under Sections 42a and 129a of the Government of India Act.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir Austen Chamberlain presented, Treaty Series No. 19, 1927; Copy of Extradition Treaty between the United Kingdom and Albania. Signed at Tirana, 29th January 1927.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.
Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Isle of Man (Customs) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Ayr Burgh (Water, &c.) Order Confirmation Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Protection of Animals (Amendment) Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Post Office (Sites) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Protection of Animals (Amendment) Bill, with an Amendment; without any Amendment.

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 other 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 Yeas,

Mr. Charles Edwards, 111.

Mr. Whiteley : 91.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Noes,

Mr. Barnes : 119.

Mr. Thomas Hendersson : 114.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Attorney General);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas,

Mr. Frederick Thomason : 187.

Tellers for the Noes,

Mr. Charles Edwards, 107.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Lords' Amendment, in p. 4, l. 9, after (" works ") insert (" or carries on business "), the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Attorney General);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas,

Mr. Frederick Thomason : 198.

Tellers for the Noes,

Mr. Charles Edwards, 119.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Lords' Amendment, in p. 4, l. 26, leave out from the second (" injury ") to the end of the subsection, and insert (" to a person in respect of his business, occupation, employment, or other source of income, and includes any actionable wrong "), the next Amendment, being read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Lords' Amendment by leaving out the words " and includes any actionable wrong ".—(Sir Henry Slessor.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Lords' Amendment;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas,

Mr. Frederick Thomason : 206.

Mr. Barnes : 114.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Lords' Amendment was agreed to.
Then the subsequent Lords' Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 9, l. 9, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment, in p. 9, l. 9, leave out from (" to ") to (" he ") in l. 11, and insert (" cause injury or danger or grave inconvenience to the community"), the remaining Amendment, being read a second time;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Attorney General);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Captain Viscount Curzon, 202,
Tellers for the Captain Margesson:

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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.

Moneymenders Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Moneymenders 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.

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.

Cinematograph Films Bill.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Cinematograph Films Bill be taken into consideration forthwith—(Viscount Wolmer.)

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.

Electricity (Supply) Acts.

Resolved, That the Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1926, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of parts of the Rural Districts of Newton Abbot and Totnes, in the County of Devon, and for other purposes, which was presented on the 8th day of July 1927, be approved.—(Colonel Ashley.)

Resolved, That the Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1926, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of parts of the Rural Districts of Scarborough, the Urban District of Seabyl, and the Rural District of Scarborough, in the North Riding of the County of York, and the Urban District of Filey, in the East Riding of the County of York, which was presented on the 13th day of July 1927, be approved.—(Colonel Ashley.)

The House according to Order, proceeded to Road Lighting Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Attorney General);

The House accordingly proceeded to take into consideration the Road Transport (Amendment) Bill.

Post Office (Sites) Bill.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Post Office (Sites) Bill be taken into consideration forthwith—(Viscount Wolmer.)

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.

Electricity (Supply) Acts.

Resolved, That the Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1926, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of parts of the Rural Districts of Guildford and Hambledon, in the County of Surrey, which was presented on the 8th day of July 1927, be approved.—(Colonel Ashley.)

Resolved, That the Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1926, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of parts of the Rural Districts of Newton Abbot and Totnes, in the County of Devon, and for other purposes, which was presented on the 8th day of July 1927, be approved.—(Colonel Ashley.)

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 Tuesday the 8th day of November next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Education in Prisons Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 8th day of November next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Representation of the People Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 8th day of November next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Education in Prisons Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 8th day of November next.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty praying that the Order, dated 12th July 1927, made by the Minister of Health under the Board of Guardians (Default) Act, 1926, and entitled the Chester-le-Street Union (Default) Orders (Continuation) Order, 1927, be annulled—(Mr. Lawson);

The House proceeded to a Division.
And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning;

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The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Charles Edwards,]
Yea, [Mr. Hayler.]
Tellers for the [Major Cope,]
Noes, [Captain Bonynge.]
So it passed in the Negative.

And it being after half-past Eleven of the clock on Thursday evening, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then five minutes after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning, till this day.

[No. 111.]

Friday, 29th July 1927.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Kilmarnock Gas and Water Order Confirmation Bill [Lords.] was, according to Order, read a second time; and ordered (under Sections 9 and 16 of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899) to be taken into consideration upon Tuesday the 8th day of November next.

Mr. McNeill presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 5th July 1927, relative to the redemption of the charges and payments described in the Seventh Schedule to the Church of Scotland (Property and Endowments) Act, 1925.

Mr. McNeill also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, (In the Committee.)

THE Kilmarnock Gas and Water Order Confirmation Bill [Lords.] was, according to Order, read a second time; and ordered (under Sections 9 and 16 of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899) to be taken into consideration upon Tuesday the 8th day of November next.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Secrecy Sir John Gilmour presented, pursuant to the directions of a several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Amendment to the Regulations for Military Detention Barracks and Military Prisons, 1926.

Copy of Amendment to the Regulations for Army, Officers of the Supplementary Reserve of Officers and for the Supplementary Reserve.

Copy of Amendment to the Regulations for Army, the Army Reserve.

Copy of Amendments to Army Rules of Army, Procedure.

Copy of Amendments to the Regulations for Army (Territorial Army.)

Copy of Amendment to the Regulations for the Administration of Territorial Cadet Units in the British Isles.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on the Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill and on the Adjournment of the House be not interrupted this day at Four or half-past Four of the clock, and may be entered upon at any hour although opposed, and that Mr. Speaker do not adjourn the House until he shall have reported the Royal Assent to Acts which have been agreed upon by both Houses.

—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Resolved, That this House, at its rising this Adjournment day, do adjourn until Tuesday 8th November. (Summer.)

—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 to No. 7 agreed to.

Schedules A, B and C agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to Mr. Speaker's Lords, and desire their concurrence (the Certificate.

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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.
Supply. The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply:

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday the 8th day of November 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 Tuesday the 8th day of November next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Cinematograph Films. The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Cinematograph Films Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Tuesday the 8th day of November 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:

Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill. The Lords have agreed to the Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill, without any Amendment.

Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (Hove Extension) Bill [Lords]. The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Ministry of Health Provisional Order Confirmation (Hove Extension) Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

Croydon Corporation Bill [Lords.] The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Croydon Corporation Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

East Anglian Electricity Bill. The Lords have agreed to the Amendment made by this House to the East Anglian Electricity Bill, without any Amendment.

Indian Church Bill [Lords.] The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to make provision incidental to and consequential on the dissolution of the legal union between the Church of England and the Church of England in India; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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 Pulleney, 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. Finance Act, 1927.
3. Auctions (Bidding Agreements) Act, 1927.
5. Poor Law Act, 1927.
7. Land Tax Commissioners Act, 1927.
8. Midwives and Maternity Homes (Scotland) Act, 1927.
11. Isle of Man (Customs) Act, 1927.
13. Trade Disputes and Trade Unions Act, 1927.
15. Post Office (Sites) Act, 1927.
16. Feltwell Fuel Allotment Charity Scheme Confirmation Act, 1927.
17. Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation Act, 1927.
18. Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 4) Act, 1927.
19. Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 5) Act, 1927.
20. Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation Act, 1927.
22. Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 8) Act, 1927.
23. Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation Act, 1927.
24. Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 11) Act, 1927.
25. Pier and Harbour Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Act, 1927.
26. Pier and Harbour Orders Confirmation (No. 3) Act, 1927.
27. Sheffield Corporation Tramways Order Confirmation Act, 1927.
32. Ministry of Health Provisional Order Confirmation (Wokingham Extension) Act, 1927.
33. Ministry of Health Provisional Order Confirmation (Hove Extension) Act, 1927.
34. Ouse and Cam Fisheries Provisional Order Confirmation Act, 1927.
35. Airdrie Burgh Extension &c., Order Confirmation Act, 1927.
37. Mexborough and Swinton Tramways Company (Trolley Vehicles) Order Confirmation Act, 1927.
38. Rotherham Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Order Confirmation Act, 1927.
42. Maidstone Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Order Confirmation Act, 1927.
43. Southend-on-Sea Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Order Confirmation Act, 1927.
44. Rotherham Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Order Confirmation Act, 1927.
45. Ayr Burgh (Water, &c.,) Order Confirmation Act, 1927.
47. Westgate and Birchington Water Act, 1927.
49. Smethwick Corporation Act, 1927.
50. Bognor Gas and Electricity Act, 1927.
51. Littlehampton Harbour and Arun Drainage Outfall Act, 1927.
52. Maidstone Waterworks Act, 1927.
54. Derwent Valley Water Act, 1927.
56. Wessex Electricity Act, 1927.
57. Fleetwood Urban District Council Act, 1927.
58. Royal Albert Hall Act, 1927.
59. Isle of Wight Water Act, 1927.
60. Greenock Burgh Extension, &c., Act, 1927.
62. London County Council (Money) Act, 1927.
64. Aberdare Urban District Council Act, 1927.
68. Torquay Corporation Act, 1927.
69. West Bromwich Corporation Act, 1927.
70. Gainsborough Bridge (Acquisition) Act, 1927.
71. Liverpool Corporation Act, 1927.
73. Coventry Corporation Act, 1927.
74. Coventry Corporation (Boundary Extension) Act, 1927.
75. Derby Corporation Act, 1927.
77. Mersey Tunnel Act, 1927.
78. Peterborough Corporation Act, 1927.
79. Scarborough Gas (Consolidation) Act, 1927.
80. South Staffordshire Mond Gas Act, 1927.
82. Saint Mary's Hospital (Newcastle-upon-Tyne) Act, 1927.
83. Salford Corporation Act, 1927.
84. East Anglian Electricity Act, 1927.
85. Leeds Corporation Act, 1927.
87. Manchester Corporation Act, 1927.
89. Birkenhead Extension Act, 1927.
90. Croydon Corporation Act, 1927.
91. County of London Electric Supply Company’s Act, 1927.
92. Swansea Corporation Act, 1927.
93. London and Home Counties Joint Electricity Authority Act, 1927.
Parliamentary Papers (Adjournment.)

The following Papers, presented by His Majesty's Command during the Summer Adjournment, were delivered to the Librarian of the House of Commons during the Adjournment, pursuant to Standing Order No. 95—

Copy of Papers relating to the Nanking incident of 24th and 25th March 1927.

Copy of Papers relating to the Ministry of Health, 1926-27.


Copy of Agreement between the United Kingdom and Bulgaria relating to the Provisional Dissolution of the Anglo-Bulgarian Mixed Arbitral Tribunal, London, 17th June 1927.

Copy of Convention supplementary to the Treaty of Commerce and Navigation between the United Kingdom and Japan, Signed at London, 30th July 1925, together with Minutes of a Meeting between the British and Japanese Representatives at the Foreign Office on 30th July 1925. Ratifications exchanged at London, 29th July 1927.


Copy of General Index to Treaty Series, 1922-26.

Copy of Treaty between His Majesty and His Majesty the King of the Hejaz and of Nejd, 20th May 1927, together with Notes exchanged 19th to 21st May 1927. Ratifications exchanged at Jeddah, 17th September 1927.

Copy of Convention regarding the Measure- ment of Vessels employed in Inland Navigation, with Protocol of Signature, Paris, 27th November 1925. British Ratification deposited 14th June 1926.

Copy of Report of the Committee appointed by the Treasury to consider the principles on which charges for certain services rendered by Government Departments should be assessed.

Copy of Regulations made by the Treasury under the Trade Disputes and Trade Unions Act, 1927, dated 30th August 1927, entitled the Civil Service (Approved Associations) Regulations, 1927.

Copy of Statement showing the Staffs of Government Departments on 1st July 1927, compiled from Returns furnished to the Treasury.

Copy of Statement showing the Staffs of Government Departments on 1st October 1927, 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 1927, compiled from Returns furnished to the Treasury.

Copy of Agreement for the settlement of the War Debt of the Serb-Croat-Slovene Kingdom to Great Britain.

 Copies of the Fourth to Twelfth Interim Reports, inclusive of the Royal Commission on Agriculture in India.

Copy of Twenty-third Report of the Royal Patriotic Fund Corporation for the year 1926.

Copy of Amendments proposed to be moved on the Report Stage of the Landlord and Tenant (No. 2) Bill.

Copy of Thirteenth Annual Report of the General Board of Control for Scotland under the Mental Deficiency and Lunacy (Scotland) Act, 1913.

Copy of Report of the Departmental Committee appointed in April 1927 to consider and advise regarding Educational Endowments in Scotland.

Copy of Report of the Committee appointed to investigate the Cause and Circumstances of the Accident which occurred at Pendleton Colliery, Lancashire, on 4th November 1925, and to suggest means of preventing such accidents.

Copy of Report on the Causes of, and Circumstances attending, the Explosion which occurred at the Birchenwood Colliery, Kidsgrove, Staffordshire, on 18th December 1925, by F. H. Wynn, His Majesty's Deputy Chief Inspector of Mines.

Copy of Report on the Causes of, and Circum- stances attending, the Shaft Accident which occurred at the No. 1 Shaft of the Bilsthorpe Colliery sinking at Bilston, Staffordshire, on 1st March 1927, 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 and 30th June 1927, respectively.

Copy of Report of the National Health Insurance (International Arrangements) Board to the National Health Insurance Joint Committee and to the Irish Insurance Commissioners.


Copy of Report of the Board of Guardians of the Chester-le-Street Union on the Administra- tion of the union for the period from 1st January to 30th June 1927.

Copy of Report of the Standing Committee on Merchandises set up by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, the Secretary of State for the Home Department, and the Secretary of State for Scotland, on Eggs.

Copy of Report on an Investigation into the Desiccation of Sugar-Beet and the Extraction of Sugar, with a Note on the Treatment of Sugar-Beet Effluents, by R. J. Owen, M.A., D.Sc.

Copy of Speeches in Plenary Session of the Geneva Conference for the Limitation of Naval Armaments, June to August 1927, by the
Copy of Report on the opportunities for Civil Air Transport in the West Indies.

Copy of Report of the Imperial Economic Committee on Marketing and preparing for Market of Foodstuffs produced within the Empire. Fifth Report. Fish.


Copy of explanatory Memorandum relative to East India (Accounts and Estimates, 1927-28) by the Under Secretary of State for India.

Copy of List of Exceptions to the Ministry of Pensions Regulations as to Pay, Non-Effective Pay, and Allowances sanctioned during the year ended 31st March 1927.

Copy of the Report by a Standing Committee appointed under the Merchandise Marks Act, 1926, respecting Rubber Tyres and Tubes.

Copy of the Report by a Standing Committee appointed under the Merchandise Marks Act, 1926, respecting Mill Bobbins.

Copy of the Report by a Standing Committee appointed under the Merchandise Marks Act, 1926, respecting Wire Netting and Woven Wire.

Copy of the Report by a Standing Committee appointed under the Merchandise Marks Act, 1926, respecting Screw Bottle Stoppers.

Copy of the Report by a Standing Committee appointed under the Merchandise Marks Act, 1926, respecting Brass Water Taps and Fittings, Electrical Accessories, &c.

Copy of the Report by a Standing Committee appointed under the Merchandise Marks Act, 1926, respecting Felt Hats and Felt Hat Hoods.

Copy of the Report by a Standing Committee appointed under the Merchandise Marks Act, 1926, respecting Iron and Steel Wire and Wire Nails and Staples.

Copy of Report to the Minister of Transport upon the Accidents that occurred on the Railways of Great Britain during the year 1926. Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Guardians appointed by the Minister of Health to constitute the Board of Guardians for the Bedwelty Union, period ended 30th September 1927.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations:

(1) dated 18th August 1927, entitled the Contributory Pensions (Calculation of Contributions) Regulations, 1927;

(2) dated 10th October 1927, entitled the Contributory Pensions (Workmen's Compensation (Valuation) Regulations, 1927.

Copy of Provisional Regulations, dated 19th August 1927, entitled the Contributory Pensions (Calculation of Contributions) Amendment Regulations, 1927.

Copy of Orders made under the Local Government Act, 1888, entitled:

(1) the Shoreham-by-Sea Urban District Confirmation Order, 1927;

(2) the Flintshire (RhyL Urban District) Confirmation Order, 1927;

(3) the Cheshire (Winsford Urban District) Confirmation Order, 1927;

(4) the Flint (Holywell Urban District) Confirmation Order, 1927;

(5) the Moors (Caerleon Urban District) Confirmation Order, 1927.

Copy of Twenty-fourth Annual Report of the Metropolitan Water Board for the year ended 31st March 1927.

Copy of the Casual Poor (Relief) Order, 1927, Poor Relief dated 27th September 1927.

Copy of the Registrar-General’s Statistical Review of England and Wales for 1926:—

(1) Tables. Part I. Medical;

(2) Tables. Part II. Civil.

Copy of the Rating and Valuation Act (Submission of Schemes) (No. 2) Order, 1927, Valuation Act, 1925.

Copy of the Rating and Valuation Acts (Sudbury) Rating and Valuation Act, 1925.

Copy of the Manchester (Assessment Committee) Order, 1927, dated 7th September 1927, Valuation Act, 1925.

Copy of the Rating and Valuation (Sudbury) Rating and Valuation Act, 1925, made by the Minister of Health for modifying a local Act relating to the City of Manchester, and for the removal of a difficulty arising in connection with the application of certain schemes under the Rating and Valuation Act, 1925, to that city.

Copy of the Rating and Valuation (Haverfordwest) Rating and Valuation Act, 1925, made by the Minister of Health for the removal of a difficulty in connection with the application of certain provisions of the Rating and Valuation Act, 1925, to the Borough of Sudbury, in the County of Suffolk.

Copy of the Rating and Valuation (Haverfordwest) Rating and Valuation Act, 1925, dated 19th September 1927, made by the Minister of Health for the removal of a difficulty arising in connection with the application of the Rating and Valuation Act, 1925, to the County of the Town of Haverfordwest, and for the modification of that Act in relation to the Court of Quarter Sessions for that county.

Copies of Regulations made by the National Health Insurance Joint Committee:

(1) dated 18th August 1927, entitled the National Health Insurance (Navy, Army, and Air Force) Amendment Regulations, 1927;

(2) dated 21st October 1927, entitled the National Health Insurance (Variation of Reserve Values) Regulations, 1927.

Copy of Provisional Regulations made by the National Health Insurance Joint Committee, dated 16th November 1927, entitled the National Health Insurance (Arrears) Amendment Regulations, 1927.
Copies of Provisional Regulations made by the Minister of Health:

1. Dated 16th August 1927, entitled the National Health Insurance (Navv'y, Army, and Air Force) Amendment Regulations (No. 2), 1927;
2. Dated 30th July 1927, entitled the National Health Insurance (Medical Benefit) Amendment Regulations (No. 2), 1927;
3. Dated 3rd September 1927, entitled the National Health Insurance (Medical Benefit) Amendment Regulations (No. 3), 1927.

Copy of Regulations made by the Minister of Health, dated 28th October 1927, entitled the National Health Insurance (Discharged Seamen, Soldiers, and Airmen) Amendment Regulations, 1927.

Copy of Provisional Regulations, dated 22nd August 1927, entitled the National Health Insurance and Contributory Pensions (Collection of Contributions) Amendment Regulations, 1927.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir Laming Worthington-Evans presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Return for the year ended 31st March 1927, of Pensions specially granted under Article 1092 of the Royal Warrant for the Pay, Appointment, Promotion, and Non-effective Pay of the Army, 1926.

Copy of List of Exceptions to the Army Regulations as to Pay, Non-effective Pay, and Allowances.

Secretary Sir Laming Worthington-Evans also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Scheme made by the Army Council for the Establishment and Constitution of an Association for the county of Stafford under the Territorial and Reserve Forces Act, 1907.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir John Gilmour presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Minute, dated 17th October 1927, made by the Scottish Education Department under the Education (Scotland) Acts, 1908 and 1918, amending the Regulations for the Preliminary Education, Training, and Certification of Teachers for various grades of schools.

Copies of Orders under the Rating (Scotland) Act, 1926, entitled:

1. The Dundee Corporation Water Rate (Application of Rating Act) Order, 1927, dated 23rd August 1927;
2. The Alloa Public Water Rate (Application of Rating Act) Order, 1927, dated 19th October 1927;
4. The Edinburgh Burgh Assessments (Application of Rating Act) Order, 1927, dated 27th September 1927;
5. The Inverness Public Water Rate (Application of Rating Act) Order, 1927, dated 12th October 1927;

Copy of University Court Ordinance No. 151 Universities (Edinburgh No. 49) (Foundation of the Buchanan Chair of Animal Genetics).

Copy of Twentieth Report to the Secretary of State for the National Galleries of Scotland for the year ended 31st March 1927.

Copy of Order made by the Council of the Shops Act, undetermined Local Authority, and confirmed, 1912, with Amendments, by the Secretary of State for Scotland:

Burgh of Galston.

Copy of Regulations, dated 27th August Cremation 1927, made by the Secretary of State for Scotland under the Cremation Act, 1902.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Amery presented, pursuant to St. Vincent the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Orders relating to the Dietary Scale for Prisoners (sick excepted), rased and approved by the Governor in Council on 27th August 1927, repealing and replacing the Dietary Scale, approved on 6th November 1903, and repealing the Rules made on 18th May 1916.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir William Joynson-Hicks presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of the Petroleum (Conveyance in Tank Wagons) Regulations, 1927.

Copy of Order in Council made by the Assistant Governor of Northern Ireland uniting the Counties of Antrim, Armagh, Down, Fermangh, and Tyrone, Londonderry, and the County of the City of Londonderry, for the purposes of the Winter Assizes.

Copies of Orders made by the Councils of the Shops Act, undetermined Local Authorities, and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department:

County Palatine of Lancaster (Urban District of Atherton);
Borough of Hove (two);
Borough of Chatham;
Urban District of Stretford;
Urban District of Weston-super-Mare.


Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Colonel Ashley presented, pursuant to the Road Fund, directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Report on the Administration of the Road Fund for the year 1926-27.
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 Portmadoc, in the County of Carnarvon;

(2) the Parishes of Purley Sulham and Tidmarsh, in the Rural District of Bradfield, in the County of Berks, and for the amendment of the Whitechurch and Pangbourne Electric Lighting Order, 1903;

(3) parts of the Parishes of Salcombe Regis and Sidbury, in the Rural District of Honiton, in the County of Devon;

(4) the Parish of Hildenborough, in the Rural District of Tonbridge, and part of the Parish of Leigh, in the Rural District of Sevenoaks, in the County of Kent;

(5) the Urban District of Stone and part of the Rural District of Stone, in the County of Stafford;

(6) the Rural District of Crowland, in the Parts of Holland, in the County of Lincoln, and the Parishes of Borough Fen and Newborough, in the Rural District of Peterborough, in the Soke of Peterborough;

(7) the Borough of South Molton and the Rural District of South Molton, in the County of Devon;

(8) the Urban District of Shoeburyness, in the County of Essex;

(9) parts of the Parishes or Townships of Burford, Fulbrook, and Upton, and Signet, in the Rural District of Witney in the County of Oxford;

(10) the Rural District of Castle Donington and parts of the Rural Districts of Ashby-de-la-Zouch and Loughborough, in the County of Leicestershire, and part of the Rural District of Shardlow, in the County of Derby;

(11) the Borough of Southwold and the Parishes of Reydon and Walsworth, in the Rural District of Blything, in the administrative County of East Suffolk;

(12) the Urban District of Waltham and part of the Rural District of Williton, in the County of Somerset;

(13) part of the Township of Great Barr, in the Rural District of Walsall, and part of the Parish of Shenstone, in the Rural District of Lichfield, in the County of Stafford;

(14) the Urban District of Barnoldswick, in the West Riding of the County of York;

(15) the Urban District of Earby, in the West Riding of the County of York;

(16) parts of the Rural Districts of Midhurst and Westhampnett, in the administrative County of Sussex.

Copies of Provisional Regulations made under the London Traffic Act, 1924:—

(1) dated 27th July 1927, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Amendment (Route No. 73a) Provisional Regulations, 1927;

(2) dated 10th August 1927, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Amendment (Route No. 99a) Provisional Regulations, 1927;

(3) dated 18th August 1927, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Amendment (Route No. 90) Provisional Regulations, 1927;

(4) dated 18th August 1927, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Amendment (Route No. 197) Provisional Regulations, 1927;

(5) dated 26th August 1927, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Amendment (Various Routes) (No. 2) Provisional Regulations, 1927;

(6) dated 26th August 1927, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) General Amendment Provisional Regulations, 1927;

(7) dated 30th August 1927, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) (East Ham, High Street) Provisional Regulations, 1927;

(8) dated 15th September 1927, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Amendment (Route No. 136) Provisional Regulations, 1927;

(9) dated 29th September 1927, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) General Amendment (No. 2) Provisional Regulations, 1927;

(10) dated 5th October 1927, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Amendment (Routes Nos. 134 and 494) Provisional Regulations, 1927;

(11) dated 24th October 1927, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Amendment (Route No. 401c) Provisional Regulations, 1927;

(12) dated 25th October 1927, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Amendment (Route No. 28a) Provisional Regulations, 1927;

(13) dated 2nd November 1927, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Amendment (No. 2) Provisional Regulations, 1927;

(14) dated 2nd November 1927, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Amendment (Route No. 73a) (No. 2) Provisional Regulations, 1927;

(15) dated 2nd November 1927, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Amendment (Route No. 73a) Provisional Regulations, 1927;

(16) dated 2nd November 1927, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Amendment (Route No. 602) Provisional Regulations, 1927.

Copies of Regulations, dated 16th August 1927, made by the Minister of Transport under the London Traffic Act, 1924, and entitled:—

(1) the London Traffic (Traffic Notices) Regulations, 1927;

(2) the London Traffic (Unhired Cabs) Regulations, 1927.

Copy of Report respecting the proceedings under the Railway Regulation Act, 1893, relative to the Hours of Labour of Railway Servants (Hours of Labour.)
Servants during the year ended 27th July 1927.

Copy of Eighteenth Annual Report, with Accounts, of the Port of London Authority for the year ended 31st March 1927.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

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 the :

(1) Bristol Gas Company;
(2) Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Chelmsford;
(3) Harrogate Gas Company.

Copy of Draft Order in Council, entitled the Merchandise Marks (Imported Goods) No. 1 Order, 1927 (to be substituted for the Draft Order in Council, entitled the Merchandise Marks (Sale of Imported Goods) (No. 1) Order, 1927, presented to the House of Commons on 20th July 1927).

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Memorandum on Expenditure likely to be incurred under the Unemployment Insurance Bill.

Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Special Orders, dated 8th November 1927, entitled :—

(1) the Unemployment Insurance (Insurance Industry Special Scheme) (Variation and Amendment) Special Order, 1927;
(2) the Unemployment Insurance (Banking Industry Special Scheme) (Variation and Amendment) Special Order, 1927.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Earl Winterton presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Return of all Loans raised in England, chargeable on the Revenues of India, outstanding at the commencement of the half-year ended 30th September 1927.

Copy of Amendment of the Devolution Rules made by the Governor-General of India in Council, with the sanction of the Secretary of State in Council, under Sections 45A and 129A of the Government of India Act.

Copy of Amendment of the Devolution Rules made by the Governor-General of India in Council, with the sanction of the Secretary of State in Council, under Sections 45A and 129A of the Government of India Act.

Copy of Amendments of the Devolution Rules made by the Governor-General of India in Council, with the sanction of the Secretary of State in Council, under Sections 45A and 129A of the Government of India Act.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel presented, by His Inland Revenue.

Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel also presented,—Copy of Seventieth Report of the Commissioners of His Majesty's Inland Revenue for the year ended 31st March 1927.

Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel also presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 30th day of May last for a Return relative to Public Social Services (Total Expenditure under certain Acts of Parliament).

Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel also presented, pursuant 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 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 1927, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 30th September 1927, granting a Retired Allowance to Mr. Joseph Hunter, Assistant Inspector of Taxes, Inland Revenue Department, under Section 2 of the Superannuation Act, 1887.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the said Return and Account be printed.


Copies of Orders under the Diseases of Animals Acts,—

(1) dated 12th August 1927, revoking the Glasgow (Merklands) Imported Animals Wharf Order, 1926 (No. 2);
(2) dated 28th August 1927, authorising the landing and defining the quarantine station of three Antelopes;
(3) dated 1st September 1927, substituting Second Schedule of Order dated 18th January 1927;
(4) dated 5th October 1927, revoking the Birkenhead Imported Animals Wharf Order, 1925 (No. 2);
(5) dated 10th October 1927, regarding the carrying of animals on weather decks;
(6) dated 17th October 1927, authorising the landing of four inter-sexual Pigs from the New Hebrides;
(7) dated 17th October 1927, authorising the landing of eight Wilcoveebeests from South Africa.

Copy of Report of Proceedings under Section 2 of the Agricultural Credits Act, 1923, from 1st January 1926 to 31st March 1927.


Copy of Statements in the form of balance sheets transmitted to the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries and the Board of Agriculture for Scotland by companies which manufactured in Great Britain in 1926-27 sugar and/or...
molassee from Home-grown beets, Section I. Factories.

Ordered, That the said papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relative to British Sugar Subsidy Act, 1925, be printed.

Lord Eustace Percy presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament.—Copy of Regulations, dated 19th September 1927, entitled the Training of Teachers (Amending) Regulations (No. 1), 1927.

Copy of Draft, dated 12th October 1927, of a scheme relating to Home Training Centres, aided by Grant by the Secretary of State from funds provided under the Empire Settlement Act, 1922.

Ordered, That the said papers do lie upon the Table.

Sir William Mitchell Thomson presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament.—Copy of Warrant, dated 20th August 1927, entitled the Inland Post Amendment (No. 3) Warrant, 1927.

Copy of Warrant, dated 20th August 1927, entitled the Imperial and Foreign Parcel Post Amendment (No. 1) Warrant, 1927.

Copy of Regulations, dated 20th May 1927, entitled the Postal Order (Inland) Amendment (No. 4) Regulations, 1927.

Ordered, That the said papers do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament.—Copy of Order amending in certain respects His Majesty's Order of 15th April 1925, as amended by subsequent Orders, 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.

Copy of Order further amending in certain respects the Regulations appended to His Majesty's Order, dated 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 papers do lie upon the Table.

Colonel Lane-Fox presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts 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 1926.

Copy of Sixth Annual Report of the Secretary for Mines for 1926 and Annual Report of His Majesty's Chief Inspector of Mines for the same year, with a Statistical Appendix to both Reports.

Ordered, That the said papers do lie upon the Table.

The following papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament and of Vol. 182.

Ordered, That the said papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relative to British Sugar Subsidy Act, 1925, be printed.

Lord Eustace Percy presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament.—Copy of Regulations, dated 19th September 1927, entitled the Training of Teachers (Amending) Regulations (No. 1), 1927.

Copy of Draft, dated 12th October 1927, of a scheme relating to Home Training Centres, aided by Grant by the Secretary of State from funds provided under the Empire Settlement Act, 1922.

Ordered, That the said papers do lie upon the Table.

Sir William Mitchell Thomson presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament.—Copy of Warrant, dated 20th August 1927, entitled the Inland Post Amendment (No. 3) Warrant, 1927.

Copy of Warrant, dated 20th August 1927, entitled the Imperial and Foreign Parcel Post Amendment (No. 1) Warrant, 1927.

Ordered, That the said papers do lie upon the Table.

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Copy of Sixth Annual Report of the Secretary for Mines for 1926 and Annual Report of His Majesty's Chief Inspector of Mines for the same year, with a Statistical Appendix to both Reports.

Ordered, That the said papers do lie upon the Table.

The following papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament and of Vol. 182.
to, Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the House, without Question put, not later than one hour after the conclusion of Government Business, if that Business has been concluded before 10.30 p.m., but, if that Business has not been so concluded, not later than 11.30 p.m.;

(3) If the day be a Friday the House, unless it otherwise resolves, shall at its rising stand adjourned until the following Monday.—(The Prime Minister.)

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Commander Eyres-Monsell:

Yeas, 269.

Tellers for the [Colonel Gibbs:

Noes, 138.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act Measures passed by the Church of England Assembly.—(Mr. Remer.)

Mr. Speaker puts Question (pursuant to S.O. No. 11.)

And the Motion being opposed, after a brief explanatory statement from the Member who made the Motion and from a Member who opposed it, Mr. Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 11.

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Dr. Watts:

Yeas, 80.

Tellers for the [Mr. Parkinson:

Noes, 226.

So it passed in the Negative.

Landlord and Tenant (No. 2) Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Landlord and Tenant (No. 2) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

An Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 8, by leaving out the word "or," and inserting the word "nor:"—(Sir Philip Pilditch),—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the word "or" 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. 2, l. 17, by inserting at the end thereof the words "or (c) the amount of the loss at the termination of the tenancy sustained by the tenant:”—(Mr. Ryec.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 18, by leaving out subsection (2).—(Mr. Dalton.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "the," in l. 22, stand part of the Bill;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Major Cope :

Yeas, 252.

Tellers for the [Mr. Benjamin Smith :

Noes, 139.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 22, by inserting, after the word "buildings," the words "wholly or partially."—(Secretary Sir William Joynson-Hicks.)

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. 42, by leaving out paragraph (a).—(Mr. Maclaren.)

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. 4, l. 13, by inserting, after the word "holds," the words "and will not prejudicially affect the amenities of the neighbourhood."—(Mr. Withers.)

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. 5, l. 13, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words "and where proceedings have been taken before the tribunal, the tribunal shall not make any order as to costs until the expiration of the time so fixed for the completion of the improvement."—(Secretary Sir William Joynson-Hicks.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

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And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.
Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 5, l. 24, by inserting, after the word "to," the words "be paid by his landlord."—(Mr. Atkinson.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill;

The House proceeded to a Division.

Sir Harry Barnston and Mr. Penny were nominated Tellers for the Ayes, but there being no Member willing to act as Teller for the Noes, Mr. Deputy Speaker declared that the Ayes had it.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That further consideration of the Bill, as amended, be now adjourned.—(Mr. Wheatley.)

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left;

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Parkinson, Mr. Charles Edwards ;
Tellers for the Noes, Major Sir George Hennessy, Mr. Penny ;

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 5, l. 26, by inserting, after the word "title," the words "since the commencement of the tenancy."—(Sir Philip Pilditch.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 6, l. 25, by inserting, after the words last inserted, the words "but no compensation for goodwill shall be payable in the case of premises licensed for the sale of intoxicating liquors when the renewal of the licence has for any reason been refused."—(Mr. Gates.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 7, l. 24, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words "but such new lease shall in no case exceed the landlord’s interest in the premises."—(Sir Gerald Hohler.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And it being Eleven of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Colonial Probates (Protected States and Mandated Territories) 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 Betting Overseas (Prohibition) 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 Police Districts (Scotland) 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 Amendment, which, upon the 23rd day of March last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Re-organisation of Offices (Scotland) 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 Re-organisation of Offices (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 Audit (Local Authorities) 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 Companies Second Reading of the Companies Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Judicial Second Reading of the Judicial Committee Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Welsh Church (Burial Grounds) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Judicoria Second Reading of the Judicial Committee Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Assent Second Reading of the Assent Restriction Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Medical and Dentists Acts Amendment Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Unemployment Insurance Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Expiring Laws Continuance Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Cinematograph Films 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 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.

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Wednesday, 9th November 1927.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The Kilmarnock Gas and Water Order Confirmation Bill [Lords.] was, according to Order, read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 10) Bill [Lords.] was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (Sutton Coldfield Extension) Bill [Lords.] was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

A Public Petition was presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir John Gilmour presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Amendment to Rules of the General Nursing Council for Scotland.


Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Major Tryon presented, by His Majesty's Ministry of Command,—Copy of Royal Warrant, dated 4th November 1927, to amend the Royal Warrant of 2nd July 1929, for the retired pay of Officers (Army) disabled, and for the pensions of the families and relatives of Officers deceased, and for the pensions of Nurses disabled, and of the relatives of Nurses deceased, in consequence of the great war.

Copy of Royal Warrant, dated 4th November 1927, to amend the Royal Warrants of 6th August, 14th January 1924, and 2nd September 1924, for the pensions of soldiers disabled and of the families and dependants of soldiers deceased in consequence of the great war.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Colonel Ashley presented, pursuant to the London directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Traffic Provisional Regulations made under the London Traffic Act, 1924,—

(1) dated 4th November 1927, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) General Amendment (No. 3) Provisional Regulations, 1927;

(2) dated 4th November 1927, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Amendment (Route No. 601) Provisional Regulations, 1927;

(3) dated 4th November 1927, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Amendment (Route No. 159A) Provisional Regulations, 1927;

(4) dated 7th November 1927, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Amendment (Route Nos. 55A and 99A) Provisional Regulations, 1927;

(5) dated 7th November 1927, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Amendment (Route No. 134) (No. 2) Provisional Regulations, 1927;

(6) dated 7th November 1927, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Amendment (Route No. 303) Provisional Regulations, 1927.

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:—


Sir Malcolm Macnaghten reported from the Consolidation Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Consolidation Statute Law Revision Bills; That in the case of the Statute Law Revision Bill [Lords.] now pending in the House of Lords, the Committee had considered the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Chairman's Committee, that they had appointed Sir Edmund Turton to act as Chairman of the Destructive Insects and Pests Bill.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel presented a Bill to grant money for the purpose of certain local loans out of the Local Loans Fund: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the 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 to assent to the Second Reading of a Bill which fails to effect a fairer distribution of the burden of maintaining the Unemployment Fund and will further increase the excessive charges upon the rates, reduces already inadequate scales of unemployment benefit, and imposes certain conditions for the receipt of such benefit which in many cases will be impossible to fulfil".—(Mr. Hayday), instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And 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 Expiring Laws Continuance Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Cinematograph Films Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 8th 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 one minute after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

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Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Committee of Selection, that they had added the following Members to Standing Committee D:—Major George Davies.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from the Committee that they had added the following Ten Members to Standing Committee D (in respect of the Destructive Insects and Pests Bill):—Captain Bristow, Sir Henry Cowley, Mr. Denton, Mr. Guinness, Mr. Hugh Morrison, Sir Basil Peto, Major Ruggles-Brisé, Mr. Wellock, and Mr. Thomas Williams.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Herbert Williams, supported by Sir James Agg-Gardner, Sir John Power, Mr. Smalley Crooke, Sir Frank Meyer, and Mr. Watts, presented a Bill to amend the Law of Hire-Purchase System:—Captain Briscoe, Mr. Buxton, Sir Harry Barnston, Mr. Briggs, Sir John Power, Mr. Hugh Morrison, Sir Basil Peto, Major Ruggles-Brisé, Mr. Wellock, and Mr. Thomas Williams.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 9th day of this instant November, was proposed to be made to the Question proposed; That the Unemployment Insurance 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 declines to assent to the Second Reading of a Bill which fails to effect a fairer distribution of the burden of maintaining the Unemployment Fund, and will further increase the excessive charges upon the rates, reduces already inadequate scales of unemployment benefit, and imposes certain conditions for the receipt of such benefit which in many cases will be impossible to fulfil” 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 [Commander Eyres- monell]:—296.

Tellers for the [Colonel Gibbs]:—143.

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 Monday next.—(Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland.)

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.

Resolved, That this House do meet to-morrow, at Twelve of the clock.—(The Prime Minister.)

Sittings of the House.

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 in Committee of Unemployment Insurance [Money] 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]:—238.

Tellers for the [Mr. Haynes]:—115.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Wages and Means Committee of Ways and Means;—(Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland.)

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;—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Peto]:—206.

Tellers for the [Mr. Haynes]:—143.

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 Monday next.—(Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland.)

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.

Resolved, That, for the purposes 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, of the sums necessary to enable seamen, marines, soldiers, and airmen discharged after the commencement of the said Act, to be credited under section forty-one of the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1920, with thirty contributions, such contributions being treated as having been paid in respect of the discharged person at the rate of one contribution per week over a period ending with the week in which his discharge takes place.—(Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland.)

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 Wages and Means Committee of Ways and Means;—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee of Ways and Means;—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

The Order of the day being read, for the Wages and Means Committee of Ways and Means;—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

The Order of the day being read, for the Wages and Means Committee of Ways and Means;—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Wages and Means Committee of Ways and Means;—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

The Order of the day being read, for the Wages and Means Committee of Ways and Means;—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.
The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Audit (Local Authorities) 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 Public Works Loans (No. 2) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Expiring Laws Continuance Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Whereupon Mr. Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 8th 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 minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 115.]

Friday, 11th November 1927.

The House met at Twelve of the clock.

PRAYERS.

OLONEL 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 purchase and use by the West Midlands Joint Electricity Authority of land for a generating station at Buildwas, in the County of Salop, and for other purposes.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Murdoch Macdonald reported from the Select Committee of the House of Lords on the Ouse Drainage Bill: That they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment.

Sir Murdoch Macdonald further reported from the Select Committee: That they had agreed to the following Special Report, which they had directed him to make to the House:

That they do not consider it expedient to proceed further with the Bill.

Ordered, That the Report and Special Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

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The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 8th day of this instant November, was proposed to be made on consideration of the Landlord and Tenant (No. 2) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee:

Which Amendment was, in p. 7, l. 24, at the end, to insert the words "but such new lease shall in no case exceed the landlord's interest in the premises."

And the Question being again proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:

—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put:—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 7, l. 32, by leaving out the word "fourteen," and inserting the word "twenty-one"—(Sir William Perring),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word "fourteen" stand part of the Bill:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yea Side:—Sir Harry Barnston, Major Sir George Hennessy: 166.

Tellers for the Noe Side:—Mr. Tinker: 83.

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. 8, l. 17, by inserting, after the second word "by," the words "his wife or by."—(Mr. Rye.)

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. 8, l. 39, by inserting, after the word "fails," the words "except in circumstances beyond his control."—(Mr. Rye.)

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. 12, l. 42, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words "including any costs, charges, or expenses incurred by a landlord in opposing any proposal by a tenant to execute an improvement, or in contesting a claim for compensation."—(Secretary Sir William Joyon-Hicks.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:

The proposed words were amended, in l. 1, by inserting, after the word "any," the word "proper."—(Mr. Withers.)

And the Question being put, That the words "including any proper costs, charges, or expenses incurred by a landlord in opposing any proposal by a tenant to execute an
improvement, or in contesting a claim for compensation" be there inserted in the Bill:—
It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 15, l. 19, by leaving out paragraph (a).—(Mr. Wellock.)

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 'Captain Bowyer,' Yeas, {Mr. Penny : } 183,
Tellers for the 'Mr. Hayes,' Noes, {Mr. Whiteley : } 95.
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. 16, l. 38, by inserting, after the word "buildings," the words "and the lessor is not one of the bodies mentioned in section four, subsection (1), paragraph (f)."—(Colonel Sir George Courthope.)

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 Sir George Hennessy,' Yeas, {Mr. Margesson : } 193,
Tellers for the 'Mr. Whiteley,' Noes, {Mr. Hayes : } 91.
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. 17, l. 36, by inserting, after the second word "of," the words "the capitalised value of the net addition to the letting value of the holding that is determined to be the direct result of the alteration of the user, and of."—(Brigadier-General Sir George Cockerill.)

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. 19, l. 20, by inserting, after the word "tribunal," the words "if a tribunal other than the High Court."—(Mr. Atkinson.)

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. 22, l. 2, by inserting, after the word "entitled," the words "as between himself and the lessee."—(Mr. Atkinson.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:
The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 23, l. 12, by inserting, after the word "expended," the words "including any proper costs, charges, or expenses incurred by a landlord in opposing any proposal by a tenant to execute an improvement or in contesting a claim for compensation."—(Secretary Sir William Joy-son-Hicks.)

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 to the Bill, in l. 3, by adding, at the end thereof, the words "or of carrying out any improvement as aforesaid."—(Mr. Rye.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there added to the proposed Amendment:—The Amendment to the said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the proposed words were there inserted in the Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

The Expiring Laws Continuance Bill was, Expiring Laws Continuance Bill accordingly, read a second time;
Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for Monday next.—(Commander Eyres-Monsell.)

The Public Works Loans (No. 2) Bill was, Public Works Loans (No. 2) Bill accordingly, read a second time;
Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for Monday next.—(Commander Eyres-Monsell.)

Mr. Frederick Thomson reported from the Unemployment Insurance Committee on Unemployment Insurance [Money] a Resolution, which was read as followeth:
That, for the purposes 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, of the sums necessary to enable seamen, marines, soldiers, and airmen discharged after the commencement of the said Act, to be credited under section forty-one of the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1920, with thirty contributions, such contributions being treated as having been paid in respect of the discharged person at the rate of one contribution per week over a period ending with the week in which his discharge takes place.
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, 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.
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Ordered, That the Landlord and Tenant (Local Authorities) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee and on Consideration, be printed. Bill 190.

The Indian Church Bill [Lords] was read the third time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Cinematograph Films Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 9, by leaving out Part I. of the Bill.—(Colonel Wedgwood.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "agreement," in l. 19, stand part of the Bill;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Sir George Hennessy, Captain Margesson :
Mr. Parkinson, Mr. Hayes :

231.
105.

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. 2, l. 18, by leaving out Clause 2.—(Colonel Wedgwood.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "and," in l. 32, stand part of the Bill;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Captain Margesson, Mr. Penny :
Mr. Thomas Henderson, Mr. Whitley :

232.
117.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 41, by leaving out the words "one hundred," and inserting the word "twenty"—(Colonel Day), instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words "one hundred" stand part of the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the word "twenty" be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

And the word "fifty" was there inserted in the Bill.—(Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister.)

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 1, by leaving out from the word "the" to the word "and," in l. 3, and inserting the words "tenth day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven"—(Colonel Day), instead thereof.

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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, Major The Marquess of Titchfield):
Yeas, 213.
Noes, 116.

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. 3, l. 14, by leaving out the words " to which this Act applies." (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 (Sir Harry Barnston, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Whiteley):
Yeas, 195.
Noes, 117.

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. 3, l. 36, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words, "Provided however that no one shall be fined under section three and under section five of this Act in connection with the same film." (Mr. Albert Alexander.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the (Mr. Hayes, Mr. Whiteley):
Yeas, 114.
Noes, 125.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 21, by leaving out the word " effect," to the end of l. 1, by leaving out the word " fee," the words " not exceeding one pound." (Mr. Kelly.)

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. 4, l. 12, by inserting, after the word " fee," the words " not exceeding one pound." (Mr. Kelly.)

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. 4, l. 37, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words,—

" (6) In the event of the trade show of any film being regarded by the advisory committee as not being of a standard of competitive quality it shall be competent for them to submit within fourteen days of the presentation of such film to the exhibitors a report to the Board of Trade to that effect, and if, in the opinion of the Board or some authority deputed by them, it is expedient to withhold registration of such a film for quota purposes the committee may direct the accredited authority accordingly." (Mr. Somerville.)

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. 5, l. 26,—(Mr. Kelly.)

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. Penny, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Penney):
Yeas, 190.
Noes, 117.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 5, l. 21, by leaving out the words " subject to rules of court." (Colonel Wedgwood.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:

And a Debate arising thereupon;
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Landlord and Tenant (No. 2) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Public Works Loans (No. 2) 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 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 Audit (Local Authorities) 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 8th day of this instant November, 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, till to-morrow.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Landlord and Tenant (No. 2) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Public Works Committee on the Public Works Loans (No. 2) 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 of Supply; Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 8th day of this instant November, 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, till to-morrow.


[SIR Philip Cunliffe-Lister presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, a Copy of Draft of a Special Order proposed to be made by the Board of Trade under the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the County Borough of Dewsbury. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir John Gilmour presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Copies of Rules made by the Secretary of State for Scotland,— (1) appointing the prison of Aberdeen to be a prison to which prisoners from the County of Forfar may be committed;]
(2) as to appointment of a visiting committee for the prison of Aberdeen;
(3) as to appointment of a visiting committee for the prison of Perth.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Colonel Sir Vivian Henderson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Draft Regulations for Hyde Park, proposed to be made by the Commissioners of His Majesty's Works and Public Buildings, under the Parks Regulation Acts, 1872 and 1876.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Edmund Turton reported from Standing Committee D, to whom the Destructive Insects and Pests Bill was referred; That they had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto.

No. 114. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

No. 114. 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.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 14th day of this instant November, was proposed to be made on consideration of the Cinematograph Films Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Which Amendment was, in p. 5, l. 30, to leave out the words "subject to rules of court."

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 said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 7, by leaving out l. 13 to 18, inclusive.—(Mr. Wallhead.)

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 Cope, Yeas, Captain Roeber:] 206.
Tellers for the [Mr. Charles Edwards, Noes, Mr. Whiteley:] 131.

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. 7, l. 34, by leaving out from the word "quota" to the end of Clause 13.—(Colonel Wedgwood.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "three," in l. 39, stand part of the Bill:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Major Cope, Yeas, Major the Marquess of Titchfield:] 225.
Tellers for the [Mr. Charles Edwards, Noes, Mr. Barnes:] 142.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 8, l. 4, by inserting, after the word "been," the words "or is"—(Mr. Kelly.)

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. Hayes, Major Sir George Hannaway, Noes, Mr. Frederick Thomson:] 237.

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. 8, l. 22, by leaving out from the word "renters" to the word "may," in l. 25.—(Colonel Wedgwood.)

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. 9, l. 8, by leaving out Clause 16.—(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 [Captain Viscount Curzon, Yeas, Captain Margesson:] 258.
Tellers for the [Mr. Benjamin Smith, Noes, Mr. Hayes:] 143.

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. 27, by leaving out from the word "pounds" to the end of l. 28.—(Mr. Kelly.)

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 [Colonel Gibbs, Yeas, Captain Margesson:] 256.
Tellers for the [Mr. Benjamin Smith, Noes, Mr. Whiteley:] 139.
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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. 10, l. 6, by leaving out subsection (b).—(Colonel Day.)

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 Thomson, 256.
Captain Margesson.)

Tellers for the (Mr. Parkinson, 135.
Mr. Whiteley.)

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 10, l. 21, by leaving out Clause 18.—(Mr. Wallhead.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word “eleven,” in l. 24, stand part of the Bill;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the (Captain Bowyer, 232.
Major the Marquess of Titchfield.)

Tellers for the (Mr. Parkinson, 139.
Mr. Whiteley.)

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. 10, l. 29, by inserting, after the word “films,” the words “compared with registered foreign films.”—(Lieutenant-Commander Kenworthy.)

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, 135.
Mr. Parkinson.
Mr. Viscount Curzon.)

Tellers for the (Mr. Viscount Curzon, 235.
Captain Bowyer.
Major the Marquess of Titchfield.)

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. 11, l. 18, by leaving out Clause 20.—(Mr. Wallhead.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word “forty,” in l. 20, stand part of the Bill;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the (Mr. Viscount Curzon, 240.
Captain Margesson.)

Tellers for the (Mr. Parkinson, 136.
Mr. Charles Edwards.)

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. 11, l. 33, by leaving out the word “twenty,” and inserting the word “ten.”—(Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister)—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word “twenty” stand part of the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the word “ten” be there inserted in the Bill;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the (Major Cope, 251.
Captain Viscount Curzon.)

Tellers for the (Mr. Charles Edwards, 134.
Mr. Whiteley.
Mr. Charles Edwards.)

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 12, l. 16, by inserting, at the end thereof the words,—

“(3) Every licensed exhibitor shall exhibit in connection with each registered film the registration, date, length, and whether British or foreign.”—(Mr. Wallhead.)

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. Hayes, 150.
Mr. Whiteley.
Mr. Charles Edwards.)

Tellers for the (Mr. Viscount Curzon, 252.
Major Cope.
Mr. Charles Edwards.)

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 12, l. 36, by inserting, after the word “Any,” the words “person guilty of an”—(Mr. Albert Alexander.)

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. Hayes, 118.
Mr. Charles Edwards.
Mr. Hayes.)

Tellers for the (Mr. Viscount Curzon, 267.
Captain Bowyer.
Mr. Penny.)

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 13, l. 5, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words,—

“(2) In the case of a conviction on indictment, the court, in addition to imposing any such fine as aforesaid,—

(a) where the offender is a renter, may on a third offence order that his licence be revoked; and may order that no licence shall be issued to him, or to any person associated with him, or to any person who acquired his business, or to any person who took part in the management of his business and was
knowingly a party to the offence, for such period in each case as may be specified in the order:

Provided that where any such order is made the order shall not operate so as to prevent the renter carrying out for a period not exceeding six months any obligation under any contract entered into by him before the institution of the proceedings;

(b) where the offender is an exhibitor may on a third offence order his licence under this Act in respect of the theatre with respect to which the offence was committed to be revoked, and may order that for such period in each case as may be specified in the order no licence in respect of that theatre shall be issued to him or to any person with whom he is financially associated, or to any person who took part in the management of his business and was knowingly a party to the offence, or to any person whose licence in respect of any theatre has been revoked during the twelve months previous to the date of the conviction.”—(Sir Charles Oman.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:

And a Debate arising thereupon:

Sir Charles Oman rose in his place and claimed
to move, That the Question be now put; but Mr. Speaker withheld his assent, and declined then to put that Question:—Then the House resumed the Debate.

Sir Charles Oman rose in his place and claimed
to move, That the Question be now put; but Mr. Speaker withheld his assent, and declined then to put that Question:—Then the House resumed the Debate.

Captain Waterhouse rose in his place and
claimed, but Mr. Speaker withheld his assent.

And it being Eleven of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Public Works Loans (No. 2) 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 Unemployment Insurance Bill:

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Landlord and Tenant (No. 2) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee of Supply:

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means 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 Audit into consideration the Audit (Local Authorities) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;—Bill

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 5th day of this instant November, 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, till to-morrow.

PRAYERS.

SECRETARY Sir John Gilmour presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under Corporation Order Confirmation Act, 1899, relating to Dundee Corporation: Bill.

And the same was read the first time, and Bill 201, ordered (under Section 9 of the Act) to be read a second time upon Thursday the 24th day of this instant November; and to be printed.

Secretary Sir John Gilmour presented a Bill Lerwick Harbour Ordinance 1899, relating to Lerwick Harbour:—Bill

The same was ordered (under Section 7 of the Act) to be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Standing Committee appointed under the

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Wednesday, 16th November 1927.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

SECRETARY Sir John Gilmour presented a Dundee Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under Corporation Order Confirmation Act, 1899, relating to Dundee Corporation: Bill.

And the same was read the first time, and Bill 201, ordered (under Section 9 of the Act) to be read a second time upon Thursday the 24th day of this instant November; and to be printed.
Merchandise Marks Act, 1926, respecting Furniture and Cabinet Ware.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Colonel Ashley presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Provisional Regulations, dated 13th November 1927, made by the Minister of Transport and entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Amendment (Route No. 54th) Provisional Regulations, 1927.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel 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 October 1927, compiled from Returns furnished to the Treasury.

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 propose that the Joint Committee appointed to consider the Law of Libel Amendment Bill [Lords] do meet in Committee Room C on Wednesday 23rd November, at half-past 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.

Secretary Sir John Gilmour, supported by the Lord Advocate, Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland, and Major Elliot, presented a Bill to amend the provisions of the Criminal Appeal (Scotland) Act, 1926, with regard to the power of the Secretary of State to refer a case or any point arising therein to the High Court of Justiciary: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the collection of a contribution by rubber manufacturers in Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the funds of the research association of British rubber and tyre manufacturers; 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.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House regrets that the growing difficulties in the coal industry and the increasing distress and unemployment amongst the miners have been neglected by the Government upon whom, particularly after its actions of last year, a special responsibility rests; and calls for immediate action to secure an efficient organisation of the industry and of the sale and use of its products; and to deal with the embarrassing condition of local relief authorities, the recruitment of labour, and the treatment of the vast number of miners on short time and out of work,—(Mr. Ramsay MacDonald);—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Sir William Davison rose in his place and Closure claimed to move, That the Question be now put; but Mr. Speaker withheld his assent, withholds his and declined then to put that Question:—assent.

Then the House resumed the Debate.

Mr. Speaker stated, that in his opinion, Sitting for grave disorder had arisen in the House; and suspended the sitting of the House until Six of the clock.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and stated House in view of the grave disorder that had adjourned under S.O. 21 he, therefore, pursuant to Standing Order No. 21, suspended the sitting of the House until Six of the clock.

Mr. Speaker accordingly adjourned the House without Question put, it being then seven minutes after Six of the clock, till to-morrow.

[No. 119.]

Thursday, 17th November 1927.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE House, according to Order, proceeded Lerwick to take into consideration the Lerwick Harbour Order Confirmation Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Colonel Ashley presented, pursuant to the Electricity 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 the Parish of Bourton-on-the-Water, in the Rural District of Stow-on-the-Wold, in the County of Gloucester.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, a Copy of Order, dated 7th November 1927, entitled the Kelso Water Rate (Application of Rating Act) Order, 1927.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, a Copy of Abstract of Returns relating to Pilotage in the United Kingdom for the year 1926.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to amend Section 84A of the Government of India Act with respect to the time for the appointment of a Statutory Commission thereunder; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Government of India (Statutory Commission) Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on the Cinematograph Films Bill and on the Expiring Laws Continuance Bill have precedence this day of the Business of Supply.—(The Prime Minister.)

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 15th day of this instant November, was proposed to be made on consideration of the Cinematograph Films Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Which Amendment was, in p. 13, l. 5, at the end, to insert the words,—

"(2) In the case of a conviction on indictment, the court, in addition to imposing any such fine as aforesaid,—

(a) where the offender is a renter, may on a third offence order his licence under this Act to 31st March 1927, with a Copy of the Report of the Pacific Cable Board.

(b) where the offender is an exhibitor may on a third offence order his licence under this Act in respect of the theatre with respect to which the offence was committed to be revoked, and may order that for such period in each case as may be specified in the order no licence in respect of that theatre shall be issued to him or to any person with whom he is financially associated, or to any person who took part in the management of his business and was knowingly a party to the offence, or to any person whose licence in respect of any theatre has been revoked during the twelve months previous to the date of the conviction."

And the Question being again proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:

—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, Viscount Sandon, Mr. Whiteley: 226.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Benjamin Smith, Mr. Whitley: 132.

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. 14, l. 16, by leaving out the words "by educational institutions."—(Mr. Kelly.)

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. 15, l. 12, by inserting, after the word "scenes," the words "being those scenes in which artificial scenery is required."—(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 Yeas, Mr. Parkinson, Mr. Whiteley: 126.

Tellers for the Noes, Major Sir George Hennessy, Major Cope: 235.

So it was passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 15, l. 13, by inserting, after the word "in," the words "any part of."—(Mr. Somerville.)

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. 15, l. 16, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words "and after the first day of January, nineteen hundred and thirty-three, the producer must also have been a British subject at the time that the film was made."—(Captain Waterhouse.)

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 Waterhouse, Yeas, Viscount Sandon : ] 72.
Tellers for the [Mr. Herbert Williams, Noes, Mr. James Hudson : ] 298.

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. 15, l. 23, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words "but it shall be lawful for the Board of Trade to relax this requirement in any case where they are satisfied that the maker had taken all reasonable steps to secure compliance with the requirement, and that his failure to comply therewith was occasioned by exceptional and unforeseen circumstances beyond his control."—(Captain Peter Macdonald.)

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 other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 16, l. 33, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words,—

"(4) Regulations made under this section shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament as soon as may be after they are made, and if either House within twenty-one days after the regulations have been laid before it presents an Address to His Majesty praying that the regulations may be annulled, His Majesty may by Order in Council annul the regulations and passed.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That the Question be now put.

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:

Mr. Barnes, Mr. Charles Edwards, Mr. Eges, Mr. Frederick Thomson, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Whiteley, 106.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Charles Edwards, Yeas, Mr. Barnes : ]
Tellers for the [Major Cope, Noes, Mr. Penny : ] 176.

Question again proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Debate arising;

Sir Kingsley Wood rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question put, That the Question be now put.

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Debate arising;

Sir Kingsley Wood 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, Yeas, Major the Marquess of Titchfield : ] 171.
Tellers for the [Mr. Parkinson, Noes, Mr. Benjamin Smith : ] 101.

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put accordingly, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 12, to leave out the words "twenty-fifth day of December," in order to insert the words "first day of August."—(Captain Bourne.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:

Mr. Barnes, Mr. Charles Edwards, Mr. Eges, Mr. Frederick Thomson, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Whiteley, 106.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Charles Edwards, Yeas, Mr. Barnes : ]
Tellers for the [Major Cope, Noes, Mr. Penny : ] 176.

Question again proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Debate arising;

Sir Kingsley Wood 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, Yeas, Major the Marquess of Titchfield : ] 171.
Tellers for the [Mr. Parkinson, Noes, Mr. Benjamin Smith : ] 101.

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put accordingly, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 13, to leave out the words "twenty-eighth day of May," in order to insert the words "thirty-first day of December."—(Mr. William Adenson.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Debate arising:
Secretary Sir John Gilmour 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 Thoms 178.
son, Major the Marquess of Titchfield:]

Tellers for the Noes, [Mr. Charles Edwards:]

Question put accordingly, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, [Captain Bower, Major the Marquess of Titchfield:]

Tellers for the Noes, [Mr. Hayes, Mr. Whiteley:]

And it being after Eleven of the clock, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported that the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply:

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Criminal Appeal (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Landlord and Tenant (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Indian Church Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Colonial Probates (Protected States and Mandated Territories) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Ordered, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Audi (Local Authorities) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Ordered, That Colonel Sir Vivian Henderson be discharged from the Committee of Public Accounts, Estimates, and that Captain Crookshank be added to the Committee.—(Colonel Gibbs.)

Ordered, That Colonel Sir Vivian Henderson Estimates, be discharged from the Select Committee on Estimates, and that Mr. Wardlaw-Milne be added to the Committee.—(Colonel Gibbs.)

Resolved, That, in accordance with the New Dioceses Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act, 1919, this House do direct that the Indian Church Measure, 1927, be presented to His Majesty for Royal Assent.—(Major Kindersley.)

Resolved, That, in accordance with the Indian Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act, 1919, this House do direct that the New Dioceses (Transitional Provisions) Measure, 1927, be presented to His Majesty for Royal Assent.—(Colonel Fremantle.)

And it being after half-past Eleven of the clock, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House.

[No. 120.]

Friday, 18th November 1927.

The House met at Eleven of the clock:

PRAYERS.

The Lerwick Harbour Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

A Public Petition was presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.
Colonel Sir Vivian Henderson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copies of Draft Regulations for St. James's and the Green Parks, Greenwich Park, Hampton Court Gardens, Canning Statue Enclosure, Parliament Square Gardens, Regent's Park, Kensington Gardens, Hampton Court, Green, and Osborne, proposed to be made by the Commissioners of His Majesty's Works and Public Buildings under the Parks Regulation Acts, 1872 and 1926.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Memorandum on certain points concerning the statistics of Unemployment and Poor Law Relief.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Landlord and Tenant (No. 2) Bill;

And a Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time;

Lord Eustace Percy acquainted the House, That he had it in command from His Majesty to signify to the House that His Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives His Consent, as far as His Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Lord Eustace Percy further acquainted the House, That he had it in command from His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales to signify to the House that His Royal Highness, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives His Consent, as far as His Royal Highness' interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

And the Question proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time.—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Colonel Sir Vivian Henderson 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 Yeas, (Sir Harry Barnston, Major Sir George Hennessy)

Tellers for the Noes, (Mr. Benjamin Smith, Mr. Thomas Henderson)

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being accordingly put;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Public Works Loans (No. 2) Bill.
Acts of Parliament. The following Papers, presented by His Majesty's Command during the Adjournment, were delivered to the Librarian of the House of Commons during the Adjournment, pursuant to Standing Order No. 95:—

Copy of Statement by the Governor-General of India on the Indian Statutory Commission. Published 8th November 1927.


Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.


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Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Drafts Regulations for the Army Reserve, issued more than forty years, and outstanding the Table.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Robert Gover, supported by Sir Harry Housing Bill. Foster, Mr. Rye, Sir Park Goff, Mr Philip Bill 205. Pitketh, Mr. Gates, Mr. Asbury, Mr. Tasker, Mr. Womersley and Mr. Otto Nicholson, presented a Bill to amend the provisions in Part II. of the Housing Act, 1925, relating to improvement and reconstruction schemes: 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 Unemployment Insurance Bill.

Clause No. 1 (Right of insured persons to benefit).

Motion made, and Question put, That the Clause be postponed.—(Mr. Thomas Shaw.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Mr. Parkinson,
Yea, { Mr. Charles Edwards : 106.}
Noes, { Captain Margesson : 195.}

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 6, at the beginning, to insert the words "Subject to the live register falling to a total of seven hundred thousand unemployed contributors."—(Mr. Ernest Broom.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—(Mr. Frederick Thomson, Yeas, { Captain Margesson : 207.}
Noes, { Major Owen : 128.}

Question put accordingly, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Mr. Fredericke Thom-
Yea, { Captain Margesson : 207.}
Noes, { Major Owen : 128.}

Question put, That the Question be now put.

Question put (pursuant to S.O. Closure of Debate.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Mr. Fredericke Thom-
Yea, { Captain Margesson : 207.}
Noes, { Major Owen : 128.}

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 6, after the word "shall," to insert the words "after the expiration of the extended period."—(Captain Bourne.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 11, after the word "receive," to insert the word "the."—(Mr. Ernest Brown.)

Question put, That the word " the " be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Fenby,
Yeas, 126.
Tellers for the [Mr. Penny,
Noes, 183.

Question proposed, That the Clause stand part of the Bill:—Debate arising;

Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland 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,
Yeas, 224.
Tellers for the [Mr. Hayes :
Noes, 137.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Manton.)

And it being Eleven of the clock, the Motion to report Progress lapsed, without Question put, and 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 Government of India (Statutory Commission) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Criminal Appeal (Scotland) 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 now read the third time.—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Indian Church Bill [Lords];

Order, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Expiring Laws Continuance 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 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 be a second time to-morrow.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 8th 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 four minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

Order, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Order, That the Paper relative to Bankruptcy and Companies Winding-up Proceedings which was presented upon the 29th day of April last, be printed.

Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Statement showing the effect of the Unemployment Bill, Insurance Bill, on the number of persons drawing benefit.

Order, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Order, That leave be given to bring in a Medical Bill to provide that certain communications between medical practitioners and their patients shall be privileged from disclosure in evidence: And that Dr. Little, Dr. Vernon Davies, Sir Walter Greaves-Lord, Mr. Edward Grenfell, Mr. Arthur Henderson, Mr. Merriman, Mr. Morris, Sir Basil Peto, Mr. Goodman Roberts, Dr. Salter, Mr. Snowden, and Mr. Story Deans do prepare and bring it in.

Dr. Little accordingly presented a Bill to provide that certain communications between medical practitioners and their patients shall be privileged from disclosure in evidence: 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 Government of India (Statutory Commission) 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. Saklatvala.)

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.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House will immediately resolve itself into the Committee on the Bill—(Earl Winterton):—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for to-morrow.—(Earl Winterton.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Unemployment Insurance Bill.

In the Committee.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again—(Mr. Thomas Shaw)—Debate arising:

Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland 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, { Major Sir George Hennessy, Mr. Penny : } 235.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. Parkinson, Mr. Thomas Henderson : } 145.

Question put accordingly, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again. The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. Parkinson, Mr. Thomas Henderson : } 147.

Tellers for the Noes, { Major Sir George Hennessy, Mr. Penny : } 244.

Clause No. 2 (Rates of Contribution in case of unmarried young men and women).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 16, after the word "years" to insert the words "and are unmarried."—(Mr. Stephen.) Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 18, to leave out paragraph (a).—(Mr. Greenwood.) Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.—Debate arising:

Mr. Harney 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.

Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland 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, { Sir Henry Barnatos, Mr. Frederick Thomson : } 253.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. Parkinson, Mr. Whiteley : } 143.

Question put accordingly, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.—Debate arising:

Mr. Harney 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.

Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland 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, { Captain Bouyer, Major the Marquess of Titchfield : } 252.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. Charles Edwards, Mr. Benjamin Smith : } 145.

Question put accordingly, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Captain Bouyer, Major the Marquess of Titchfield : } 250.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. Hayes, Mr. Penny : } 143.

And it being after Eleven of the clock, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported that the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Public Works Loans (No. 2) Bill; Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Destructive Insects and Pests 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 Local Authorities (Audit) 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 Indian Church Bill; [Lords]; Ordered, That this House will read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Expiring Laws Continuance Bill; [Lords]; 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 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 Colonial Probates (Protected States and Mandated Territories) Bill [Lords.]

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 8th 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 nineteen minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 123.]

Wednesday, 23rd November 1927.

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 Perth County Buildings Order Confirmation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Wednesday next.

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 Parish of Headley, in the Rural District of Epsom, in the County of Surrey, and for the amendment of the Leatherhead and District Electricity Orders, 1902 to 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 Order under the Diseases of Animals Acts, dated 17th November 1927, amending the dates of an Order of 18th January last regarding certain pedigree Friesland cattle.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Chamberlain presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations under the Milk and Dairies (Amendment) Act, 1922, and of the Order of 14th November 1927, entitled,—

1. the Public Health (Condensed Milk) Amendment Regulations, 1927.
2. the Public Health (Dried Milk) Amendment Regulations, 1927.

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 Draft Order in Council, entitled the Moneylenders (Local Courts) Order, 1927.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Chairman's Panel; That they had appointed Sir Samuel Roberts to act as Chairman of Standing Committee A (in respect of the Marriages (Prohibited Degrees of Relationship) Bill).

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, 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 House divided; The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.


So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on the Milk and Dairies (England) Bill [Lords.] be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(The Prime Minister.)

The House divided; The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Mr. Speaker put the Question, Mr. Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 11:—And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Government of India (Statutory Commission) Bill [Lords.]

(in the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Time for appointment of statutory commission).
Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 11, at the end, to add the words,—

"Provided that the said Commission shall not be appointed until a Resolution shall have been agreed to by the Legislative Assembly of India approving of its appointment."—(Mr. Saklatvala.)

Question proposed, That those words be there added.—Debate arising:

Major Sir George Hennessey 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 \[Major Sir George Hennessey, Captain Viscount Curzon : 265.\]

Tellers for the \[Mr. Benjamin Smith, Mr. Whiteley : 137.\]

Question, That those words be there added, put accordingly, and negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (Short title and printing).

Question proposed, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

Mr. Beckett 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, That the Clause stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read the third time;—And a Debate arising thereupon:

Earl Winterton 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, \[Major the Marquess of Titchfield : 236.\]

The Noes, \[Mr. Penny, Mr. Whiteley : 136.\]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being accordingly 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 House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Unemployment Insurance Bill.

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Question put accordingly, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the | Mr. Parkinson, | 139.  
                | Mr. Whiteley : |
Tellers for the | Mr. Penny,    | 235.  
                | Major the Marquess of Titchfield : |

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 19, to leave out from the word "once," to the word "cause," in l. 21, in order to insert the words "in three years."—(Mr. Ernest Brown.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—

Debate arising;

Mr. Bettetton 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 Barnaton, | 240.  
                | Captain Margesson : |
Tellers for the | Mr. Fenby,       | 143.  
                | Major Owen : |

Question put accordingly, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the | Sir Harry Barnaton, | 233.  
                | Major Cope : |
Tellers for the | Mr. Fenby,       | 150.  
                | Major Owen : |

Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question, That the Clause stand part of the Bill, be now put.

Question put, That the Question, That the Clause stand part of the Bill, be now put.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the | Major Cope,      | 238.  
                | Major the Marquess of Titchfield : |
Tellers for the | Mr. Charles Edwards, | 145.  
                | Mr. Whiteley : |

Question put accordingly, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the | Mr. Penny,       | 245.  
                | Major the Marquess of Titchfield : |
Tellers for the | Mr. Charles Edwards, | 150.  
                | Mr. Whiteley : |

The Chairman called the attention of the Committee to the expression "darned unfair," applied to his conduct in the Chair by Mr. Maxton, Member for Bridgeton, during a Division, and called upon the Honourable Member to withdraw the expression, but he declined to comply with that direction.

The Chairman then again called upon him to withdraw the expression, but he again declined to comply with that direction.

Whereupon the Chairman ordered him to withdraw from the House during the remainder of this day's Sitting, but the Honourable Member again refused to withdraw.

Whereupon the Chairman named him for disregarding the authority of the Chair, and left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Chairman Hope reported that Mr. Maxton had been suspended from the service of the House, by Mr. Buchanan, Member for Gorbals, and called upon him to withdraw the expression, but the Honourable Member declined to comply with that direction.

Whereupon a Motion was made, and the Member suspended from the service of the House.—(The Prime Minister.)

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the | Major Cope,      | 262.  
                | Major the Marquess of Titchfield : |
Tellers for the | Mr. Barnes,      | 131.  
                | Mr. Hayes : |

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Mr. Speaker then directed Mr. Maxton to withdraw from the House, and he withdrew accordingly.

Then the House again resolved itself into the Unemployment Committee on the Unemployment Insurance Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Thomas Shaw.)

The Chairman called the attention of the Committee to an insulting expression used by Mr. Buchanan, Member for Gorbals, and called upon him to withdraw the expression, but the Honourable Member declined to comply with that direction.

Whereupon the Chairman ordered him to withdraw from the House during the remainder of this day's Sitting.

The Honourable Member refused to withdraw, and the Chairman directed the Serjeant-at-Arms to inform the Honourable Member of his order, but the Honourable Member again refused to withdraw.

Whereupon the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Chairman Hope reported that Mr. Buchanan had disregarded the authority of the Chair.

Mr. Speaker named Mr. Buchanan.

Whereupon a Motion was made, and the Member suspended from the service of the House.—(The Prime Minister.)

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the | Captain Viscount Curzon, | 274.  
                | Major the Marquess of Titchfield : |
Tellers for the | Mr. Groves,       | 106.  
                | Mr. Durnico : |

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
Mr. Speaker then directed Mr. Buchanan to withdraw from the House, and he withdrew accordingly.

Then the House again resolved itself into the Committee on the Unemployment Insurance Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Question again proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again.

Question put.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Benjamin Smith, 144.

Tellers for the Noes, Captain Viscount Curzon, Major the Marquess of Titchfield, 257.

Clause No. 4 (Rates of Unemployment benefit).

The Chairman called the attention of the Committee to a disorderly expression used by Mr. Wallhead, Member for Merthyr, and called upon him to withdraw the expression, but he refused to comply with that direction.

Whereupon the Chairman directed him to withdraw from the House during the remainder of this day's Sitting, but the Honourable Member refused to withdraw, and the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Speaker then directed Mr. Wallhead to withdraw from the House, and he withdrew accordingly.

Mr. Speaker named Mr. Wallhead.

Whereupon a Motion was made, and the Member suspended from the service of the House.

Mr. Speaker named Mr. Neil Maclean.

Then the House again resolved itself into the Committee on the Unemployment Insurance Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Thursday, 24th November 1927:

Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 13, to leave out from the word "woman," to the word "has," in l. 16.-(Miss Wilkinson.)

Question put. That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Parkinson, Mr. Charles Edwards, 176.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Sydney, Mr. Maclean, 89.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Mr. Speaker then directed Mr. Neil Maclean to withdraw from the House, and he withdrew accordingly.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Hope reported that Mr. Wallhead had disregarded the authority of the Chair.

Mr. Speaker named Mr. Neil Maclean.

Whereupon a Motion was made, and the Member suspended from the service 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 Thompson, Mr. Bower, 274.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Kirkwood, Mr. Sullivan, 77.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Mr. Speaker then directed Mr. Neil Maclean to withdraw from the House, and he withdrew accordingly.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Hope reported that Mr. Neil Maclean had disregarded the authority of the Chair.

Mr. Speaker named Mr. Neil Maclean.

Whereupon a Motion was made, and the Member suspended from the service of the House.—(The Prime Minister.)

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Charles Edwards, Mr. Penny, 105.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Charles Edwards, Mr. Whiteley, 103.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 18, to leave out from the word "person" to the end of paragraph (i), in order to insert the words "in the capacity of housekeeper."—(Miss Wilkinson.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause :- Debate arising :

Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question put. That the Question be now put. Question put (pursuant to S.O. Closure of Debate.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Charles Edwards, Mr. Parkinson, 176.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Charles Hedges, Mr. Charles Edwards, 90.

Question put accordingly. That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Charles Hedges, Mr. Charles Edwards, 176.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Charles Hedges, Mr. Charles Edwards, 89.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Harney.)

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 22, to leave out the word "seven," in order to insert the word "ten."—(Mr. Short.)

Question put, That the word "seven" stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Major Sir George Hennessy, Captain Boeuyer : 160.]
Tellers for the [Mr. Hayes, Mr. Barnes : 84.]

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 28, to leave out paragraph (c).—(Mr. Greenwood.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Captain Margesson, of Titchfield : 159.]
Tellers for the [Mr. Tinker, Mr. Sullivan : 62.]

Question proposed, That the Clause stand part of the Bill:—Debate arising;

Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland 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 Viscount Curzon, Mr. Penny : 144.]
Tellers for the [Mr. Benjamin Smith, Mr. Whiteley : 79.]

Question put accordingly, That the Clause stand part of the Bill:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Captain Viscount Curzon, Mr. Penny : 143.]
Tellers for the [Mr. Benjamin Smith, Mr. Whiteley : 79.]

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again—(Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland) —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 Audit (Local Authorities) 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 Indian Church Bill; [Lords.];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Expiring Laws Continuance Bill;

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;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Colonial Probates (Protected States and Mandated Territories) Bill [Lords.];

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, Order of the House of the 8th day of this instant November, it being then twelve minutes after Five of the clock on Thursday morning, till this day.

[No. 124.]

Thursday, 24th November 1927.

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 Dundee Corporation Order Confirmation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Secretary Sir John Gilmore presented a Bill Edinburgh to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, relating to Edinburgh Corporation: And bill, the same was ordered (under Section 7 of the Act) to be taken into consideration to-morrow.
Treaty Series (No. 26, 1927.)

Secretary Sir Austen Chamberlain presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Notes exchanged between His Majesty's Government in Great Britain and the French Government confirming the Agreement of 18th August 1927, regarding the administration of the New Hebrides. Paris, 31st August 1927.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Estimate of a further Sum required to be voted for the service of the Civil Departments for the year ending 31st March 1928.

Ordered, That the said Estimate be referred to the Committee of Supply: and be printed.

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 Prayer Book Measure, 1927, passed by the National Assembly of the Church of England.


Ordered, That the said Papers be printed.

Mr. James Brown reported from Standing Committee on Scottish Bills, to whom the Sheriffs Court and Legal Officers (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.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords to the House:

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, relating to Edinburgh Chartered Accountants Annuity, &c., Fund Order Confirmation Bill (Lords.)

The Edinburgh Chartered Accountants Annuity, &c., Fund Order Confirmation Bill (Lords.) to be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from Standing Committee A:—Viscountess Astor, Captain Coazelet, Mr. Clarry, Captain Gunston, Mr. Locker, Major-General Sir Richard Luce, and Sir Douglas Newton; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Mitchell Banks, Mr. Blandstell, Brigadier-General Clifton Brown, Sir Evelyn Cecil, Dr. Vernon Davies, Vice-Admiral Sir Reginald Hall, and Major-General Sir Newton Moore.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported Standing Committee A:—Viscountess Astor, Captain Coazelet, Mr. Clarry, Captain Gunston, Mr. Locker, Major-General Sir Richard Luce, and Sir Douglas Newton; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Mitchell Banks, Mr. Blandstell, Brigadier-General Clifton Brown, Sir Evelyn Cecil, Dr. Vernon Davies, Vice-Admiral Sir Reginald Hall, and Major-General Sir Newton Moore.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Motion relating to International Peace and Disarmament have precedence this day of the Business of Supply.—(The Prime Minister.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being Agreed to, That this House deprecates the lack of preparation by the Government and the military character of the British delegation which seriously contributed to the failure of the recent naval conference at Geneva, the slow progress made by the League of Nations preparatory commission for the disarmament conference, and the refusal of the Government to accept the principle of arbitration and promote a scheme of international security guaranteed by the League of Nations.

—(Mr. Ramsay MacDonald.)

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, in I. 1, by leaving out from the word "House" to the end of the Question, and adding the words "recognising that the efforts of His Majesty's Government have been constantly directed to the maintenance of peace, the reduction of armaments, and the advancement of the authority of the League of Nations, and remaining opposed to the assumption by this Country of the extended and dangerous obligations embodied in the Protocol of 1924, approves the policy pursued by His Majesty's Government"—(Mr. Duff Cooper)—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 Noes, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Hayes:

Tellers for the Ayes, Commander Eyres-Monsell, Colonel Gibbs:

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question was put, That those words be there added:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And it being after Eleven of the clock, Mr. Speaker proceeded to interrupt the business.

Whereupon Commander Eyres-Monsell 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 Negative.

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And the Question being accordingly put, That those words be there added; The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Sir Harry Barnston, Major Sir George Heneage; 288.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Parkinson, Mr. Hayes; 66.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the Main Question, so amended, being put;

Resolved, That this House, recognising that the efforts of His Majesty's Government have been constantly directed to the maintenance of peace, the reduction of armaments, and the advancement of the authority of the League of Nations, and remaining opposed to the assumption by this Country of the extended and dangerous obligations embodied in the Protocol of 1924, approves the policy pursued by His Majesty's Government.

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.

Unemployment Insurance Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Unemployment Insurance Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Public Works Loans (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Public Works Loans (No. 2) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Destructive Insects and Pests Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Destructive Insects and Pests Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Audit (Local Authorities) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Audit (Local Authorities) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Indian Church Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Indian Church Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Expiring Laws Continuance Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Expiring Laws Continuance 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 Colonial Probate, Administration and Administration of Estates (Protected States and Mandated Territories) Bill [Lords.]

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 5th 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-five minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 125.]

Friday, 25th November 1927.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Edinburgh Corporation Order Confirmation Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

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 Urban District Council of Neyland.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put:—It was resolved in the negative.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Edinburgh Corporation Order Confirmation Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

Ordered, That this House do now adjourn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Indian Church Bill [Lords.]

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

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Ordered, That this House do now adjourn.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put:—It was resolved in the negative.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Edinburgh Corporation Order Confirmation Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

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Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put:—It was resolved in the negative.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Edinburgh Corporation Order Confirmation Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

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 Urban District Council of Neyland.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
concurring in the submission to His Majesty of the names of persons—(Mr. Saklatvala),—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.

Then the Main Question being put;

Resolved, That this House concurs in the submission to His Majesty of the names of the following persons, namely, Sir John Simon, Viscount Burnham, Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal, Mr. Cadogan, Mr. Walsh, Colonel Lane-Fox, and Major Attlee to act as a Commission for the purposes of Section 84A of the Government of India Act.

**Indian Church Bill [Lords.]**

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Indian Church Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

**Destructive Insects and Pests Bill.**

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Destructive Insects and Pests Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

**Public Works Loans (No. 2) Bill.**

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Public Works Loans (No. 2) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

**Supply.**

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

**Ways and Means.**

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

**Unemployment Insurance Bill.**

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Unemployment Insurance 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 Four of the clock, till Monday next.

### Monday, 28th November 1927.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

**Prayers.**

**The Edinburgh Chartered Accountants Edinburgh Annuality, &c., Fund 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 Edinburgh 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.

A Public Petition was presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Major Elliot presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 24th November 1927, entitled the Maternity Homes Regulations Act, 1927.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel presented, by Roumanian His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Agreement, War Debt, dated 19th October 1925, for the settlement of the Roumanian War Debt to Great Britain.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Colonel Ashley presented, pursuant to the Electricity directions of several Acts of Parliament,—(Supply) Acts, Copy of Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of the Borough of New Windsor, in the County of Berks, and the Urban District of Eton, in the County of Buckingham, and for other purposes.

Copies of Provisional Regulations made under the London Traffic Act, 1924—

(1) dated 22nd November 1927, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) General Amendment (No. 7) Provisional Regulations, 1927;

(2) dated 22nd November 1927, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Amendment (Routes Nos. 33, 127, 202, 206, and 295) Provisional Regulations, 1927;

(3) dated 23rd November 1927, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) General Amendment (No. 8) Provisional Regulations, 1927;

(4) dated 23rd November 1927, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Amendment Route (No. 288) Provisional Regulations, 1927.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

New Member sworn.

Sir William Abraham Wayland, Member for the County of Kent (Canterbury Division), was sworn.

Business of the House.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, 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 House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the

Yea,

Mr. Charles Edwards:

No,

Mr. Whiteley:

222.

115.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Unemployment Insurance Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Unemployment Insurance Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 5 (Amendment as to statutory conditions for receipt of benefit).

Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 4, to leave out the words "of the," in order to insert the words "and fourth."—(Mr. Gubbins.)

Question proposed, That the words "of the" stand part of the Clause:—Debate arising;

Mr. Betterton rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Mr. Betterton rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question put accordingly, That the words "of the" stand part of the Clause.

Mr. Betterton rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 7, after the word "have," to insert the words "at any time."—(Mr. Stephen.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.

Mr. Betterton rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 7, after the word "each contribution representing a full week's employment or part thereof."—(Mr. Thomas Henderson.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.

Question put, That the Question be now put. Question put (pursuant to S.O. Closure of Debate.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the

Yea,

Major Sir George Hennessy:

No,

Mr. Frederick Hall:

251.

235.

84.

Question put accordingly, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the

Yea,

Major Sir George Hennessy:

No,

Mr. Frederick Hall:

179.

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Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Thomas Shaw),—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 Indian Church 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 taking into consideration the Destructive Insects and Pests 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 Committee on the Public Works Loans (No. 2) 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 Betting Overseas (Prohibition) 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 Police Districts (Scotland) 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 Amendment which, upon the 23rd day of March last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Re-organisation of Offices (Scotland) 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 Welsh Church (Burial Grounds) 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 Companies 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 Judicial Committee 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 Aliens Restriction 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 Medical and Dentists Acts Amendment 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 Sheriff Courts and Legal Officers (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 taking into consideration the Alien Registration (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Committee of the Whole House;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 20th day of November last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Law of Libel Amendment Bill [Lords], as amended, 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 Alien Registration (Scotland) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

And it being after half-past Eleven of the clock on Monday evening, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House, without Question put, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 8th day of this instant November, it being then twenty-eight minutes before Two of the clock on Tuesday morning, till this day.

[No. 127.]

Tuesday, 29th November 1927.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

SIR ARTHUR STEEL-MAITLAND presented, by His Majesty's Command, a Copy of Report of the Conference, by the British Government Delegates to the Minister of Labour on the Tenth Session of the League of Nations.
the International Labour Conference, 26th May to 16th June 1927.

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—

(1) the Newhaven Gas and Coke Company, Limited;

(2) the East Hull Gas Company.

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 part of the Rural District of Newbury, in the County of Berks, and part of the Rural District of Kingsclere, in the County of Southampton.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Lord Eustace Percy presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Order in Council, dated 3rd November 1927, entitled the Egypt (Amendment) Order in Council, 1927.

Copy of Order in Council, dated 3rd November 1927, entitled the Auxiliary Air Force Order, 1927.

Copies of Orders in Council, dated 3rd November 1927—

(1) entitled the Trinity House (Variation of Establishment), No. 2, Order, 1927; and

(2) relating to the navigation of Lake Windermere.

Copies of Three Orders in Council, dated 3rd November 1927, made under the Chartered Associations (Protection of Names and Uniforms) Act, 1926.

Copy of Order in Council, dated 3rd November 1927, entitled the Land Purchase (Northern Ireland) Amendment Order, 1927.

Copy of Order in Council, dated 3rd November 1927, entitled the Berne Copyright Convention (Estonia) Order, 1927.


Copy of Statute made by the Governing Body of the Queen’s College, Oxford, on 18th May 1927, and sealed on 13th June 1927, amending Statute XXV. of the College.

Lord Eustace Percy also presented, pursuant to the directions of the Bishopric of Blackburn Measure, 1923,—Copy of Order in Council, dated the 3rd November 1927, approving a scheme with respect to the Constitution of the Bishopric of Blackburn.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel 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 provisions of the Public Buildings Expenses Act, 1903, &c., to 31st March 1927, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir William Mitchell Thomson presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Accounts and Balance Sheets of the Post Office for the year ended 31st March 1927, including Accounts of the Postal, Telegraph, and Telephone Services and certain subsidiary Accounts; together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon; also certain Returns relating to capital borrowings for telegraph and telephone purposes.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee A (added in respect of the Marriages Committee A. (Prohibited Degrees of Relationship) Bill)—Mr. Walter Baker; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Ammon.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by the one of their Clerks, as follows:

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Statute Law for further promoting the revision of the Statute Law by repealing enactments which they have ceased to be in force or have become unnecessary; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Statute Law Act for further promoting the revision of the Statute Law by repealing enactments which they have ceased to be in force or have become unnecessary; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Lord Henry Cavendish-Bentinck, supported Employment of Young Persons by Mr. Ammon, Mr. Briant, Mr. Harris, Sir Robert Neven, Sir Wilfrid Sugden, and Mr. Snell, presented a Bill to make better provision for regulating the employment of young persons in particular occupations; 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 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 House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Colonel Gibbs, Yeas, [Sir Harry Barnston : ] 233.


So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Unemployment Insurance Bill.

Clause No. 5 (Amendment as to statutory conditions for receipt of benefit).

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 10, at the end, to insert the words,—

“Provided that where an insured contributor proves in the prescribed manner that he is normally engaged in an occupation which in the preceding twelve months next preceding his application for benefit has had an unemployment percentage exceeding fifteen per cent. of the insured persons engaged in such occupation, the said period of two years shall have effect as if there were substituted for it a period of two years increased by the length of time during which the said percentage rate of unemployment exceeded fifteen per cent.”—(Mr. Robert Hudson.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Debate arising;

Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland 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 Margesson, Yeas, Captain Bouyer : 266,
Mr. Barnes : 138.

to move, That the Question be now put.

Question put accordingly, That those words be there inserted;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Mr. Charles Edwards, Yeas, Mr. Barnes : 141.
Noes, Captain Bouyer : 266.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 10, at the end, to insert the words,—

“(b) after the words ‘suitable employment,’ in paragraph (iii) of subsection (i), insert the words ‘in his usual occupation.’”—(Mr. Ernest Brown.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 11, to leave out paragraph (b)—(Mr. Thomas Shaw.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Debate arising;

Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland 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 Curzon, Yeas, Viscount Curzon, Mr. Penny : 242.
Mr. Charles Edwards, Noes, Mr. Whiteley : 115.

Question put accordingly, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Captain Curzon, Yeas, Viscount Curzon, Mr. Penny : 239.
Mr. Charles Edwards, Noes, Mr. Whiteley : 118.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 20, at the end, to insert the words “and the words from the words ‘and the remuneration received,’ to the end of the paragraph, shall cease to have effect.”—(Mr. Oliver.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Debate arising;

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Mr. Betterton 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 Bouyer, Yeas, Mr. Penny : 171.
Mr. Charles Edwards, Noes, Mr. Charles Edwards : 83.

Question put accordingly, That those words be there inserted.
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [ Mr. Barnes, } 83.
Yea, [ Mr. Whiteley ;
Tellers for the [ Captain Bowyer, } 171.
Noes, [ Mr. Penny ;

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 23, to leave out paragraph (i).—(Mr. Stephen.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Debate arising:

Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland 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, } 155.
Yea, [ Captain Margesson ;
Tellers for the [ Mr. Hayes, } 78.
Noes, [ Mr. Whiteley ;

Question put accordingly, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [ Major Cope, } 155.
Yea, [ Mr. Penny ;
Tellers for the [ Mr. Hayes, } 79.
Noes, [ Mr. Whiteley ;

Motion made, and Question put, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again.—(Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [ Major Cope, } 150.
Yea, [ Mr. Frederick Thomsen ;
Tellers for the [ Mr. Barnes, } 78.
Noes, [ Mr. Benjamin Smith ;

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 into consideration the Destructive Insects and Pests 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 Committee on the Public Works Loans (No. 2) Bill:

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Sheriff Courts and Legal Officers (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 taking into consideration the Audit (Local Authorities) 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 Expiring Laws Continuance Bill:

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Rubber Industry Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee of Ways and Means:

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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 Order of the House of the 5th day of this instant November, it being then twenty minutes after Two of the clock on Wednesday morning, till this day.

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Wednesday, 30th November 1927.

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 Perth County Buildings Order Confirmation Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Dundee Corporation Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and ordered to be taken into consideration upon Tuesday next.

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, to the Board of Trade under the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Wokingham.

Copy of Forty-fourth General Annual Report Bankruptcy, by the Board of Trade on Bankruptcy for 1926.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.
Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Lerwick Harbour Order Confirmation Bill, without any Amendment.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee A:—Brigadier-General Cliftone Brown and Major Carver; and had appointed in substitution: Brigadier-General Brooke and Colonel Woodcock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 10) 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, 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.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, 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 House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Colonel Gibbs; Yeas, Sir Harry Barnston: 226.

Tellers for the Mr. Charles Edwards; Noes, Mr. Whitley: 130.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Unemployment Insurance Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 5. (Amendment as to statutory conditions for receipt of benefit).

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 28, to leave out paragraph (1).—(Mr. Greenwood.)

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out to the word "employment" in l. 31 stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 31, after the word "reasonable," to insert the words "but not in any case less than fifteen months".—(Mr. Greenwood.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. Parkinson, Yeas, Mr. Charles Edwards: 135.

Tellers for the Captain Bowyer, Noes, Mr. Pennay: 227.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 41, at the end, to insert the words—

"Provided that an insured contributor who has accepted work in other than his usual occupation shall, when again unemployed, be registered for employment in his usual occupation."—(Mr. Naylor.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Debate arising:

Mr. Betterton rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put; but the Chairman withheld his assent, and declined to put that Question:—Debate resumed.

Mr. Betterton 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 Sir George Henry, Yeas, Major the Marquess of Titchfield: 260.

Tellers for the Mr. Parkinson, Noes, Mr. Whitley: 141.

Question put accordingly, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. Parkinson, Yeas, Mr. Whitley: 147.

Tellers for the Major Sir George Henry, Noes, Captain Bowyer: 254.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 16, after the word "condition," to insert the words "unable to obtain employment or:—"—(Mr. Viant.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. Whitley, Yeas, Mr. Benjamin Smith: 140.

Tellers for the Mr. Frederick Thomas Noes, Captain Mergusson: 251.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 20, to leave out from the word "incapacity" to the end of the subsection.—(Mr. Short.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment made.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 21, at the end, to insert the words,—

"(5) If an insured contributor proves in the prescribed manner that he was during any periods, falling within the period of two years mentioned in the first statutory condition, residing abroad or in temporary employment abroad, the said condition shall have effect as if for the said period of two years there was substituted a period of two years increased by the times of residing abroad, but so as not to exceed in any case three years."—(Mr. Stephen.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Debate arising;

Mr. Betterton 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, as he thought that the Committee was prepared to come to a decision without that Motion.

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the 
Yea.s, Mr. Charles Edwards; Mr. Whiteley; 
Noes, Captain Viscount Curzon; Mr. Penny; 

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Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 28, to leave out from the word "fifteen" to the word "be," in line 31.—(Mr. Tinker.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "fifteen" in l. 29, stand part of the Clause.—Debate arising;

Mr. Betterton 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 
Yea.s, Captain Margesson, Major the Marquess of Titchfield; 
Noes, Mr. Hayes; Mr. Whiteley; 

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Question put accordingly, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "fifteen" in l. 29, stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the 
Yea.s, Mr. Frederick Thomson, Major the Marquess of Titchfield; 
Noes, Mr. Hayes; Mr. Penny; 

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134.

Another Amendment made.

Question proposed, That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill.

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Question put.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the 
Yea.s, Captain Bowyer; Mr. Penny; 
Noes, Mr. Parkinson; Mr. Charles Edwards; 

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Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again.—(Commander Eyres-Monsell),—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 into consideration the Destructive Insects and Pests 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 Public Works Loans (No. 2) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Sheriff Courts and Legal Officers (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 Committee on the Expiring Laws Continuance Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Rubber Industry Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

And it being after half-past Eleven of the clock on Wednesday evening, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House, without Question put, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 8th day of November last, it being then sixteen minutes after Twelve of the clock on Thursday morning, till this day.
Thursday, 1st December 1927.

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 Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 10) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Ministry of Health Provisional Order Confirmation (Sutton Coldfield Extension) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir Laming Worthington-Evans presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Estimate of the further Amount which will be required during the year ending 31st March 1928 to meet Expenditure not provided for in the Army Estimates of the year.

Ordered, That the said Estimate be referred to the Committee of Supply; and be printed.

Colonel Ashley presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Provisional Regulations, dated 29th November 1927, made under the London Traffic Act, 1924, and entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) General Amendment (No. 9) Provisional Regulations, 1927.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Samuel Roberts reported from Standing Committee A to whom the Marriage (Prohibited Degrees of Relationship) Bill was referred; That they had gone through the Bill, and had directed him to report the same, without Amendment, to the House.

No. 123. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

No. 123. Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Standing Committee be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Criminal Appeal (Scotland) Bill, without any Amendment.

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(2) Report Stage.

One allotted day shall be given to the Report stage of the Bill, and the proceedings thereon, if not previously brought to a conclusion, shall be brought to a conclusion at 10.30 p.m. on that day.

(3) Third Reading.

One allotted day shall be given to the Third Reading, and the proceedings thereon shall, if not previously brought to a conclusion, be brought to a conclusion at 10.30 p.m. on that day.

On the conclusion of the Committee stage of the Bill the Chairman shall report the Bill to the House without Question put.

After this Order comes into operation, any day after the day on which this Order is passed shall be considered an allotted day for the purposes of this Order on which the Bill is put down as the first Order on the Day and then proceeded with, and the Bill may be put down as the first Order of the Day on any Thursday notwithstanding anything in any Standing Orders of the House relating to the Business of Supply:

Provided that, where an allotted day is a Friday, this Order shall have effect as if for references to 7.30 p.m. and 10.30 p.m. there were respectively substituted references to 1 p.m. and 3.30 p.m.

For the purpose of bringing to a conclusion any proceedings which are to be brought to a conclusion on an allotted day and which have not previously been brought to a conclusion, the Chairman or Mr. Speaker shall, at the time appointed under this Order for the conclusion of those proceedings, put forthwith the Question on any Amendment or Motion already proposed from the Chair, and shall next proceed to put forthwith the Question on any Amendments, new Clauses, or Schedules moved by the Government of which notice has been given, but no other Amendments, new Clauses, or Schedules; and on any Question necessary to dispose of the business to be concluded, and, in the case of Government Amendments or of Government new Clauses or Schedules, he shall put only the Question that the Amendment be made or that the Clauses or Schedules be added to the Bill, as the case may be.

Any Private Business which is set down for consideration at 8.15 p.m. and any Motion for Adjournment under Standing Order No. 10 on an allotted day shall, on that day, instead of being taken as provided by the Standing Orders, be taken after the conclusion of the proceedings on the Bill or under this Order for that day, and any Private Business or Motion for Adjournment so taken may be proceeded with, though opposed, notwithstanding any Standing Orders relating to the Sittings of the House.

On a day on which any proceedings are to be brought to a conclusion under this Order proceedings for that purpose shall not be interrupted under the provisions of any Standing Order relating to the Sittings of the House.

On a day on which any proceedings are to be brought to a conclusion under this Order, no dilatory Motion with respect to those proceedings, nor Motion that the Chairman do report Progress or do leave the Chair, nor Motion to postpone a Clause, nor Motion to re-commit the Bill, shall be received unless moved by the Government, and the Question on such Motion, if moved by the Government, shall be put forthwith without any Debate.

Nothing in this Order shall—

(a) prevent any proceedings which under this Order are to be concluded on any particular day being concluded on any other day, or necessitate any particular day or part of a particular day being given to any such proceedings if those proceedings have been otherwise disposed of; or

(b) prevent any other business being proceeded with on any particular day, or part of a particular day, in accordance with the Standing Orders of the House, after any proceedings to be concluded under this Order on that particular day, or part of a particular day, have been disposed of.—(The Prime Minister.)

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, in l. 1, by leaving out from the word "That " to the end of the Question, and adding the words " this House declines to assent to any limitation of debate, other than that provided by Standing Orders, in respect of a Bill which will admittedly deprive many thousands of unemployed persons of unemployment insurance benefit, in many other cases will reduce the amount of benefit now payable, and unless its complexities are carefully considered may inflict further hardships without the knowledge and consent of this House"—(Mr. Thomas Shaw),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out, to " 7.30 " in l. 15, stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right:

Tellers for the Yeas,
Sir Harry Barnston : f
Mr. Parkinson :
Mr. Benjamin Smith :
Mr. Hayday :
Mr. Hennessy :
Mr. George Hennessy :
Mr. Charles Edwards :
Mr. Thomas Hender-
son :
And the Question was amended, in 1. 15, by leaving out " 7.30 " and inserting " 10.30 "—(Mr. Hayday),—instead thereof.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, in l. 17, by leaving out the words "One allotted day," and inserting the words "Three allotted days".—(Miss Bond-
field),—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 Yeas,
Major Sir George Hennessy :
Major the Marquess of Titchfield :
Mr. Charles Edwards :
Mr. Thomas Hender-
son :
And the Question was 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 Yeas,
Major Sir George Hennessy :
Major the Marquess of Titchfield :
Mr. Charles Edwards :
Mr. Thomas Hender-
son :
And the Question was 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 Yeas,
Major Sir George Hennessy :
Major the Marquess of Titchfield :
Mr. Charles Edwards :
Mr. Thomas Hender-
son :
And the Question was 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 Yeas,
Major Sir George Hennessy :
Major the Marquess of Titchfield :
Mr. Charles Edwards :
Mr. Thomas Hender-
son :
And the Question was 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 Yeas,
Major Sir George Hennessy :
Major the Marquess of Titchfield :
Mr. Charles Edwards :
Mr. Thomas Hender-
son :
And the Question was put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question;
Then the Main Question, so amended, being put:

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Major Sir George Horseshower, 236; Major the Marquess of Titchfield:

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Charles Edwards, 110; Mr. Thomas Henderson:

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the remainder of the Committee stage, the Report stage, and the Third Reading of the Unemployment Insurance Bill shall be proceeded with as follows:

(1) Committee Stage.

The Committee stage shall be proceeded with on three allotted days, and the proceedings thereon shall be brought to a conclusion as follows:

(a) The proceedings on the remainder of the Clauses of the Bill shall, if not previously brought to a conclusion, be brought to a conclusion at 10.30 p.m. on the first allotted day; and

(b) The proceedings on new Clauses shall, if not previously brought to a conclusion, be brought to a conclusion at 10.30 p.m. on the second allotted day; and

(c) The proceedings on the Schedules of the Bill, new Schedules, and any other business necessary to bring the Committee stage to a conclusion, shall, if not previously brought to a conclusion, be brought to a conclusion at 10.30 p.m. on the third allotted day.

(2) Report Stage.

One allotted day shall be given to the Report stage of the Bill, and the proceedings thereon, if not previously brought to a conclusion, shall be brought to a conclusion at 10.30 p.m. on that day.

(3) Third Reading.

One allotted day shall be given to the Third Reading, and the proceedings thereon shall, if not previously brought to a conclusion, be brought to a conclusion at 10.30 p.m. on that day.

On the conclusion of the Committee stage of the Bill the Chairman shall report the Bill to the House without Question put.

After this Order comes into operation, any day after the day on which this Order is passed shall be considered an allotted day for the purposes of this Order on which the Bill is put down as the first Order of the Day, and then proceeded with, and the Bill may be put down as the first Order of the Day on any Thursday notwithstanding anything in any Standing Orders of the House relating to the Business of Supply:

Provided that, where an allotted day is a Friday, this Order shall have effect as if for references to 7.30 p.m. and 10.30 p.m. there were respectively substituted references to 1 p.m. and 3.30 p.m.

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For the purpose of bringing to a conclusion any proceedings which are to be brought to a conclusion on an allotted day and which have not previously been brought to a conclusion, the Chairman or Mr. Speaker shall, at the time appointed under this Order for the conclusion of those proceedings, put forthwith the Question on any Amendment, or Motion already proposed from the Chair, and shall next proceed to put forthwith the Question on any Amendments, new Clauses, or Schedules moved by the Government of which notice has been given, but no other Amendments, new Clauses, or Schedules; and on any Question necessary to dispose of the business to be concluded, and, in the case of Government Amendments, or of Government new Clauses or Schedules, he shall put only the Question that the Amendment be made or that the Clauses or Schedules be added to the Bill, as the case may be.

Any Private Business which is set down for consideration at 8.15 p.m. and any Motion for Adjournment under Standing Order No. 10 on an allotted day shall, on that day, instead of being taken as provided by the Standing Orders, be taken after the conclusion of the proceedings on the Bill or under this Order for that day, and any Private Business or Motion for Adjournment so taken may be proceeded with, though opposed, notwithstanding any Standing Orders relating to the Sittings of the House.

On a day on which any proceedings are to be brought to a conclusion under this Order, no dilatory Motion with respect to those proceedings, nor Motion that the Chairman do report Progress or do leave the Chair, nor Motion to postpone a Clause, nor Motion to re-commit the Bill, shall be received unless moved by the Government, and the Question, on such Motion, if moved by the Government, shall be put forthwith without any Debate.

Nothing in this Order shall—

(a) prevent any proceedings which under this Order are to be concluded on any particular day being concluded on any other day, or necessitate any particular day, or part of a particular day being given to any such proceedings if those proceedings have been otherwise disposed of; or

(b) prevent any other business being proceeded with on any particular day, or part of a particular day, in accordance with the Standing Orders of the House, after any proceedings to be concluded under this Order on that particular day, of part of a particular day, have been disposed of.

The Order of the day being read, for the Unemployment Committee on the Unemployment Insurance 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 of Supply;
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Destructive Insects and Pests Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Expiring Laws Continuance 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 Rubber Industry 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 Public Works Loans (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

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 Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Sutton Coldfield Extension) 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 Renfrewshire County Council (Giffnock Railway Bridges) Order Confirmation (Sutton Coldfield Extension) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read the second time; and ordered to be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

A Motion being made, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee, to consider of authorising the imposition of a certain Stamp Duty in lieu of the Stamp Duties which would have been payable upon the deeds or instruments which, in case the Order had not been confirmed, would have been required to pass to and vest in the County Council of Perth certain lands, buildings, and other heritable property.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of this Motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Earl Winterton presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Amendment of the Coorg Devolution Rules (Constitutional Reforms.) made by the Governor-General of India in Council, with the sanction of the Secretary of State in Council, under Sections 45A and 129A of the Government of India Act.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.
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 Mersey Docks and Harbour Board for the year ended 1st July 1927.

Copy of Statement of the Funds of the Museum of the late Sir John Soane on 5th January 1929.

Copy of Statement of the Funds of the Museum of the late Sir John Soane on 5th January 1927.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Unemployment Insurance Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 6 (Amendment as to disqualification for receipt of benefit).

Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 40, to leave out from the word "whom" to the end of the Clause.—(Mr. Robert Young.)

Question put, That the words "and as if" stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the "Yeas, [Mr. Penny, Major the Marquess of Titchfield]; [Mr. Barnes: 174.

Tellers for the "Noes, [Mr. Charles Edwards, Mr. Barnes: 86.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 40, to leave out the word "all," in order to insert the words "there were substituted for."—(Mr. Hayday.)

Question put, That the word "all" stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the "Yeas, [Sir Harry Barnston, Mr. Frederick Thomson]; [Mr. Penny: 184.

Tellers for the "Noes, [Mr. Parkinson, Mr. Barnes: 91.

Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the "Yeas, [Mr. Frederick Thomson, Mr. Penny: 189.

Tellers for the "Noes, [Mr. Parkinson, Mr. Benjamin Smith]; [Mr. Barnes: 93.

Clause No. 7 (Repayment of sums improperly received by way of benefit).

Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 2, after the word "the," to insert the word "fraudulent."—(Miss Wilkinson.)

Question put, That the word "fraudulent" be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the "Yeas, [Mr. Parkinson, Mr. Charles Edwards]: 96.

Tellers for the "Noes, [Mr. Frederick Thomson, Mr. Penny: 192.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 8 (Amendment of s. 17 of principal Act).

Amendments made.

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Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 6, to leave out from the word "year" to the end of subsection (1).—(Mr. Greenwood.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the "Yeas, [Mr. Frederick Thomson, Sir Harry Barnston]; [Mr. Barnes: 197.

Tellers for the "Noes, [Mr. Parkinson, Mr. Benjamin Smith]; [Mr. Penny: 95.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 9 (Abolition of power to make special schemes).

Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 41, at the end, to add the words,—

"Provided also that if it appears to the Minister that the conditions of casual or partial employment in any industry are such that the provisions of the Unemployment Insurance Acts with respect to continuous periods of unemployment and the qualifications for receipt of and the rates of unemployment benefit ought to be varied as regards insured contributors in that industry, he shall have power, after consultation with persons representing the employers and employees in the industry, to approve or make a special scheme making such provisions with respect to continuous periods of unemployment and the qualifications for the receipt of and the rates of unemployment benefit as he may think fit, but such special scheme shall not affect the payment into the Unemployment Fund of the statutory contributions, and the aggregate amount of unemployment benefits payable in any benefit year to insured contributors in the industry shall not exceed the aggregate amount of unemployment benefits which would have been payable to such insured contributors if no such special scheme had been made.

Such special schemes may contain provisions for an arrangement being made between the Minister and a joint committee representing the employers and employees in the industry for the administration of the special scheme, and all the provisions of such a special scheme shall have effect as if enacted in this Act and shall continue in force until determined in accordance with the provisions thereof."—(Mr. Benjamin Smith.)

Question put, That those words be there added.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the "Yeas, [Mr. Charles Edwards, Mr. Benjamin Smith]: 102.

Tellers for the "Noes, [Mr. Captain Margesson, Mr. Penny]: 214.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses No. 10 and No. 11 agreed to.

Clause No. 12 (Transitional Provisions).

Amendment proposed, in p. 8, l. 25, to leave out from the word "benefit" to the word "be," in l. 29, in order to insert the words "shall continue to."—(Mr. Hayday.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause;

And it being half-past Three of the clock, Chairman put the Question for the Order of the House of 1st December, to put forthwith the Question already proposed from (pursuant to Order.)
Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

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 o’clock, till Monday next.

[No. 131.]

Monday, 5th December 1927.

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 Renfrewshire County Council (Giffnock Railway Bridges) Order Confirmation Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Perth County Buildings Order Confirmation Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Perth County Buildings Order Confirmation Bill [Stamp Duties].

(in the Committee.)

Resolved, That in lieu of the Stamp Duties which would have been payable upon the deeds or instruments which, in case the Perth County Buildings Order had not been confirmed, would have been required to pass to and vest in the County Council of Perth certain lands, buildings, and other heritable property, there be charged a Stamp Duty of £5, and such duty shall be impressed upon a copy of the Act confirming the Order to be produced to the Commissioners of Inland Revenue under the fourth section thereof.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

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.

Mr. Secretary Amery presented, pursuant to a Resolution of the House, introducing a copy of Minute by the Secretary of State for the Colonies, approved by the Treasury, setting forth the reasons for the grant to Major Sir Harry Edward Spiller Cordeaux, K.C.M.G., C.B., of a pension at the rate of £420 1s. 8d. per annum.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
Mr. Guinness presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order, dated 24th November 1927, entitled the Destructive Insects and Pests (Amendment) Order, 1927.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir Austen Chamberlain presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report, on the Finances, Administration, and Conditions of the Sudan in 1926.

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 Oldbury;
(2) Bath Gaslight and Coke Company;
(3) Broadstairs Gas Company;
(4) Barnstaple Gas Company;
(5) Northampton Gaslight Company.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Major Elliot presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Public Health (Preservatives, &c., in Food) Amendment Regulations (Scotland), 1927, dated 1st July 1927.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The House according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Unemployment Insurance Bill.

A Clause (Power to make grants out of unemployment fund towards cost of approved courses of instruction)—(Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Abolition of waiting period)—(Mr. Short)—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
Yea, (Mr. Whiteley, Mr. Harjes)
Noes, Mr. Penny

Tellers for the
Yea, 122.
Noes, 221.

Question proposed, That the words "ten weeks" be there inserted.

Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, to leave out the word "ten," in order to insert the word "twelve."—(Mr. Hayday.)

Question put, That the word "ten" stand part of the proposed Amendment.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the
Yea, (Captain Margesson, Major the Marquess of Titchfield)
Noes, (Mr. Harmsworth)

Proposed words there inserted.

Clause, as amended, added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Amendment to equalise contributions of employers and of insured persons)—(Mr. Harmsworth)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put, and negatived.

Another Clause (Abolition of employers' contributions in respect of exempt persons)—(Mr. Greenwool)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put, and negatived.

Another Clause (Persons in certain excepted employments to be credited with thirty contributions on becoming insured contributors)—(Mr. Sheffield)—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
Yea, (Mr. Charles Edwards, Mr. Barnes)
Noes, (Mr. Penny)

Proposed words there inserted.

Clause, as amended, added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Abolition of waiting period)—(Mr. Short)—brought up, and read the first time.

Another Clause (Exclusion of certain sub-postmasters)—(Mr. Walter Baker)—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
Yea, (Mr. Charles Edwards, Mr. Parkinson)
Noes, (Mr. Penny)

Proposed words there inserted.

Clause, as amended, added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Abolition of waiting period)—(Mr. Short)—brought up, and read the first time.

Another Clause (Exclusion of certain sub-postmasters)—(Mr. Walter Baker)—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
Yea, (Mr. Charles Edwards, Mr. Parkinson)
Noes, (Mr. Penny)

Proposed words there inserted.

Clause, as amended, added to the Bill.

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Motion made, and Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the
Yea, (Mr. Charles Edwards, Mr. Parkinson)
Noes, (Mr. Penny)

Proposed words there inserted.

Clause, as amended, added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Abolition of waiting period)—(Mr. Short)—brought up, and read the first time.

Another Clause (Exclusion of certain sub-postmasters)—(Mr. Walter Baker)—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
Yea, (Mr. Charles Edwards, Mr. Parkinson)
Noes, (Mr. Penny)

Proposed words there inserted.

Clause, as amended, added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Abolition of waiting period)—(Mr. Short)—brought up, and read the first time.

Another Clause (Exclusion of certain sub-postmasters)—(Mr. Walter Baker)—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
Yea, (Mr. George, Mr. Harmsworth)
Noes, (Mr. Penny)

Proposed words there inserted.

Clause, as amended, added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Abolition of waiting period)—(Mr. Short)—brought up, and read the first time.
Resolving, 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 Indian Church Bill [ Lords ];
Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Betting Overseas (Prohibition) 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 Police Districts (Scotland) 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 Amendment which, upon the 23rd day of March last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Re-organisation of Offices (Scotland) 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 Welsh Church (Burial Grounds) 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 Companies 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 Judicial Committee 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 Aliens Restriction 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 Medical and Dentists Acts Amendment 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 Colonial Probates (Protected States and Mandated Territories) 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 Audit (Local Authorities) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Resolved, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Destructive Insects and Pests 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 Sheriff Courts and Legal Officers (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 the Second Reading of the Rubber Industry Bill ;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee of Ways and Means ;
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Expiring Laws Continuance Bill ;
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 (No. 2) Bill ;
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Wages and Means of India Act. 
Resolved, That this House concurs in the Government submission to His Majesty the name of Mr. Hartshorn for appointment to the Indian Statutory Commission in place of Mr. Walsh, whose resignation on grounds of ill-health has been tendered to and accepted by His Majesty.
—(Earl Winterton.)

A Motion was made, and the Question Merchandise Marks being put, That a humble Address be presented to His Majesty praying that the draft Order in Council presented on the 8th day of November 1927, made by the President of the Board of Trade, and entitled the Merchandise Marks (Sale of Imported Goods) (No. 1) Order, 1927, be annulled—(Mr. Albert Alexander);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, 
Mr. Barnes, 
Mr. William Hirst : 67.

Tellers for the Noes, 
Captain Viscount Curzon, 
Captain Margesson : 199.

So it was passed in the Negative.
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And it being after half-past Eleven of the clock, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, without Question put, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 6th day of November last, it being then ten minutes before Twelve of the clock, till to-morrow.

[No. 132.]

Tuesday, 6th December 1927.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Renfrewshire County Council (Giffnock Railway Bridges) 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 Dundee Corporation 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.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Perth County Buildings Order Confirmation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Sir Burton Chadwick reported from the Committee on Perth County Buildings Order Confirmation [Stamp Duties], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That in lieu of the Stamp Duties which would have been payable upon the deeds or instruments which, in case the Perth County Buildings Order had not been confirmed, would have been required to pass to and vest in the County Council of Perth certain lands, buildings, and other heritable property, there be charged a Stamp Duty of £5, and such duty shall be imposed upon a copy of the Act confirming the Order to be produced to the Commissioners of Inland Revenue under the fourth section thereof.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Secretary Sir John Gilnour presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, relating to Heriot-Watt College and George Heriot's Trust: And the same was ordered (under Section 7 of the Act) to be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Secretary Sir William Joynson-Hicks presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Royal Commission on Land Drainage in England and Wales; 

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) part of the Rural District of Knaresborough, in the West Riding of the County of York;

(2) the City of Ripon, and part of the Rural District of Ripon, in the West Riding of the County of York, and part of the Rural District of Wath, in the North Riding of the County of York.

Ordered, That the said Paper 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 Solicitors Bill).

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Selection Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee A:—Mr. Mitchell Banks, Sir Evelyn Cecil, and Major-General Sir Newton Moore; and had appointed in substitution: Major George Davie, Sir Robert C. W. New, and Mr. Radford.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from Standing Committee A; That they had added the following Ten Members to Standing Committee A (in respect of the Solicitors Bill):—Mr. Bowes-Lyon, Colonel Clifton Brown, Sir William Bull, Mr. Dennis Herbert, Major Alan McLean, Sir Herbert Nield, Mr. Oliver, Sir Henry Slesser, Mr. Solicitor General, and Mr. Withers.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

Sir Thomas Robinson reported from the Local Legislation Committee (Section A); That in the case of the Wallacey 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.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Unemployment Insurance Bill.

(First Schedule.)

Amendment proposed, in p. 12, l. 6, to leave out " 6d.", in order to insert " 3d."

(Mr. Buchanan.)

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Question put, That "6d." stand part of the Schedule.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Major Cope,]

Yea, [Captain Bowyer : ] 196.

Tellers for the [Mr. Charles Edwards,]


Another Amendment proposed, in p. 12, l. 7, to leave out "5d.," in order to insert "1½d."—(Mr. Stephen.)

Question put, That "5d." stand part of the Schedule.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Major Cope,]

Yea, [Captain Bowyer : ] 196.

Tellers for the [Mr. Charles Edwards,]


Another Amendment proposed, in p. 12, l. 7, to leave out "5d.," in order to insert "1½d."—(Mr. Stephen.)

Question put, That "5d." stand part of the Schedule.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir Harry Barnston,]

Yea, [Mr. Frederick Thomson : ] 247.

Tellers for the [Mr. Benjamin Smith,]

Noes, [Mr. Whiteley : ] 145.

Another Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, in l. 4, to leave out "14s. 0d.," in order to insert "16s. 0d."—(Mr. Thomas Williams.)

Question put, That "14s. 0d." stand part of the proposed Amendment.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir Harry Barnston,]

Yea, [Mr. Frederick Thomson : ] 247.

Tellers for the [Mr. Benjamin Smith,]

Noes, [Mr. Whiteley : ] 145.

Another Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, in l. 4, to leave out "14s. 0d.," in order to insert "16s. 0d."—(Mr. Greenwood.)

Question put, That "16s. 0d." stand part of the proposed Amendment.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir Harry Barnston,]

Yea, [Mr. Frederick Thomson : ] 254.

Tellers for the [Mr. Benjamin Smith,]


Another Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, in l. 5, to leave out "12s. 0d.," in order to insert "14s. 0d."—(Mr. Stephen.)

Question put, That "12s. 0d." stand part of the proposed Amendment.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Major Cope,]

Yea, [Captain Mergesson : ] 251.

Tellers for the [Mr. Parkinson,]

Noes, [Mr. Whiteley : ] 140.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 13, l. 6, to leave out "17s. 0d.," in order to insert "20s. 0d."—(Mr. Viant.)

Question put, That "17s. 0d." stand part of the Schedule.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Captain Mergesson,]

Yea, [Captain Bowyer : ] 251.

Tellers for the [Mr. Parkinson,]

Noes, [Mr. Whiteley : ] 140.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 13, l. 6, to leave out "17s. 0d.," in order to insert "18s. 0d."—(Miss Lawrence.)

Question put, That "18s. 0d." stand part of the Schedule.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Captain Mergesson,]

Yea, [Captain Bowyer : ] 255.

Tellers for the [Mr. Parkinson,]

Noes, [Mr. Whiteley : ] 141.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 13, l. 7, to leave out "15s. 0d.," in order to insert "18s. 0d."—(Miss Lawrence.)

Question put, That "15s. 0d." stand part of the Schedule.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Major Sir George Hennessy,]

Yea, [Captain Bowyer : ] 255.

Tellers for the [Mr. Benjamin Smith,]


Proposed words there inserted.

Another Amendment made.

Question put, That this Schedule, as amended, be the Third Schedule to the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Major Sir George Hennessy,]

Yea, [Captain Bowyer : ] 255.

Tellers for the [Mr. Benjamin Smith,]


Proposed words there inserted.

Another Amendment made.

Question put, That this Schedule, as amended, be the Third Schedule to the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Major Sir George Hennessy,]

Yea, [Captain Bowyer : ] 255.

Tellers for the [Mr. Benjamin Smith,]


Proposed words there inserted.

Another Amendment made.

Question put, That this Schedule, as amended, be the Third Schedule to the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Major Sir George Hennessy,]

Yea, [Captain Bowyer : ] 255.

Tellers for the [Mr. Benjamin Smith,]


Proposed words there inserted.

Another Amendment made.

Question put, That this Schedule, as amended, be the Third Schedule to the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Major Sir George Hennessy,]

Yea, [Captain Bowyer : ] 255.

Tellers for the [Mr. Benjamin Smith,]


Proposed words there inserted.

Another Amendment made.

Question put, That this Schedule, as amended, be the Third Schedule to the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Major Sir George Hennessy,]

Yea, [Captain Bowyer : ] 255.

Tellers for the [Mr. Benjamin Smith,]


Proposed words there inserted.

Another Amendment made.

Question put, That this Schedule, as amended, be the Third Schedule to the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Major Sir George Hennessy,]

Yea, [Captain Bowyer : ] 255.

Tellers for the [Mr. Benjamin Smith,]


Proposed words there inserted.

Another Amendment made.

Question put, That this Schedule, as amended, be the Third Schedule to the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Major Sir George Hennessy,]

Yea, [Captain Bowyer : ] 255.

Tellers for the [Mr. Benjamin Smith,]


Proposed words there inserted.

Another Amendment made.

Question put, That this Schedule, as amended, be the Third Schedule to the Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time, to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Destructive Insects and Pests 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 Sheriff Courts and Legal Officers (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Public Works Loans (No. 2) Bill;

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 and No. 2 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for the Continuance Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Rubber Industry 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;

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. (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1926, and confirmed by the Supply Act, 1919, in respect of part of the Urban District of Fleet and parts of the Rural Districts of Basingstoke and Hartley Wintney, in the County of Southampton, and parts of the Rural Districts of Guildford and Hambledon, in the County of Surrey, and for other purposes, which was presented on the 28th day of July 1927, be approved.—(Colonel Ashley.)
The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Perth County Buildings Order Confirmation Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now taken into consideration;

The Question was amended, by leaving out the words "now taken into consideration," and adding the words 'committed to a Committee of the whole House'"—(The Chairman of Ways and Means)—instead thereof, and, so amended, was agreed to.

The Bill was committed to a Committee of the whole House for to-morrow, at a quarter of an hour after Eight of the clock.

A Motion being made, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee, to consider of authorising the imposition of a certain Stamp Duty in lieu of the Stamp Duties which would have been payable upon the deeds or instruments which, in case the Heriot-Watt College and George Heriot's Trust Order had not been confirmed, would have been required to pass to and vest in the George Heriot Governers and the Heriot-Watt Governors certain property.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Secretary Sir John Gilmour, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of this Motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Colonel Ashley presented, pursuant to the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1926, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of the Rural District of Gloucester, which was presented on the 28th day of July 1927, be approved.—(Colonel Ashley.)

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 8th 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, till to-morrow.

[No. 133.]

Wednesday, 7th December 1927.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Guinness presented, pursuant to the Directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Animals Acts Order, dated 30th November 1927, regarding the landing and defining the quarantine station of 12 Sable Antelope from South Africa.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords had been brought from the Lords, one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Edinburgh Corporation Order Confirmation Bill, without any Amendment.
18 Geo. V. 7th December.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Unemployment Insurance Bill, as amended in the Committee:

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Indian Church Second Reading of the Indian Church Bill [Lords]:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Destructive Insects and Pests 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 Sheriff Courts into consideration the Sheriff Courts and Legal Officers (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 the Expiring Laws Continuance Bill:

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Rubber Second Reading of the Rubber Industry Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee of Ways and Means:

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means:

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 8th 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-nine minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

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[No. 134.]

Thursday, 8th December 1927.

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 Grampian Electricity Supply Order Confirmation Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Royal Edinburgh Hospital for Mental and Nervous Disorders Order Confirmation Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Heriot-Watt College and George Heriot's Trust Order Confirmation [Stamp Duties].

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That in lieu of the Stamp Duties which would have been payable upon the deeds or instruments which, in case the Heriot-Watt College and George Heriot's Trust Order had not been confirmed, would have been required to pass to and vest in the Governors of the George Heriot's Trust or the Governors of the Heriot-Watt College, as the case may be, certain property, interests, and rights, there be charged a Stamp Duty of 5s., and such duty shall be impressed upon a copy of the Act confirming the Order to be produced to the Commissioners of Inland Revenue under the seventy-second section thereof. (The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

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.

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Copy of Thirty-Fifth General Annual Report by the Board of Trade.

Copy of Thirty-Sixth General Annual Report by the Board of Trade.

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 amending in certain respects His Majesty's Order, dated 23rd November 1925, providing for the government, discipline, and pay of the Royal Air Force Reserve, including the Reserve of Air Force Officers and Men of the Royal Air Force Reserve.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Unemployment Insurance Bill, as amended in the Committee.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 12, by leaving out Clause 2. (Mr. Thomas Shaw.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "who," in l. 15, stand part of the Bill:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right:

Mr. Parkinson, Major Sir George Hennessy, Mr. Whiteley, Mr. Charles Edwards: 221.

Tellers for the Yeas, Major Sir George Hennessy, Mr. Whiteley: 126.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 26, by leaving out subsection (1). (Mr. Greenwood.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "commencement," in l. 26, stand part of the Bill:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right:

Mr. Charles Edwards: 224.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Charles Edwards, Mr. Whiteley: 125.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 26, by leaving out the words "fourth day of January, nineteen hundred and twenty-nine" (Mr. Mackinder), 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:

Mr. Parkinson, Major Sir George Hennessy, Mr. Charles Edwards: 227.

Tellers for the Yeas, Major Sir George Hennessy, Mr. Charles Edwards: 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. 3, l. 28, by leaving out paragraph (c). (Mr. Greenwood.)

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. 6, by leaving out the word "thirty," and inserting the word "twenty"—(Mr. Buchanan).—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word "thirty" stand part of the Bill;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yes, { Sir Harry Barnston, Mr. Frederick Thoma- son : 209. }

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. Parkinson, Mr. Whiteley : 122. }

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 4, l. 11, by leaving out paragraph (b).—(Mr. Wallhead.)

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, { Sir Harry Barnston, Captain Viscount Curzon : 208. }

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. Parkinson, Mr. Hayes : 114. }

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 5, l. 40, by leaving out the word "whom" to the end of Clause 6.—(Mr. Whiteley.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill;

And it being half-past Ten of the clock, Mr. Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 1st day of December, to put forthwith the Question on the Amendment already proposed from the Chair.

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, { Major Cope, Major the Marquess of Titchfield : 235. }

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. Charles Edwards, Mr. Thomas Hender- son : 126. }

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Mr. Speaker then proceeded successively to put forthwith the Questions on any Amendments moved by the Government of which notice had been given.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Perth County Buildings Order Confirmation Bill.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Rubber Industry Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Expiring Laws Continuance Bill; 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 1926, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, confirming the Order to be produced to the Commissioners of Inland Revenue under the seventy-second section thereof, which was presented on the 8th day of November 1927, be approved. (Colonel Ashley.)

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 8th 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, till to-morrow.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

MR. HOPE reported from the Committee on Heriot-Watt College and George Heriot's Trust Order Confirmation [Stamp Duties] Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That in lieu of the Stamp Duties which would have been payable upon the deeds of instruments which, in case the Heriot-Watt College and George Heriot's Trust Order had not been confirmed, would have been required to pass to and vest in the Governors of the Heriot-Watt College and the Governors of the Heriot-Watt College, as the case may be, certain property, interests, and rights, there be charged a Stamp Duty of £5, and such duty shall be impressed upon a copy of the Act confirming the Order to be produced to the Commissioners of Inland Revenue under the seventy-second section thereof.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Grampian Electricity Supply Order Grampian Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read the third time and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The Royal Edinburgh Hospital for Mental and Nervous Disorders 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 Heriot-Watt College and George Heriot's Trust Order Confirmation Bill:

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now taken into consideration;

The Question was amended, by leaving out the words "now taken into consideration," and adding the words "committed to a Committee of the whole House."—(The Chairman of Ways and Means).—instead thereof, and, as amended, agreed to.

The Bill was committed to a Committee of the whole House for Monday next.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Committee of Selection: That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee A:—Vice-Admiral Sir Reginald Holf; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Brocklebank.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from the Committee: That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee A (added in respect of the Solicitors Bill):—Mr. Solicitor General; and had appointed in substitution: Colonel Sir Vivian Henderson.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Unemployment 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 Bill, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day three months."—(Mr. Duncan Graham.)

And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

Tellers for the Yeas,

Commander Eyres Monsell, 233.

Colonel Gibbs;

Tellers for the Noses,

Mr. Parkinson, 124.

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.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Destructive Insects and Pests Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Protection of Animals (Amendment) 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 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 Statute Law Revision Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Superannuation and other Trust Funds (Validation) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Indian Church Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Rubber Industry Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Expiring Laws Continuance 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 eighteen minutes before Four of the clock, till Monday next.
Monday, 12th December 1927.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE House proceeded to take into consideration the Wallasey Corporation Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Heriot-Watt College and George Heriot's Trust Order Confirmation Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 and No. 2 agreed to. Schedule agreed to. Preamble agreed to. Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the 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 taken into consideration (under section 7 of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899) — 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.

A Public Petition was presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 7th December 1927, relative to the Leases of His Majesty's Government in the British Concessions in China.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir John Gilmour presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, —Copy of Order made under the Shops Act, 1912, by the Council of the undermentioned Local Authority, and confirmed, with Amendments, by the Secretary of State for Scotland — County of Ayr (Dalry Special Water Supply District).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Cinematograph Films Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by Cinematograph Films Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow; and be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on the Audit (Local Authorities) 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, {Colonel Gibbs, 184.

Tellers for the Noes, {Mr. Parkinson, 83.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Audit (Local Authorities) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. Greenwood.)

And the Motion being opposed, after a brief explanation of the reasons for re-committal from the Member who made the Motion and from a Member who opposed it, Mr. Speaker put the Question thereon, pursuant to Standing Order No. 40v:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, {Mr. Charles Edwards, 84.

Tellers for the Noes, {Mr. Whiteley, 188.

So it passed in the Negative.

Then the House proceeded to take into consideration the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 7, by inserting, after the word "surcharged," the words "on the ground of corruption or negligence."—(Mr. Greenwood.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—And a Debate arising therupon;

Mr. Chamberlain rose in his place and claimed the Question put (pursuant to Standing Order No. 6).

The Noes to the Left.

The Yeas to the Right;

Tellers for the Yeas, {Major Sir George Hennessy, 238.

Tellers for the Noes, {Captain Wallace, 98.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being accordingly put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Mr. Charles Edwards,
Yea, \[Mr. Barnes: \] 93.
Tellers for the Major Sir George
Noes, \[Hennessy: \] 247.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 7, by leaving out the words "with an amount exceeding five hundred pounds," and inserting the words "on more than one occasion in respect of recurring expenditure"—(Mr. Attlee)—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill—And a Debate arising thereupon:

Mr. Chamberlain rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.
And the Question being put, That the Question be now put;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Mr. Penny,
Yea, \[Captain Wallace: \] 219.
Tellers for the Mr. Whiteley,
Noes, \[Mr. Thomas Hennessy: \] 115.

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 Bill;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Mr. Penny,
Yea, \[Captain Wallace: \] 225.
Tellers for the Mr. Whiteley,
Noes, \[Mr. Thomas Hennessy: \] 112.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 9, by leaving out the words "five years," and inserting the words "six months"—(Mr. March)—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words "five years" stand part of the Bill—And a Debate arising thereupon:

Mr. Chamberlain rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.
And the Question being put, That the Question be now put;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Mr. Charles Edwards,
Yea, \[Captain Viscount Curzon: \] 224.
Tellers for the Mr. Charles Edwards,
Noes, \[Mr. Barnes: \] 114.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being accordingly put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill—And a Debate arising thereupon:

Mr. Chamberlain rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.
And the Question being put, That the Question be now put;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Mr. Charles Edwards,
Yea, \[Mr. Penny: \] 108.
Tellers for the Mr. Charles Edwards,
Noes, \[Mr. Whiteley: \] 234.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 23, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words "nor to any person who has been surcharged unless he was a member of the committee responsible for recommending to the local authority the expenditure in respect of which the surcharge has been made."—(Miss Lawrence.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill—And a Debate arising thereupon:

Mr. Chamberlain rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.
And the Question being put, That the Question be now put;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Mr. Charles Edwards,
Yea, \[Mr. Whiteley: \] 227.
Tellers for the Mr. Charles Edwards,
Noes, \[Mr. Viscount Titchfield: \] 117.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being accordingly put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Mr. Charles Edwards,
Yea, \[Mr. Whiteley: \] 108.
Tellers for the Mr. Whiteley,
Noes, \[Major the Marquess of Titchfield: \] 224.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 23, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words,—

"(2) Where more than one-third of the members of a local authority become disqualified at the same time by virtue of this Act, then until the number of the members in office is increased to not less than two-thirds of the full number of members of the local authority—

(a) the quorum of the local authority shall be determined by reference to the number of the members of the local authority remaining qualified instead of by reference to the full number of members of the local authority;

(b) no provision preventing a returning officer holding an election to fill a casual vacancy shall apply to any vacancy in the office of members of that local authority.

—(Mr. Chamberlain.)"

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill—And a Debate arising thereupon;
And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning;

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Mr. Chamberlain 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 Yeas, 
Major Sir George Hennessy, Captain Bowyer:
170.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Charles Edwards, Mr. Whiteley:
74.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being accordingly put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:
The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Penny:
170.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Whiteley:
71.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 9, by leaving out from the word “may” to the word “appeal,” in l. 11, and inserting the words “in all cases” —(Major Price)—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Mr. Chamberlain 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 Yeas, Captain Bowyer:
142.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Benjamin Smith:
53.

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 Bill:—The House proceeded to a Division.

Major Cope and Captain Marpessson were appointed Tellers for the Ayes, but there being no Member willing to act as Teller for the Noes, Mr. Speaker declared that the Ayes had it.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 35, by leaving out from the beginning thereof to the word “in,” in l. 39,—(Mr. Attlee.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—And a Debate arising thereupon;
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Police Districts (Scotland) 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 Amendment which, upon the 23rd day of March last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Re-organisation of Offices (Scotland) 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 Welsh Church (Burial Grounds) 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 Companies 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 Judicial Committee 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 Aliens Restriction 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 Medical and Dentists Acts Amendment 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 Colonial Probates (Protected States and Mandated Territories) Bill [Lords];
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 Statute Law Revisions 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 Superannuation and other Trust Funds (Validation) 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 Indian Church 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 Sheriff Courts and Legal Officers (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 Rubber Industry Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Expanding Continuance Laws Continuance Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

And it being after half-past Eleven of the clock on Monday evening, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, without Question put, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 8th day of November last, it being then a quarter of an hour 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.

PRAYERS.

A PUBLIC Petition was presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Sir Cyril Cobb reported from Standing Committee A to whom the Solicitors Bill was referred; That they had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.
Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Standing Committee be printed.
Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the West Cheshire 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 found the same, as amended, to be true.

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and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on Government Business be expedited, 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,

Colonel Gibbs, 211.
Major Sir George Hennessy.
Mr. Charles Edwards, 110.
Mr. Thomas Henderson.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Audit (Local Authorities) 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. Lansbury.) And the Question being proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:—And a Debate arising thereupon;
Mr. Chamberlain 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 Yeas,

Major Sir George Hennessy.
Mr. Frederick Thomson.
Mr. Whiteley.

Tellers for the Noes,

Mr. Charles Edwards.
Mr. Whiteley.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being accordingly put,
That the word "now" stand part of the Question:
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas,

Major Sir George Hennessy.
Mr. Frederick Thomson.

Tellers for the Noes,

Mr. Haynes.
Mr. Whiteley.

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 House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Expiring Laws Continuance Bill.

Clause No. 1 (Continuance of Acts in Schedule).
Question, That the Clause stand part of the Bill, put, and agreed to.
Clause No. 2 agreed to.

Amendment proposed, in p. 5, to leave out ll. 5 to 7.—(Mr. Scurr.) 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. 36 and 37.—(Sir Frank Meyer.) 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 lls. 39 to 43.—(Mr. Mackinder.) 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. 23 to 30.—(Mr. Riley.) Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule, put, and agreed to.
Schedule agreed to.
Preamble agreed to.
Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be 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 Sheriff Courts and Legal Officers (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 22, by leaving out from the word "Act," to the end of the subsection.—(Secretary Sir John Gilmour.) And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule:

The House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning:
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And the Question being put;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas,

Mr. Johnston.
Mr. Macquisten.

Tellers for the Noes,

Captain Bowyer.
Major the Marquess of Titchfield.

So 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 resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 28th day of July last, That the Road Transport Lighting 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 from the word “be” to the end of the Question, and adding the words “re-committed to a Committee of the whole House in respect of Clause 6”—(Mr. Ernest 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 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 into consideration the Nursing Homes (Registration) 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 taking into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Cinematograph Films Bill;

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Welsh Church (Burial Grounds) 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 Companies 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 Judicial Committee 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 Aliens Restriction 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 Medical and Dentists Acts Amendment Bill (Lords);

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in the Rural District of Sevenoaks, in the County of Kent, which was presented on the 8th day of November 1927, be approved.—(Colonel Ashley.)

Electricity (Supply) Acts. Resolved, That the Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1926, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of the Urban District of Stone and part of the Rural District of Stone, in the County of Stafford, which was presented on the 8th day of November 1927, be approved.—(Colonel Ashley.)

Electricity (Supply) Acts. Resolved, That the Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1926, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of the Urban District of Shoeburyness, in the County of Essex, which was presented on the 8th day of November 1927, be approved.—(Colonel Ashley.)

Electricity (Supply) Acts. Resolved, That the Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1926, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of the Urban District of Portmadoc, in the County of Carnarvon, which was presented on the 8th day of November 1927, be approved.—(Colonel Ashley.)

Electricity (Supply) Acts. Resolved, That the Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1926, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of the Borough of South Molton and the Rural District of South Molton, in the County of Devon, which was presented on the 8th day of November 1927, be approved.—(Colonel Ashley.)

Electricity (Supply) Acts. Resolved, That the Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1926, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of the Rural District of Castle Donington, and parts of the Rural Districts of Ashby-de-la-Zouch and Loughborough, in the County of Leicester, and part of the Rural District of Shardlow, in the County of Derby, which was presented on the 8th day of November 1927, be approved.—(Colonel Ashley.)

Greenwich Hospital and Travers' Foundation. Resolved, That the Statement of the estimated Income and Expenditure of Greenwich Hospital and of Travers' Foundation for the year 1927 be approved.—(Colonel Headlam.)

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 Order of the House of the 8th day of November last, it being then twenty-three minutes after One of the clock on Wednesday morning, till this day.

[No. 138.]

Wednesday, 14th December 1927.

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 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.

Secretary Sir William Johnson-Hicks presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Departmental Committee appointed to inquire into the working of the Shops (Early Closing) Acts, 1920 and 1921.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Copy of Statement showing the Financial Position of Territorial Army County Associations on 31st March 1927.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir William Bull reported from the Select Committee of the House of Lords on the Law of Libel Amendment Bill [Lords]; That in the case of Committee,) the Select Committee had considered the Bill, now pending in the House of Lords, the Committee had considered the Bill.

Sir William Bull further reported from the Special Committee; That they had agreed to Report, a Special Report, which they had directed him to make to the House.

The Committee are of opinion that the evidence adduced before them is insufficient to justify the proposed changes in the law.

Ordered, That the Report and Special Report, No. 123, do lie upon the Table: and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee 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.


Captain Viscount Curzon:

Tellers for the [Mr. Hayes] Noes, 139.

Mr. Whiteley:

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Army Supplementary Estimate, 1927.

1. Motion made, and Question put, That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £3,090,000 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 1928 for the excess cost involved in the employment of extra troops in China, not provided for in the Army Estimates of the year.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Penny, Major the Marquess of Titchfield : 242.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Charles Edwards, Mr. Whiteley : 103.

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2. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £900,000 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 1928 for a Subsidy on Sugar and Molasses manufactured from Beet grown in Great Britain:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a sum not exceeding £899,995, be granted for the said Service.-(Mr. William Graham.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Charles Edwards ; Mr. Barnes : 101.

Tellers for the Noes, Colonel Gibbs, Mr. Frederick Thomsom : 192.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

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.

And it being after half-past Eleven of the clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House, without Question put, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 6th day of November last, it being then twelve minutes before Twelve of the clock, till to-morrow.
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Sir Thomas Robinson reported from the Local Select Committee on Local Legislation; that legislation they had considered the matters to them referred, and directed him to make a Special Report thereof to the House.

Ordered, That the Special Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, that the Motion relating to the Prayer Book Measure, 1927, have precedence this day of the Business of Supply.—(The Prime Minister.)

The House proceeded to a Division.

Mr. Deputy Speaker stated that he thought unnecessarily un

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on Report of Supply the House, [14th December] 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. Whiteley:

Mr. Hayes:

1. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £3,090,000 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st December, 1927, for the excess cost involved in the employment of extra troops in China, not provided for in the Army Estimates of that year.

Mr. Guinness presented, by His Majesty’s Command, a Report of the Ministry of Agriculture on the Malting Barley Tax.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Chamberlain presented, by His Majesty’s Command, Accounts of the Treasury Chest for the year ended 31st March 1927.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Account of the Treasury Chest be printed.

Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel presented, by His Majesty’s Command, Accounts of the Irish Sailors and Soldiers Land Trust for the year ended 31st March 1927.


Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Account of the Treasury Chest be printed.

Mr. Chamberlain presented, by His Majesty’s Command, Copy of Report, for the period up to November 1927, of the Chairman of the Inter-departmental Committee appointed to survey the prices of Building Materials.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Research Department.

Lord Eustace Percy presented, by His Majesty’s Command, Copy of Report of the Committee of the Privy Council for Scientific and Industrial Research for the year 1926-27.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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Treasurer.


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Prices of Building Materials.

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Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Warrington Corporation Bill [Lords.]

A Motion being made, That the Warrington Corporation Bill [Lords] be now read the third time;

Captain FitzRoy, by His Majesty’s Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives His Consent, as far as His Majesty’s interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

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Civil Supplementary Estimate, 1927.

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The said Resolution, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Colonel Ashley reported from the Committee of Ways and Means [14th December] Report. That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1928, the sum of £3,990,000 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. Arthur Michael Samuel do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel 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-eight, 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 to-morrow; and to be printed.

Nursing Homes (Registration) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Nursing Homes (Registration) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Welsh Church (Burial Grounds) Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Welsh Church (Burial Grounds) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Companies Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Companies Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Judicial Committee Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Judicial Committee Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Aliens Restriction Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Aliens Restriction Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Medical and Dentists Acts Amendment Bill [Lords.]

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Statute Law Revision Bill [Lords.]

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Indian Medical and Dentists Second Reading of the Indian Church Bill [Lords.]

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 1926, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of the Parish of Bourton-on-the-Water, in the Rural District of Stow-on-the-Wold, in the County of Gloucester, which was presented on the 10th day of November 1927, be approved.—(Colonel Ashley.)

Resolved, That the Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1926, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of the Parish of Headley, in the Rural District of Epsom, in the County of Surrey, and for the amendment of the Leatherhead and District Electricity Orders, 1902 to 1925, which was presented on the 23rd day of November 1927, be approved.—(Colonel Ashley.)

Resolved, That the Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1926, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of the Borough of New Windsor, in the County of Berks, and the Urban District of Eton, in the County of Buckingham, and for other purposes, which was presented on the 28th day of November 1927, be approved.—(Colonel Ashley.)

Resolved, That the Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1926, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of the Borough ofBuildwas, in the County of Salop, and for other purposes, which was presented on the 11th day of November 1927, be approved.—(Colonel Ashley.)

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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 County Borough of Dewsbury, which was presented on the 15th November 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 Beverley, which was presented on the 22nd November 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 Calverley and Horsforth District Gas Company, which was presented on the 21st November 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 Peterborough Gas Company, which was presented on the 21st November and published, be approved.—(Sir Burton Chadwick.)

And it being after half-past Eleven of the clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House, without Question put, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 8th day of November last, it being then seventeen minutes before Twelve of the clock, till to-morrow.

[No. 140.]

Friday, 16th December 1927.

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.

Shops Act, 1912.

Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of 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 1927, together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Indian Second Reading of the Indian Church 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. Thruston.)

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.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for Monday next.—(Earl Winterton.)

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Cinematograph Films Bill [Lords],

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 Statute Law Revision Bill [Lords] was, Statute Law Revision Bill [Lords], according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for Monday next.—(Mr. Frederick Thomson.)

The Medical and Dentists Acts Amendment Medical and Dental Acts 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.—(Sir Kingsley Wood.)

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Cinematograph Films Bill as amended by the Lords to the Cinematograph Films 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 Indian Church 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. Thruston.)

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The House, according to Order, proceeded to Cinematograph Films Bill as amended by the Lords to the Cinematograph Films Bill: And the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.
Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Committee had made Amendments to the Bill.

 Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House in respect of the Amendments to subsections (2) and (3) of Clause 8 standing upon the Notice Paper in the name of the Right Honourable Member for the Ladywood Division of Birmingham.—(Mr. Chamberlain.)

The House immediately resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 8 amended, and agreed to.

 Bill, as amended, to be reported.

 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 upon Monday next.

 Welsh Church (Burial Grounds) Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Welsh Church (Burial Grounds) Bill [Lords];

 Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

 Companies Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Companies Bill [Lords];

 Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

 Judicial Committee Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Judicial Committee Bill [Lords];

 Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

 Aliens Restriction Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Aliens Restriction Bill [Lords];

 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 one minute before Three of the clock till Monday next, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 5th day of November last.

The following Paper, presented by His Majesty's Command, was delivered to the Librarian of the House at 10 a.m. of Commons during the Adjournment, pursuant to Standing Order No. 95:

Copy of Treaty between the United Kingdom and Iraq. Signed at London, 14th December 1927.

 Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir William Joynson-Hicks presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Treaty between the United Kingdom and Iraq. Signed at London, 14th December 1927.

 Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

PRAYERS.

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 Landlord and Tenant (No. 2) Bill, with Amendments; to which House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

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Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Landlord and Tenant (No. 2) Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow; and be printed.

Mr. Bennett reported from the Select Committee on Estimates: That they had made further Progress in the matters to them referred; and directed him to make a Report of 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.

The Consolidated Fund ( Appropriation) (No. 2) Bill 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 proposed, That this House declares that the extensive and long continued unemployment of approximately one million men and women is a matter of the gravest national concern; and, in addition to an adequate insurance scheme to provide for those temporarily out of work, this House calls for the adoption of a comprehensive national policy which will, in the first place, stimulate production, relieve industry in the necessitous areas from its exceptional burdens and provide work or, alternatively, training and adequate maintenance of the unemployed, and aim at the absorption of that section of the population for which the present economic system offers no prospect of steady employment with a decent standard of life.-(Mr. Johnston.)

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, in l. 1, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, and adding the words "this House notes with satisfaction that, in spite of the grave setback caused by the general strike and the prolonged coal dispute in 1926, the number in employment during 1927 has been greater than at any previous period since 1920; and is of opinion that the absorption of those who remain unemployed cannot be effected by Socialist measures and can best be assisted by a policy directed to encouraging the recovery of industry, promoting industrial peace and, while preventing hardship to those unavoidably out of work, taking all steps that are practicable to forward the readjustment of labour forces to the changing needs of modern industry."-(Sir Walter Guinness-Lord.)

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 Noses to the Left.

Tellers for the Mr. Hayes, Mr. Whitney: 162.

Tellers for the Commander Eyres-Monsell, Colonel Gibbs: 256.

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, Mr. Speaker proceeded to interrupt the business.

Whereupon Commander Eyres-Monsell rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

And the Question being put, That the Question put Question be now put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being accordingly put, That these words be there added:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the Main Question, so amended, being put:

Resolved, That this House notes with satisfaction that, in spite of the grave setback caused by the general strike and the prolonged coal dispute in 1926, the number in employment during 1927 has been greater than at any previous period since 1920; and is of opinion that the absorption of those who remain unemployed cannot be effected by Socialist measures and can best be assisted by a policy directed to encouraging the recovery of industry, promoting industrial peace and, while preventing hardship to those unavoidably out of work, taking all steps that are practicable to forward the readjustment of labour forces to the changing needs of modern industry.

The Order of the day being read, for the Superannuation and other Trust Funds (Validation) Bill [Lords]; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Statute Law Committee on the Statute Law Revision Bill [Lords];

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Betting Overseas (Prohibition) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Police Second Reading of the Police Districts (Scotland) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Re-organisation of Offices (Scotland) Bill which, upon the 23rd day of March last was proposed to be made to the Question, That Bill be read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till to-morrow.

The Colonial Probates (Protected States and Mandated Territories) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for to-morrow:—(Mr. Ormsby-Gore.)
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Indian Church Bill [Lords];
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Medical and Dentists Acts 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 Second Reading of the Welsh Church (Burial Grounds) 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 Companies 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 Judicial Committee 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 Aliens Restriction Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 5th 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, till to-morrow.

PRAYERS.

SECRETARY Sir William Joynson-Hicks presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Reports of His Majesty's Inspectors of Constabulary for the year ended 29th September 1927.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Chamberlain presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Committee appointed by the Minister of Health and the Secretary of State for Scotland on the Optical Practitioners (Registration) Bill.

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Copy of Statement relative to Unemployed Domiciliary Persons in Receipt of Domiciliary Poor Law Relief in England and Wales during the week ended 18th June 1927.

Copy of Reports of the Commission appointed Milk by the Minister of Health to inquire into the Conditions of Production of Milk (used in preparing Condensed Milk) in the Netherlands and Denmark.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Colonel Ashley presented, pursuant to the Electricity directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of the Urban District of Rugeley and parts of the Rural Districts of Lichfield and Stafford, in the County of Stafford.

Copy of Provisional Regulations, dated 10th London December 1927, made under the London Traffic Act, 1924, and entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Amendment (Route No. 120) Provisional Regulations, 1927.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Guinness presented, pursuant to the Diseases of Animals Acts, Order, dated 14th December 1927, regarding the landing and defining the quarantine station of two Sable Antelope and two Wildebeeste.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Air Forces. Order, dated 14th December 1927, and dated under the Weights and Measures Acts during the years 1924-26.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return showing with reference to the Business of a Return respecting application of Standing Order No. 26 (Closure of Debate) during
Session 1927, (1) in the House and in Committee of the whole House, under the following heads:—

1. Date when Question moved, and by whom.
2. Question before House or Committee moved.
3. Whether moved in Committee, and by whom.
4. Whether moved, and by whom.
5. Whether assent withheld, and by whom.
6. Whether assent witheld, because in the opinion of the Chair a decision would shortly be arrived at without that Motion.
7. Result of Motion and, if a Division, Numbers for and against.
8. Result of Motion, and, if a Division, Numbers for and against.
9. Assent given, or Assent withheld.
10. Assent given, or Assent withheld because, in the opinion of the Chair, a decision would shortly be arrived at without that Motion.

and (2) in the Standing Committees under the following heads:—

1. Question before Committee moved.
2. Whether assent given to Motion, or withheld by Chairman.
3. Whether assent witheld, because in the opinion of the Chair, a decision would shortly be arrived at without that Motion.
4. Result of Motion.

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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 1927:—

Of all Private Bills and Bills for confirming Provisional Orders which, in Session 1927, have been referred to the Select Committees, the number 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 Preambles of the Bills 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:—

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return of the days on which the House sat in Session 1927, stating for each day the date of the month and day of the week, the hour of the meeting, and the hour of adjournment; and the hour and number of hours in which members occupied the Sittings of the House, and the average time; and showing the number of hours on which the House sat each day, and the number of hours after eleven p.m.; and the number of entries in each day's Votes and Proceedings.**

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return for Session 1927 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 five Standing Committees appointed under Standing Order No. 47, showing, with regard to each of such Members, the number of sittings to which he was summoned and 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. 0.003, of Session 1926).—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return for Session 1927 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 five Standing Committees appointed under Standing Order No. 47, showing, with regard to each of such Members, the number of sittings to which he was summoned and 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. 0.002, of Session 1926).—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)
Sir William Ball reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 9th, 14th, 18th, and 28th days of November last, and the 1st, 12th, and 13th 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.

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 Unemployment Insurance Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Audit (Local Authorities) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Destructive Insects and Pests Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the West Cheshire Water Board Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Wallasey Corporation Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

Major Kindersley, supported by Captain Bourne, Mr. Wells, Mr. Herbert Williams, Mr. Dicey, Sir John Power, Mr. Greene, and Colonel Dixey, presented a Bill to amend certain provisions in Part II. of the Housing Act, 1925, relating to improvement and reconstruction schemes: 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 Superannuation and other Trust Funds (Validation) Bill [Lords] be exempted, at this day’s Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House)—(The Prime Minister):

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas,
Colonel Gibbs, Major Sir George Hennessy: 172.

Tellers for the Noes,
Mr. Charles Edwards, Mr. Whiteley: 85.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) (No. 2) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 to No. 5 agreed to.

Schedules A and B 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 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 put, That this House calls the attention of His Majesty’s Government to the grave position in which Agriculture is placed by the present depression, and deprecates the failure of the Government to do anything effective towards helping to restore Agriculture as the essential balancing element in the economic and social life of the Country.—(Major Sir Archibald Sinclair.)

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, in J. 1, by leaving out from the word “ House ” to the end of the Question, and adding the words “ while fully sympathising with the difficulties of agriculturists, recognises that the present depression is neither peculiar to this Country nor removable by any direct Government action based on sound economic principles, deprecates revolutionary reform of our system of land tenure and unnecessary interference with cultivation, and urges the Government to continue in its policy of applying such measures as are likely to promote stability and continuity and to assist the industry to adapt itself to meet modern needs and conditions ”—(Sir Thomas Davies), instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That those words be there added:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the Main Question, so amended, being put;

Resolved, That this House, while fully sympathising with the difficulties of agriculturists, recognises that the present depression is neither peculiar to this Country nor removable by any direct Government action based on sound economic principles, deprecates revolutionary reform of our system of land tenure and unnecessary interference with cultivation, and urges the Government to continue in its policy of applying such measures as are likely to promote stability and continuity and to assist the industry to adapt itself to meet modern needs and conditions.
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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 Judicial Committee Bill [Lords].

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Judicial Committee Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the draft of a Special Order Gas Regulation Act, 1920, under Section 10 of the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of the East Hull Gas Company, which was presented on the 29th November and published, be approved.—(Sir Burton Chadwick.)

Ordered, That the draft of a Special Order Gas Regulation Act, 1920, under Section 10 of the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of the Broadstairs Gas Company, which was presented on the 30th November and published, be approved.—(Sir Burton Chadwick.)

Ordered, That the draft of a Special Order Gas Regulation Act, 1920, under Section 10 of the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of the Northampton Gaslight Company, which was presented on the 5th December and published, be approved.—(Sir Burton Chadwick.)

Ordered, That the draft of a Special Order Gas Regulation Act, 1920, under Section 10 of the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of the Urban District Council of Oldbury, which was presented on the 5th December and published, be approved.—(Sir Burton Chadwick.)

Ordered, That the draft of a Special Order Gas Regulation Act, 1920, under Section 10 of the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of the Bath Gaslight
and Coke Company, which was presented on the 5th December and published, be approved.

—Sir Burton Chadwick.)

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 8th 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, till to-morrow.

[No. 143.]

Wednesday, 21st December 1927.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Secretaries Sir William Joynson-Hicks presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Statement of Compensation and of Proceedings under the Workmen's Compensation Acts and the Employers' Liability Act, 1880, during the year 1926.

Secretary Sir William Joynson-Hicks also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Licence granted to a convict, to which are annexed conditions other than those contained in Schedule A of the Penal Servitude Act, 1864.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir Lionel Worthington-Evans presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Statement of the Amount due by the Public to Depositors on 31st March 1926, and of the Receipts, Interest, and Disbursements during the year ended 31st March 1927.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Bridgeyman presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Account showing the Receipts and Expenditure of Naval Prize, Bounty, Salvage, and other Moneys between 1st April 1926 and 31st March 1927.

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 1927, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Accounts 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 20th day of December, for a Return relative to the Naval Prize Fund during the year ended March 1927.

Ordered, That the Returns relative to Business of the House, Closure of Debate (Standing Order No. 26), Private Bills and Private Business.

Ordered, That the Returns relative to Business of the House, Closure of Debate (Standing Order No. 26), Private Bills and Private Business.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

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 1927 have been reported on by the 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 occupied by 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 1927 have been dealt with.—(Secretary Sir John Gilmore.)

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Northampton Borough 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 Northampton, in the room of Lieutenant-General Sir Arthur Edward Aveling Holland, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., D.S.O., M.V.O., deceased.—(Commander Eyres-Monsell.)
Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth :—

The Lords have agreed to the Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) (No. 2) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Mental Deficiency Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Expiring Laws Continuance Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Sheriff Courts and Legal Officers (Scotland) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Nursing Homes (Registration) Bill, with an Amendment, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Road Transport Lighting Bill, with Amendments, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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 this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment (Secretary Sir William Joynson-Hicks) ; instead thereof, Amendment, in p. 4, l. 33, at end, to insert new Clause B (Provisions as to Compensation), the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

There were no Amendments on the Lords' Bill (Restriction on contracting out), the next Amendment, being read a second time ; the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Secretary Sir William Joynson-Hicks) ;—It passed in the Negative.

The Lords' Amendment, in p. 8, l. 1, after ("(e) where the landlord proves that the value of the goodwill has been created or increased owing to restrictions imposed by the landlord, whether by agreement with the tenant or not, upon the letting for a competitive trade or business of other premises in the neighbourhood owned by or under the control of the landlord, the tribunal shall have regard thereto and may refuse the application for compensation or may award a reduced amount of compensation"), 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—(Secretary Sir William Joynson-Hicks) ;—so amended, was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords' Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 8, l. 1, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment was divided.

The Lords' Amendment, in p. 11, l. 43, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment, in p. 11, l. 43, at the end, to insert new Clause B (Provisions as to premises subject to Rent Restrictions Acts), 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—(Secretary Sir William Joynson-Hicks) ;—It passed in the Negative.

Then the subsequent Lords' Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 12, l. 37, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment, in p. 12, l. 37, leave out Clause 8, and insert new Clause C (Restriction on contracting out), the next Amendment, being read a second time ;

The Lords Amendment was divided.

So much of the Lords' Amendment as proposes to leave out Clause 8, was agreed to.
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The House proceeded to take into consideration so much of the Lords' Amendment as proposes to insert new Clause C.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Lords' Amendment, in l. 3, by leaving out the words "thirtieth day of March," and inserting the words "first day of January"—(Mr. Dillon)—instead thereof.

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.

The Lords' Amendment was amended, in l. 3, by leaving out the words "thirtieth day of March," and inserting the words "eight day of February," instead thereof, and, in l. 7, by leaving out the words "such contract," and inserting the words "a contract made after such date," instead thereof—(Mr. Solicitor General, Sir Henry Slesser, Mr. Withers, and Mr. Craufurd).

Ordered, That Three be the quorum of the Committee.—(Secretary Sir William Joynson-Hicks.)

And they are to withdraw immediately.

Standing Order No. 1—

(1) Unless the House otherwise order, the House shall meet every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at a quarter to three of the clock.

(2) At half-past eleven of the clock the Speaker shall adjourn the House without Question put, unless a Bill originating in Committee of Ways and Means, or unless proceedings made in pursuance of any Act of Parliament or Standing Order, or otherwise exempted as hereinafter provided from the operation of this Standing Order, be then under consideration.

(3) At eleven of the clock on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, except as aforesaid, and at five of the clock on Fridays, the proceedings on any business then under consideration shall be interrupted; and, if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall leave the Chair, and make his Report to the House; and if a Motion has been proposed for the adjournment of the House, or of the Debate, or in Committee that the Chairman do report Progress, or do leave the Chair, every such dilatory motion shall lapse without question put.

(4) Provided always, that on the interruption of business the closure may be moved; and if moved, or if proceedings under the closure rule be then in progress, the Speaker or Chairman shall not leave the Chair until the questions consequent thereon and on any further Motion, as provided in the rule "Closure of Debate," have been decided.

(5) After the business under consideration at eleven and five, respectively, has been disposed of, no opposed business shall be taken.

(6) All business appointed for any Sitting, and not disposed of before the termination of the Sitting, shall stand over until the next Sitting, or until such other Sitting on any day on which the House ordinarily sits as the Member in charge of the business may appoint.

(7) A Motion may be made by a Minister of the Crown at the commencement of public business, to be decided without Amendment or Debate to the following effect:— "That the proceedings on any specified business be exempted from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House)," and, if such a Motion be agreed to, the business so specified shall not be interrupted if it is under discussion at eleven o'clock that night, may be entered upon at any hour although opposed, and, if under discussion when the business is
postponed, may be resumed and proceeded with, though opposed, after the interruption of business.

(8) Provided always, that after any business exempted from the operation of this Order is disposed of, the remaining business of the Sitting shall be dealt with according to the provisions applicable to business taken after eleven o'clock.

(9) Provided also that the Chairman or Deputy-Chairman of Ways and Means do take the Chair as Deputy-Speaker, when requested so to do by Mr. Speaker, without any formal communication to the House; and that Mr. Speaker shall nominate, at the commencement of every session, a panel of not more than five Members to act as temporary Chairmen of Committees, when requested by the Chairman of Ways and Means.

was read, and amended, in para. 3, 1, 3, by leaving out the word "five," and inserting the word "four" instead thereof; and in para. 3, l. 2, by leaving out the word "five," and inserting the word "four" instead thereof. (The Prime Minister.)

Standing Order No. 2—

The House shall meet every Friday, at twelve o'clock at noon, for private business, petitions, orders of the day, and notices of motions, and shall continue to sit until half-past five o'clock, unless previously adjourned.

was read, and amended, in l. 2, by leaving out the words "twelve o'clock at noon," and inserting the words "eleven o'clock" instead thereof; and in l. 5, by leaving out the word "five," and inserting the word "four" instead thereof. (The Prime Minister.)

Standing Order No. 3—

When such business has been disposed of, or at half-past five o'clock precisely, notwithstanding there may be business under discussion, Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the House without putting any Question.

was read, and amended, in l. 2, by leaving out the word "five," and inserting the word "four" instead thereof. (The Prime Minister.)

Ordered, That unless the House otherwise directs—

(a) Until Easter Government Business shall have precedence at every Sitting except the Sitting on Wednesday and the Sitting on Friday; and at the Sitting on Wednesday, notices of Motions and Public Bills, other than Government Bills, shall have precedence of Government Business, and Notices of Motions shall have precedence of the Orders of the Day;

(b) After Easter Government Business shall have precedence at all Sittings, except the Sittings on the first, second, third and fourth Fridays after Easter Day and the Sittings on the third, fourth, fifth and sixth Fridays after Whit Sunday;

(c) At the Sittings on Wednesday, when Government Business has not precedence, Mr. Speaker shall at half-past seven of the clock, if the first Motion (other than a Motion for the adjournment of the House made after the commencement of Public Business) has not been disposed of, proceed to interrupt the proceedings thereon and such business shall be disposed of as if it were business interrupted at eleven o'clock under Standing Order No. 1;

(d) At the Sittings on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday the House will first proceed with Unopposed Private Business, Petitions, Motions for Unopposed Returns, and Leave of Absence to Members, and giving Notices of Motions.

—(The Prime Minister.)

Resolved, That this Order be a Standing Order of the House.—(The Prime Minister.)

Standing Order No. 4 was read, and repealed. —(The Prime Minister.)

Ordered, That on Fridays the House shall Counting out stand adjourned precisely at a quarter-past eight on Wednesday between Easter and Whit Sunday.

(2) All Private Business which is set down for Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, and is not disposed of by three of the clock shall, without Question put, be postponed until such time as the Chairman of Ways and Means may determine.

(3) Provided that such Private Business shall always be taken at a quarter-past eight o'clock on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, or as soon thereafter as any Motion for the adjournment of the House standing over has been disposed of, and that such postponed business shall be distributed as near as may be proportionately between the Sittings on which Government Business has precedence and the other Sittings.

(4) No Unopposed Private Business other than that then under consideration shall be taken after half-past nine of the clock.

(5) Unopposed Private Business shall have precedence of Opposed Private Business.

was read, and amended, in l. 2, by leaving out from the word "Friday," to the end of para. (1), and in l. 12, by leaving out the words "a quarter past eight," and inserting the words "half past seven," instead thereof. (The Prime Minister.)

Standing Order No. 10—

No Motion for the adjournment of the House shall be made unless all the questions asked at the commencement of business on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday have been disposed of, and no such Motion shall be made before the Orders of the Day or Notices of Motion have been entered upon, except by leave of the House, unless a Member rising in his place shall propose to move the adjournment for the purpose of discussing a
definite matter of urgent public importance, and not less than forty Members shall thereupon rise in their places to support the Motion, or unless, if fewer than forty Members and not less than ten shall thereupon rise in their places, the House shall, on a division, upon Question put forthwith, determine whether such Motion shall be made. If the Motion is so supported, or the House so determines that it shall be made, it shall stand over until a quarter-past eight on the same day.

was read, and amended in l. 20, by leaving out the words " a quarter-past eight," and inserting the words " half-past seven "—(The Prime Minister).—instead thereof.

Standing Order No. 494—

In order to facilitate the business of Standing Committees, a Motion may, after two days' notice, be made by a Minister of the Crown at the commencement of public business, to be decided without Amendment or Debate, " that this House do now adjourn," provided that if on a day on which a Motion is agreed to under this Standing Order leave has been given to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, Mr. Speaker, instead of adjourning the House, shall suspend the sitting only until a quarter-past eight of the clock.

was read, and amended, in l. 13, by leaving out the words " a quarter-past eight," and inserting the words " half-past seven "—(The Prime Minister).—instead thereof.

Standing Order 207 was read, and amended, in l. 10, by leaving out the words " a quarter-past eight," and inserting the words " half-past seven "—(The Prime Minister).—instead thereof.

Ordered, That the Standing Orders, as amended, be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Superannuation and other Trust Funds (Validation) Bill [Lords.] (In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 and No. 2 agreed to.
Clauses No. 3 amended, and agreed to.
Clauses No. 4 to No. 8 agreed to.
Clauses No. 10 and No. 11 agreed to.

A Clause (Validation of trust funds for the reduction of National Debt)—(Mr. Solicitor-General)—brought up and read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Schedule amended, and agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, resolved Indian Church itself into a Committee on the Indian Church Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 to No. 12 agreed to.
First and Second Schedules 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, according to Order, resolved Statute Law Revision Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 to No. 4 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 acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The House, according to Order, resolved Medical and Dentists Acts Amendment Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 to No. 3 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 acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Colonial Probates (Protected States and Mandated Territories) 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.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Betting Overseas (Prohibition) 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 Police Districts (Scotland) 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 which, upon the 23rd day of March last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Re-organisation of Offices (Scotland) 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 Welsh Church (Burial Grounds) 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 Companies 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 Judicial Committee 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 Aliens Restriction Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to acquaint them that this House hath agreed to certain of the Amendments made by the Lords, hath agreed to certain other of their Amendments with Amendments thereunto, and hath made a Consequential Amendment to the Bill, to which Amendments this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships; that this House hath disagreed to one of the Amendments made by the Lords, for which disagreement it assigns a Reason: And that the Clerk do carry the said Message.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Nursing Homes (Registration) Bill be taken into consideration forthwith.—(Mr. Chamberlain.)

The House accordingly proceeded to take the said Amendment into consideration and the same was twice read and disagreed to.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up a Reason to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to their Amendment to the Bill.

And a Committee was nominated of Mr. Chamberlain, Sir Kingsley Wood, Mr. Ernest Broom, Mr. Young, and Dr. Vernon Dicey.

Ordered, That Three be the quorum of the Committee.—(Mr. Chamberlain.)

And they are to withdraw immediately.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Road Transport Lighting Bill be taken into consideration forthwith.—(Colonel Ashley.)

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.

Resolved, That the Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1929, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of part of the Rural District of Newbury, in the County of Berks, and part of the Rural District of
Kingsclere, in the County of Southampton, which was presented on the 29th day of November 1927, be approved.—(Colonel Ashley.)

Resolved, That the Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1926, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of the Rural District of Whitehaven, in the County of Cumberland, which was presented on the 7th day of December 1927, be approved.—(Colonel Ashley.)

Resolved, That the Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1926, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of the Rural District of Knaresborough, in the West Riding of the County of York, which was presented on the 6th day of December 1927, be approved. —(Colonel Ashley.)

Resolved, That the Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1926, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of the Rural District of Ampthill, in the County of Bedford, which was presented on the 7th day of December 1927, be approved. —(Colonel Ashley.)

Resolved, That the Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1926, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of the Rural District of Bjllinge-and-Winstanley and Orrell, in the County Palatine of Lancaster, which was presented on the 7th day of December 1927, be approved. —(Colonel Ashley.)

Resolved, That the Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1926, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of the City of Ripon and part of the Rural District of Ripon, in the West Riding of the County of York, and part of the Rural District of Wath, in the North Riding of the County of York, which was presented on the 6th day of December 1927, be approved. —(Colonel Ashley.)

Resolved, That the Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1926, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of the Rural Districts of Cuckfield and Chailey, in the Administrative County of East Sussex, which was presented on the 7th day of December 1927, be approved. —(Colonel Ashley.)

Mr. Chamberlain reported from the Committee appointed to draw up a Reason to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to the Amendment made by their Lordships to the Nursing Homes (Registration) 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:

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The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in p. 6, l. 3 for the following Reason:

Because it involves responsibility for the conduct of Christian Science Houses upon the Minister of Health, which is not desirable.

The said Reason, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to communicate the said Reason (with the Bill and Amendment): And that the Clerk do carry the same.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 8th day of November last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And it being one hour after the conclusion of Government Business, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, without Question put, it being then four minutes before Eleven of the clock, till to-morrow.

[S. No. 144.]

Thursday, 22nd December 1927.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.


Secretary Sir John Gilmour also presented, Private Return to an Order, dated the 21st day of November, for a Return relative (Scotland) to Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, for the year 1925.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Sir Rowland Blades reported from the Publications 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 an Appendix.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Betting Second Reading of the Betting Overseas (Prohibition) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Polies Second Reading of the Police Districts (Scotland) Bill [Lords.];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

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Re-organisation of Offices (Scotland) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 23rd day of March last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Re-organisation of Offices (Scotland) Bill be now read a second time;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till to-morrow.

Welfare Church (Burial Grounds) Bill [Lords.]
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Welfare Church (Burial Grounds) Bill [Lords]:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Companies Bill [Lords.]
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Companies Bill [Lords]:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Judicial Committee Bill [Lords.]
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Judicial Committee Bill [Lords]:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Aliens Restriction Bill [Lords.]
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Aliens Restriction Bill [Lords]:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Message from the Lords.
Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Superannuation and other Trust Funds (Validation) Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords do not insist upon their Amendment to the Nursing Homes (Registration) Bill, to which this House hath disagreed.

The Lords agree with certain of the Amendments made by this House to the Amendments made by the Lords to the Landlord and Tenant (No. 2) Bill, and disagree with one other of the Amendments, for which disagreement they assign a Reason; the Lords do not insist on the Amendment to which this House hath disagreed.

The House proceeded to take the Lords Reason for disagreeing with one of the Amendments made by this House to one of the Amendments made by the Lords to the Landlord and Tenant (No. 2) Bill, and consider it.

The Lords Reason for disagreeing with the Amendment made by this House to the Lords' Amendment in p. 8, l. 1, being read a second time, as followeth:

Because the effect would be to prevent a tenant whose tenancy is terminated by notice, from applying for the grant of a new lease until after the termination of the tenancy.

Readed, That this House doth not insist on its Amendment to the Lords Amendment to which the Lords have disagreed.—(Colonel Sir Vivian Henderson.)
27. Royal Edinburgh Hospital for Mental and Nervous Disorders Order Confirmation Act, 1927.
30. Heriot-Watt College and George Heriot's Trust Order Confirmation Act, 1927.
32. West Cheshire Water Board Act, 1927.

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,
I have followed with constant interest the journeys of My Sons, the Prince of Wales and Prince George, to Canada, and also of My Son and Daughter-in-Law, the Duke and Duchess of York, to New Zealand, Australia, and other parts of My Dominions. I rejoice in their return, and I have learned from them with deep satisfaction of the loyal and enthusiastic welcome which they invariably experienced throughout their journeys.

It gave Me particular pleasure in the course of the summer to receive in My capital the President of the French Republic, accompanied by the French Minister for Foreign Affairs. The visit gave fresh evidence of the cordial relations which happily established between My Government and the government of the Republic, and afforded My people a welcome opportunity of demonstrating their affection for France in the persons of these two eminent statesmen.

The visit of the King of Egypt was a source of gratification to Me and afforded an opportunity for a full exchange of views between the Egyptian Prime Minister and My Foreign Secretary. The frank and friendly nature of these conversations was in itself of great augury for the future and it is My hope that their outcome may prove of lasting benefit to both countries.

I have watched with profound sympathy and satisfaction the steady growth in influence of the League of Nations and the increasing part which it plays in composing international differences and preserving peace. The recent meeting of the Council at Geneva marked a further stage in this progress. My Government will continue to base its policy on loyal co-operation with the League.

A Conference with representatives of the United States of America and Japan was held at Geneva, at which the delegates of My Government put forward proposals for the future limitation of armaments, which if accepted would have led to substantial reductions in naval strengths and costs.

I regret that, though much community of view was revealed, it was not possible to reach a general agreement. But, in spite of this temporary failure, My Government have no intention of embarking upon an increase of their naval building programme, which is based upon a considered view of the defensive needs of My wide-spread Empire.

A Conference, attended by Governors or other senior officials representing twenty-six Colonies, Protectorates, and Mandated Territories, assembled in May to exchange views on proposals of common interest to the Colonial Empire. This year has also been marked by important Inter-Imperial Conferences in London dealing with education and agricultural research. I am confident of the great value of such meetings, not only in the results achieved and the recommendations made, but also in bringing together, in a spirit of comradeship and mutual assistance, those who are engaged in similar work in widely separated parts of My Dominions.

My Government having decided that the time is ripe for the initiation of the Inquiry into the working of the system of government in India for which the law provides, I have, with the concurrence of both your Houses, issued a Commission to seven of your number who will shortly embark upon their momentous task. I earnestly trust that their labours may be crowned with success, and that from their counsels may emerge a system of government which shall give contentment to the peoples of India and strengthen the bonds that unite My Empire.

A new treaty between Myself and His Majesty the King of Iraq, to replace the existing treaties between us, has been signed by Our respective representatives. The text of this treaty has been laid before you.

During the past year agreements have been concluded with the Greek and Serbo-Croat-Slovene Governments for the settlement of their respective war debts to this Country. The terms of the Agreements have been presented to Parliament, and, as in previous cases, they give effect to the policy adopted by My Government to limit the claims on our Allies to such amounts as, together with our Reparation Receipts, will cover the obligations My Government has itself to meet in respect of War Debts. I note with satisfaction that funding Agreements have now been signed in respect of all the Allied War Debts to this Country, except that of Russia.

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,
My Ministers continue to watch closely the state of employment which, though showing welcome signs of improvement in some parts of the Country, still gives cause for anxiety in others. To facilitate the transfer of labour from industries with restricted opportunities for employment, and in particular the coal-mining industry, a Board is to be appointed to recommend the executive action to be taken by the Departments concerned. My Ministers look with confidence for co-operation from all who can assist in this work both at home and overseas.

A Bill has been passed placing the system of insurance against unemployment upon an improved permanent basis.

[Note: The text continues with more detailed information on legislative and international affairs.]
Striking progress has been made during the past year in providing housing accommodation for the people, and the number of new houses completed in England and Wales since the Armistice now exceeds one million.

During the past year a greater number of new houses have been completed in Scotland than in any previous year. Substantial progress is also being made with the clearance of insanitary areas and the rehousing of displaced tenants.

A Bill has been passed to declare and amend the law with regard to Trade Disputes and Trade Unions.

I have given My assent to the Landlord and Tenant Bill, the provisions of which will secure to certain classes of tenants compensation for the loss of goodwill attaching to their premises and for unexhausted improvements, and will effect other desirable alterations in the law.

A Bill has been passed which it is hoped will materially assist the development of the British Cinematograph Film Industry.

A Bill has also been passed providing for the reorganisation of certain legal services and the amendment in certain respects of the law relating to Sheriff Court business in Scotland.

It is My earnest prayer that the blessing of Almighty God may rest upon all your past and coming 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 Seventh day of February, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-eight, to be then here holden; and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued to Tuesday the Seventh day of February, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-eight.
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- Towards making good the Supply for year ending 31st March 1927, the sum of £3,108,989 be granted.
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