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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 Seventh day of February next, to be then here holden.
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, Warrants to the Clerk of the Crown to make out new Writs for the Election of Members to serve in this present Parliament—

For the County of Kent (Faversham Division), in the room of Major Sir Granville Charles Hastings Wheler, Baronet, deceased.

For the Borough of Bristol (West Division) in the room of Lieutenant-Colonel the Right Honourable George Abraham Gibbs, called up to the House of Peers.

For the County of Lancaster (Lancaster Division) in the room of Sir Gerald Strickland, G.C.M.G., called up to the House of Peers.

Cecil John L'Estrange Malone, Esquire, New Member for the Borough of Northampton, Members was sworn.

Adam Maitland, Esquire, Member for the County of Kent (Faversham Division), was sworn.

Cyril Tom Culverwell, Esquire, Member for the Borough of Bristol (West Division) was sworn.

Ordered, That all Members who are returned for two or more places in any part of the United Kingdom do make their election for which of the places they will serve, within one week after it shall appear that there is no question upon the Return for that place; and if anything shall come in question touching the Return or Election of any Member, he is to withdraw during the time the matter is in Debate; and that all Members returned upon double Returns do withdraw till their Returns are determined.

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

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

Resolved, That if it shall appear that any Witnesses 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 have endeavoured to deter or hinder any person from appearing or giving evidence, the same is declared to be a high crime or misdemeanour; and this House will proceed with the utmost severity against such offender.

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

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

Ordered, That a Committee of Privileges be appointed.

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

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

Ordered, That the said Journal and Index be printed by the appointment and under the direction of Sir Thomas Lonsdale Webster, K.c.u., 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, That, in accordance with Standing Order 79, he had conferred with the Chairman of Committees of the House of Lords, for the purpose of determining in which House of Parliament the respective Private Bills should be first considered, and they had determined that the Bills contained in the following List should originate in the House of Lords, viz.:—

Bromborough Dock.
Bridgewater Corporation.
Bromley Corporation.
Brentford Borough Council (St. Olave’s Garden).
Bethlem Hospital.
Blackpool Extension.
Blackpool Improvement.
Bournemouth Gas and Water.
Bournemouth—Swanage Motor Road and Ferry.

Bradford Corporation.
Bridgewater Corporation.
Bromborough Dock.
Cleethorpes Urban District Council.
Cleveland and Durham County Electric Power.
Dover Gas.
Dover Harbour.
Gloucester Corporation.
Governments Stock and Other Securities Investment Company.
Harwich Harbour.
Lancashire Quarter Sessions.
Lewes Water.
Lincolnshire Electricity.
Maidenhead Water.
Manchester Ship Canal.
Mersey Tunnel.
Mid Kent Water.
North Metropolitan Electric Power Supply (Consolidation).
Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Tramways (Trolley Vehicles, &c.).
Oxford Extension.
Plymouth St. Mary Rural District Council.
Pole Corporation.
Port of London.
Ramsgate Corporation.
Sandown Urban District Council.
Sheffield Corporation.
South Essex Waterworks.
Southampton Corporation.
Staffordshire Potteries Water Board.
Stretford and District Electricity Board.
Tottenham and District Gas.
Warwick Corporation.
Wessex Electricity.
Wey Valley Water.
Whitby Water.
York Town and Blackwater Gas and Electricity.

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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 His Majesty, in Treaty Series respect of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, (No. 1, 1928.)

Copy of Agreement between His Majesty, in Treaty Series respect of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, (No. 1, 1928.)

Copy of Agreement between His Majesty, in Treaty Series respect of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, (No. 2, 1928.)

Copy of Agreement between His Majesty, in Treaty Series respect of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, (No. 3, 1928.)

Copy of Agreement between His Majesty, in Treaty Series respect of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, (No. 4, 1928.)

Copy of Agreement between His Majesty, in Treaty Series respect of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, (No. 5, 1928.)

Copy of Agreement between His Majesty, in Treaty Series respect of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, (No. 6, 1928.)

Copy of Agreement between His Majesty, in Treaty Series respect of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, (No. 7, 1928.)

Copy of Agreement between His Majesty, in Treaty Series respect of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, (No. 8, 1928.)

Copy of Agreement between His Majesty, in Treaty Series respect of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, (No. 9, 1928.)

Copy of Agreement between His Majesty, in Treaty Series respect of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, (No. 10, 1928.)

Copy of Agreement between His Majesty, in Treaty Series respect of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, (No. 11, 1928.)

Copy of Agreement between His Majesty, in Treaty Series respect of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, (No. 12, 1928.)
League of Nations (Miscellaneou s, No. 5, 1928.)


League of Nations (Miscellaneou s, No. 3, 1928.)


Sierra Leone Protectorate.

Copy of Correspondence relating to Domestic Slavery in the Sierra Leone Protectorate.

Imperial Economic Committee.


Copy of Report of the Standing Committee set up under the Merchandise Marks Act, 1926, respecting Shuttles.

Copy of Report of the Standing Committee set up under the Merchandise Marks Act, 1926, respecting Honey.

Copy of Report of the Standing Committee set up under the Merchandise Marks Act, 1926, respecting Currants, Sultanas, and Raisins.

Copy of Statistical Summary of Output, and of Costs of Production, Proceeds, and Profits of the Coal Mining Industry for the quarter ended 30th September 1927.

Copy of Correspondence relating to Domestic Slavery in the Sierra Leone Protectorate.

Judicial Statistics (Scotland.)

Copy of Report of the Standing Committee set up under the Merchandise Marks Act, 1926, respecting Honey.

Mines Department.

Copy of Report of the Committee appointed to consider whether it is desirable to permit a further extension of Municipal Savings Banks.

Copy of Statistical Summary of Output, and of Costs of Production, Proceeds, and Profits of the Coal Mining Industry for the quarter ended 30th September 1927.

Copy of Final Report of Committee on Legal Aid for the Poor.

Copy of Report of the Committee of the Privy Council for Medical Research and Report of the Medical Research Council for the year 1926-27.

Copy of Ninth Report of Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments and Constructions of Scotland (Monuments and Constructions in the Outer Hebrides, Skye, and the Small Isles).

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

Trade Boards Acts.

Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, —Copy of Special Order, dated 22nd December 1927, entitled the Trade Boards (Waste Materials Reclamation) Order, 1927.

Trade Boards Acts.

Copies of Regulations, dated 22nd December 1927, entitled—

(1) The Trade Boards (Waste Materials Reclamation Trade, Great Britain) (Cotton Waste Branch) (Amendment) Regulations, 1927;

(2) The Trade Boards (Waste Materials Reclamation Trade, Great Britain) (General Waste Branch) (Amendment) Regulations, 1927.

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

Mr. Guinness presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Animals Acts, Copy of Order, dated 25th January 1928, regarding the landing and defining the quarantine station of one Jersey Boar and three Jersey Sows from Canada.

Copy of Report on the work of the Land Division of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries for the year 1926.

Ordered, That the said Papers 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.

No. 1.

Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel also presented, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of Commons, dated 20th December 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.

Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Account of the Gross Amount of Moneys received and paid by the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt on account of the Fund for Military Savings Banks, from 10th September 1945 to 5th January 1928.

Copy of Appropriation Accounts of the sums granted by Parliament for Civil Services for the year ended 31st March 1927, together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon and upon certain Store Accounts.

Copy of Appropriation Accounts of the sums granted by Parliament for Revenue Departments (Navv Votes, Civil Services (Appropriation Accounts), Civil Services (Supplementary Estimates, 1926—1927) together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon and upon certain Store Accounts.

Account of the Unemployment Fund established pursuant to Section 14 (1) of the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1920, showing the Receipts and Payments during the period 5th July 1926 to 31st March 1927, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Account of the Greek Loan of 1832 up to 31st December 1927.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the said Estimate and the Papers relative to Public Accounts (Navy Votes, 1926, Civil Services (Appropriation Accounts), Revenue Departments (Appropriation Accounts) and Unemployment Fund Account, be printed.

Earl Winterton presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—(Loans raised in India) Return of all Loans raised in India, chargeable on the Revenues of India, outstanding at the commencement of the half-year ended 30th September 1927.
Copy of Amendments of the Regulations for the admission to the Indian Civil Service by examination in the United Kingdom made by the Secretary of State for India in Council, under Section 97 of the Government of India Act.

Copy of Minute of the Secretary of State for India extending the term of Sir W. H. H. Vincent's Office as Member of the Council of India under Section 3 (5) of the Government of India Act.

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

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

Copies of Provisional Regulations—

(1) dated 20th December 1927, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Amendment (Route 54) (No. 2) Provisional Regulations, 1927;

(2) dated 29th December 1927, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) General Amendment (No. 10) Provisional Regulations, 1927;

(3) dated 29th December 1927, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) General Amendment (No. 11) Provisional Regulations, 1927;

(4) dated 29th December 1927, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) General Amendment (No. 12) Provisional Regulations, 1927;

(5) dated 29th December 1927, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) General Amendment (No. 13) Provisional Regulations, 1927;

(6) dated 29th December 1927, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) General Amendment (No. 14) Provisional Regulations, 1927;

(7) dated 30th December 1927, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) General Amendment (No. 15) Provisional Regulations, 1927;

(8) dated 16th January 1928, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) General Amendment Provisional Regulations, 1928;

(9) dated 21st January 1928, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Amendment (Route No. 70) Provisional Regulations, 1928;

(10) dated 25th January 1928, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Amendment (Route No. 602) Provisional Regulations, 1928;

(11) dated 27th January 1928, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Provisional Regulations, 1928;

(12) dated 28th January 1928, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Amendment (Route No. 602) (No. 2) Provisional Regulations, 1928;

(13) dated 1st February 1928, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Amendment (Routes Nos. 8a and 160) Provisional Regulations, 1928;

(14) dated 27th July 1927, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Amendment (Route No. 73a) Provisional Regulations, 1927;

(15) dated 10th August 1927, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Amendment (Route No. 99a) Provisional Regulations, 1927;

(16) dated 18th August 1927, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Amendment (Route No. 90) Provisional Regulations, 1927;

(17) dated 18th August 1927, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Amendment (Various Routes) (No. 2) Provisional Regulations, 1927;

(18) dated 26th August 1927, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Amendment (Route No. 137) Provisional Regulations, 1927;

(19) dated 29th August 1927, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Amendment (Route No. 136) Provisional Regulations, 1927;

(20) dated 30th August 1927, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Amendment (Route No. 134) (No. 2) Provisional Regulations, 1927;

(21) dated 15th September 1927, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Amendment (Route No. 133) Provisional Regulations, 1927;

(22) dated 29th September 1927, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Amendment (Route No. 132) Provisional Regulations, 1927;

(23) dated 4th October 1927, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Amendment (Routes Nos. 134 and 494) Provisional Regulations, 1927;

(24) dated 24th October 1927, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Amendment (Route No. 401c) Provisional Regulations, 1927;

(25) dated 25th October 1927, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Amendment (Route No. 26a) Provisional Regulations, 1927;

(26) dated 2nd November 1927, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Amendment (Route No. 73a) (No. 2) Provisional Regulations, 1927;

(27) dated 2nd November 1927, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Amendment (Route No. 90a) Provisional Regulations, 1927;

(28) dated 4th November 1927, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) General Amendment (No. 3) Provisional Regulations, 1927;

(29) dated 4th November 1927, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Amendment (Route No. 901) Provisional Regulations, 1927;

(30) dated 4th November 1927, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Amendment (Route No. 150a) Provisional Regulations, 1927;

(31) dated 7th November 1927, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Amendment (Route Nos. 53a and 99a) Provisional Regulations, 1927;

(32) dated 7th November 1927, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Amendment (Route No. 134) (No. 2) Provisional Regulations, 1927;
(33) dated 7th November 1927, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Amendment (Route No. 54d) Provisional Regulations, 1927;

(34) dated 11th November 1927, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) General Amendment (No. 4) Provisional Regulations, 1927;

(35) dated 11th November 1927, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) General Amendment (No. 5) Provisional Regulations, 1927;

(36) dated 11th November 1927, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) General Amendment (No. 6) Provisional Regulations, 1927;

(37) dated 15th November 1927, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Amendment (Route No. 54d) Provisional Regulations, 1927;

(38) dated 22nd November 1927, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) General Amendment (No. 7) Provisional Regulations, 1927;

(39) dated 22nd November 1927, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Amendment (Routes Nos. 33, 127, 202, 206, and 285) Provisional Regulations, 1927;

(40) dated 23rd November 1927, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) General Amendment (No. 8) Provisional Regulations, 1927;

(41) dated 23rd November 1927, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Amendment (Route No. 288) Provisional Regulations, 1927;

(42) dated 29th November 1927, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) General Amendment (No. 9) Provisional Regulations, 1927;

(43) dated 16th December 1927, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Amendment (Route No. 120) Provisional Regulations, 1927.

Copies of Regulations—

(1) dated 16th August 1927, entitled the London Traffic (Traffic Notices) Regulations, 1927;

(2) dated 16th August 1927, entitled the London Traffic (Unhired Cabs) Regulations, 1927;

(3) dated 30th December 1927, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) (No. 2) Regulations, 1927;


Copies of Special Orders made under the Electricity (Supply) Acts in respect of—

(1) parts of the Rural Districts of Teitby, Cirencester, Chipping Sodbury, and Thornbury, in the County of Gloucester;

(2) part of the Rural District of Thornbury, in the County of Gloucester;

(3) parts of the Rural Districts of Reigate and Dorking, in the County of Surrey;

(4) the Borough of Romsey, the Rural Districts of Romsey and New Forest, and part of the Rural District of Lymington, in the County of Southampton;

(5) the Parish of Amesbury, in the Rural District of Amesbury, in the County of Wilts;

(6) parts of the Rural Districts of Mutford and Lothingland and Blything, in the Administrative County of East Suffolk;

(7) part of the Rural District of Lichfield, in the County of Stafford;

(8) the Urban District of Epping and part of the Rural District of Epping, in the County of Essex;

(9) the Urban District of Buckley, in the County of Flint;

(10) the Parish of Laing, in the County of Sutherland;

(11) the Urban District of Rugeley and parts of the Rural Districts of Lichfield and Stafford, in the County of Stafford;

(12) parts of the Rural Districts of Basingstoke, Kingscote, and Whitechurch, in the County of Southampton;

(13) the Rural District of East and West Flegg and parts of the Rural Districts of Biofield, Loddon, and Clavering and Smallburgh, in the County of Norfolk, and parts of the Rural Districts of Mutford and Lothingland and Wangford, in the administrative County of East Suffolk;

(14) the Urban District of Northallerton and part of the Rural District of Northallerton, in the North Riding of the County of York.

Copy of Special Order made under the Electricity Supply Acts for the transfer of the Supply Acts, undertaking authorised by the Bridge of Allan Electricity Special Order, 1925, and other purposes.

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

Secretary Sir William Joynson-Hicks presented, Prisons sentenced, pursuant to the directions of an Act of (England and Wales.)—Copy of Order for the discontinuance of Worcester Prison.

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


Copy of Index to Treaty Series, 1927. Treaty Series (No. 30, 1927.)

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

Secretary Sir John Gilmour presented, by Local His Majesty's Command,—Return showing Taxation (Scotland) Account for the financial year 1926–27.

Secretary Sir John Gilmour also presented, Prisons pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament.—Copy of Rules—

(1) appointing the prison of Aberdeen to be a prison to which prisoners from the County of Forfar may be committed;
(2) as to the appointment of a visiting committee for the prison of Aberdeen;
(3) as to the appointment of a visiting committee for the prison of Perth.

Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889.

Rating (Scotland) Act, 1926.

Merchandise Marks Act, 1926.

Merchant Shipping Acts (Dispensing Powers.) No. 6.

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Standing Committee, set up under the Merchandise Marks Act, 1926, respecting Boots, Shoes, and Slippers (other than rubber).

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

Merchandise Marks Act, 1926.

Merchant Shipping Acts (Dispensing Powers.)

Copy of Report of the Standing Committee, set up under the Merchandise Marks Act, 1926, respecting Pottery.

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Report by the Board of Trade of the cases in which they have exercised their powers under Section 78 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1906, during the year ended 31st December 1927.

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


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British Settlements Act, 1887.


Merchant Shipping Acts.

Navigals and Marine Pensions Act, 1856.


Weights and Measures Act, 1873.

Lord Eustace Percy presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Provisional Regulations, dated 30th December 1927, entitled—

(1) The Contributory Pensions (Collection of Contributions for Persons over 65) Regulations, 1927;
(2) The Contributory Pensions (Calculation of Contributions) Amendment Regulations (No. 2), 1927.

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

Lord Eustace Percy also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order in Council, dated 20th December 1925, approving a scheme with respect to the constitution of the Bishopric of Leicester.

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

Lord Eustace Percy presented, pursuant to Board of Trade Order in Council, dated 29th December 1925, of Scheme proposed to be made for giving effect to arrangements made with the Government of the Isle of Man relating to the Superannuation of Teachers.

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

Mr. Chamberlain presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Provisional Regulations, dated 30th December 1927, entitled—

(1) The Air Navigation (Mandated Territories) Order in Council, 1927;

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

Copy of Order in Council, dated 20th December 1927, entitled—

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Copy of Order in Council, dated 20th December 1927, entitled the Kenya and Uganda (Transport) Amendment Order in Council, 1927.

Copy of Order in Council, dated 20th December 1927, entitled the Government of Ireland (Intestate Estates) Order, 1927.

Copy of Order in Council, dated 20th December 1927, further postponing the coming into operation of the Merchant Shipping (Convention) Act, 1914.

Copy of Three Orders in Council, dated 20th December 1927, approving Admiralty Memorials under the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1855.

Copy of Statute made by the University of Oxford, on the 1st November 1927, Amending Stat., Tit. XXIII., Sect. II., § 1, limiting the number of Women Students.

Copy of Order in Council, dated 20th December 1927, approving the Measure of Length of 100 inches as a new Denomination of Standard.

Local Government Act, 1888.

Copy of Order in Council, dated 20th December 1927, approving the Measure of Length of 100 inches as a new Denomination of Standard.

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Copy of Order, dated 25th January 1928, entitled the Alkali, &c., Works Order, 1928.

Copies of Orders,—
(1) dated 21st July 1927, entitled the Rating and Valuation Act (Submission of Schemes) (No. 2) Order, 1927;
(2) dated 7th September 1927, entitled the Manchester (Assessment Committee) Order, 1927;
(3) dated 19th September 1927, entitled the Rating and Valuation (Haverfordwest) Order, 1927;
(4) dated 20th October 1927, entitled the Rating and Valuation (Sadbury) Order, 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, dated 28th January 1928, amending in certain respects His Majesty’s Order, dated the 25th September 1921, for the retired pay of Officers disabled, and for the pensions of the families and relatives of Officers deceased, and for the pensions of Nurses disabled, and of the relatives of Nurses deceased, in consequence of the Great War.

Copy of Order, dated 28th January 1928, amending in certain respects His Majesty’s Order, dated the 11th May 1920, as amended by His Majesty’s Order dated the 26th June 1925, for the pensions of Airmen disabled, and of the families and dependants of Airmen deceased, in consequence of the Great War.

Copy of Order, dated 30th January 1928, amending in certain respects His Majesty’s Order, dated the 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 Papers do lie upon the Table.

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

Copy of Schedule containing a List and Particulars of certain classes of documents which exist or have arisen in the offices of the Defence of the Realm (Losses) Commission, Defence of the Realm (Licensed Trade Claims) Commission, the War Compensation Court, the Admiralty Transport Arbitration Board, and the Irish Deportees (Compensation) Tribunal, and which are not considered of sufficient public value to justify their preservation in the Public Record Office.


Copy of Report of the Chief Registrar of Friendly Societies for the year 1926. Part 4, Trade Unions.


Copy of Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Copy of Report to the Lord Chancellor of the Lunacy, number of Visits made, the number of Patients seen, and the number of Miles travelled, by the Visitors of Lunatics between 1st April and 30th September 1927.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to China Indemnity Fund be printed.

Mr. Speaker reported His Majesty’s Speech, King’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. It is the constant effort of My Government, in co-operation with the League of Nations, to secure the settlement of international differences and to promote the cause of peace.

I have invited the King of Afghanistan to visit Me in March, and I look forward to welcoming His Majesty to My capital. It will be a particular pleasure to Me to receive His Majesty on his first visit to Europe.

The position in China has so far improved as to permit large reductions in the naval and military forces sent to the Far East for the protection of My British and Indian subjects resident in the concessions, but the situation caused by internal disturbances and civil wars and the consequent insecurity of life and property, both Chinese and Foreign, still give cause for anxiety. In spite of these discouraging circumstances, My Government adhere to the declaration of policy published by them a year ago, as the basis on which they are prepared to meet Chinese aspirations when the Chinese can assure satisfactory protection for British lives and property.

On the 29th December last the United States Government communicated to My Ambassador at Washington, for consideration and as a basis for negotiation, the draft of a new Treaty of Arbitration between Myself and the President of the United States of America, to take the place of the Treaty of Arbitration concluded at Washington on the 4th April 1908. The terms of the new draft are being carefully and sympathetically studied by My Government in Great Britain and will be considered in communication with My Governments in the Dominions.

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

My Lords and Members of the House of Commons,

Although the condition of affairs in some of the principal industries continues to give cause for serious anxiety, I am glad to observe...
that in the general state of trade and industry there are many encouraging signs of progressive improvement in both our Home and external trade which justify the hope that with co-operation and goodwill steady progress will be made in the coming year.

The burdens imposed upon industry and agriculture by the present incidence of local rates have attracted the anxious attention of My Ministers. They are now engaged upon inquiries into the possibility of affording some relief from these burdens to the producing community and into the changes in local government which would thereby be involved.

Proposals will be brought before you for amending the Law relating to the Parliamentary and Local Government Franchise.

Measures will be presented to you for giving effect to certain recommendations of My Commission on National Health Insurance, and for increasing the credit facilities of persons engaged in agriculture.

Among other Bills which you will be invited to pass are measures dealing with the Laws relating to the Supreme Court of Judicature and to Arbitration, with the amendment of the Companies Acts, with the valuation for rating purposes of property in London, and with the Law relating to the Metropolitan Common Poor Fund.

You will also be asked to consider proposals for the re-organisation of certain of the Departments in Scotland.

Bills dealing with other measures of importance will be introduced and proceeded with as time and opportunity allow.

I pray that the blessing of Almighty God may rest upon your labours.

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 Northern 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—(Colonel Lambert Ward) :—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.

—(Lord Bastard Percy.)

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed tomorrow.

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

(Major Cope.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till five minutes after Eight of the clock, adjourned till tomorrow.
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Warwick Corporation.
Wessex Electricity Supply.
Wey Valley Water.
Whitby Water.
York Town and Blackwater Gas and Electric Light.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the retired pay of Officers disabled, &c., which was presented on the 7th day of this instant February, be printed.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to pensions of Airmen disabled, &c., which was presented on the 7th day of this instant February, be printed.

Secretary Sir William Jowson-Hicks presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Licence granted to a Convict, discharging her from Aylesbury Convict Prison on condition that she enters a home.

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 all Applications made by the First Lord of the Treasury and the Chancellor of the Exchequer to the Governor and Deputy Governor of the Bank of England for Advances to Government authorised by Parliament, from 6th January 1927 to 5th January 1928, and the answers of the said Court thereto.

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 Forces for the year ended the 31st day of March 1927.—(Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Accounts relating to Trade and Navigation of the United Kingdom for the year ended 5th January 1927—(Mr. Ramsay MacDonald), instead thereof.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to pensions of Airmen disabled, &c., which was presented on the 7th day of this instant February, be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee to consider an humble Address to His Majesty, praying that His Majesty will give directions that a monument be erected at the public charge to the memory of the late Field-Marshal Earl Haig, with an inscription expressing the admiration of this House for his illustrious military career and its gratitude for his devoted services to the State.—(The Prime Minister.)

And the Question being again proposed:—

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee to consider an humble Address to His Majesty, praying that His Majesty will give directions that a monument be erected at the public charge to the memory of the late Field-Marshal Earl Haig, with an inscription expressing the admiration of this House for his illustrious military career and its gratitude for his devoted services to the State. (The Prime Minister.)

And the Question being again proposed:—

Resolved, That the Debate be now adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.

—(Mr. Charles Edwards.)

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to pensions of Airmen disabled, &c., which was presented on the 7th day of this instant February, be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee to consider an humble Address to His Majesty, praying that His Majesty will give directions that a monument be erected at the public charge to the memory of the late Field-Marshal Earl Haig, with an inscription expressing the admiration of this House for his illustrious military career and its gratitude for his devoted services to the State.—(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 "a Select Committee be appointed to consider the most fitting form of national memorial to the late Field-Marshal Earl Haig in view of his known concern for the comfort and welfare of ex-Service men, their widows, and dependants.”—(Mr. Ramsay MacDonald), 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 George Hennessy, ] 220.


Tellers for the [Mr. Parkinson, ] 103.


So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee to consider an humble Address to His Majesty, praying that His Majesty will give directions that a monument be erected at the public charge to the memory of the late Field Marshal Earl Haig, with an inscription expressing the admiration of this House for his illustrious military career and its gratitude for his devoted services to the State.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming King’s Speech (Motion for an Address.) and that the presentation of Bills on Friday 10th February be taken at the commencement of Public Business.—(The Prime Minister.)

The Order of the day being read, for resuming King's Speech (Motion for an Address.) and that the presentation of Bills on Friday 10th February be taken at the commencement of Public Business.—(The Prime Minister.)

Thursday 9th February, at a convenient time and place, to be appointed by Mr. Speaker, and that the presentation of Bills on Friday 10th February be taken at the commencement of Public Business.—(The Prime Minister.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee to consider an humble Address to His Majesty, praying that His Majesty will give directions that a monument be erected at the public charge to the memory of the late Field Marshal Earl Haig, with an inscription expressing the admiration of this House for his illustrious military career and its gratitude for his devoted services to the State.—(The Prime Minister.)

And the Question being again proposed:—

Resolved, That the Debate be now adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.

—(Mr. Charles Edwards.)

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.

—(Mr. Charles Edwards.)

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to pensions of Airmen disabled, &c., which was presented on the 7th day of this instant February, be printed.
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Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel presented,—

Return to an Order, dated the 8th day of this instant February, for a Return relative to Public Departments (Gross and Net Cost, 1926—27).

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

Trade and Navigation. No. 11.

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 8th day of this instant February, for a Return relative to Trade and Navigation.

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

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

[No. 3.]

Thursday, 9th February 1928.

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

PRAYERS.

Treaty Series (No. 3, 1928.)

SECRETARY Sir Austen Chamberlain presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Agreement between His Majesty's Government in Great Britain and the German Government for the Exemption of Shipping Profits from Double Taxation, together with Notes exchanged. Berlin, 17th January 1928.

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

Public Health (Scotland) Act, 1897.

Secretary Sir John Gilmour presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Regulations, dated 18th December 1927, entitled the Public Health (Condensed Milk) Amendment Regulations (Scotland), 1927.

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

Secretary Sir John Gilmour also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Copies of Regulations, dated 8th December 1927, entitled—

(1) the Public Health (Condensed Milk) Amendment Regulations (Scotland), 1927;
(2) the Public Health (Dried Milk) Amendment Regulations (Scotland), 1927.

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

Unemployment Insurance Acts.


Trade Boards Acts.

Orders for the adjournment of the House, having continued to sit till one minute after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

(2) The Trade Boards (Waste Materials Reclamation Trade, Great Britain (Cotton Waste Branch) (Amendment) Regulations, 1928.

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

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

Copy of the Bankruptcy Rules (No. 1), 1928, Bankruptcy Rules, dated 2nd January 1928.

Copy of the Supreme Court Funds Rules, Supreme Court (Rules), 1927, dated 16th December 1927.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Accounts of the Civil Contingencies Fund, 1926, showing (1) the receipts and payments in connection with the Fund in the year ended the 31st day of March 1927; (2) the distribution of the capital of the Fund at the commencement and close of the year; together with Copy of the Correspondence with the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon. —(Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel.)

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

The House, according to Order, resolved Memorial to itself into a Committee on Memorial to Field-Marshal Earl Haig. (In the Committee.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that His Majesty will give directions that a monument be erected at the public charge to the memory of the late Field-Marshal Earl Haig, with an inscription expressing the admiration of this House for his illustrious military career and its gratitude for his devoted services to the State, and to assure His Majesty that this House will make good the expenses attending the same.—(The Prime Minister.)

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

Copy of the Bankruptcy Rules (No. 1), 1928, Bankruptcy Rules, dated 2nd January 1928.

Copy of the Supreme Court Funds Rules, Supreme Court (Rules), 1927, dated 16th December 1927.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved Memorial to Field-Marshal Earl Haig. (In the Committee.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that His Majesty will give directions that a monument be erected at the public charge to the memory of the late Field-Marshal Earl Haig, with an inscription expressing the admiration of this House for his illustrious military career and its gratitude for his devoted services to the State, and to assure His Majesty that this House will make good the expenses attending the same.—(The Prime Minister.)

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 resuming King's Speech the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 7th 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 Northern 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 that no mention is made of unemployment measures designed to grapple with the pressing urgency of unemployment, especially in the coal and other basic industries, and its menacing
effect on many areas where industrial enterprise is being crippled and local government is breaking down."—(Mr. Arthur Henderson.)

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

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.

—(Mr. Charles Edwards.)

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

Privileges. Ordered, That the Committee of Privileges do consist of Ten Members.

The Committee was accordingly nominated of the Prime Minister, Mr. Attorney General, Lord H. Cecil, Mr. Clynes, Mr. Arthur Henderson, Sir Ellis Hume-Williams, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, Sir Robert Sanders, Mr. Macpherson, 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.—(Sir George Hennings.)

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

[No. 4.]

Friday, 10th February 1928.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Accrington Corporation Bill.

A BILL to extend the boundaries of the Borough of Accrington; to empower the Corporation to provide and work trolley vehicles and omnibuses; to acquire lands and execute street works; to make further provision with respect to their tramways, trolley vehicles, omnibus, and electricity undertakings, 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.

Barnet District Gas and Water Bill.

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

Bognor Urban District Council Bill.

A Bill to transfer to and vest in the Bognor Urban District Council the undertaking of the Bognor Water Company; and to make further and better provision for the health, local government, finance, and improvement of the district, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Bury and District Joint Water Board Bill.

A Bill to extend the time for the completion of works authorised by the Bury and District Joint Water Board Act, 1903; to confer further powers on the Board, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to empower the Caerphilly Urban District Council to construct street works; to confer further powers on the Council with respect to their omnibus, water, and electricity undertakings, and the health, good government, and finances of their district, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for authorising the Colne Valley Water Company to construct new works and 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 empower the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the city of Coventry to construct waterworks, street works, an improvement of the River Sherbourne, and an extension of the Corporation's new cemetery, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to empower the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgess of the Borough of Exeter to construct street works and a tramway; to confer further powers upon the Corporation with regard to the health, local government, and improvement of the Borough, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to confer further powers upon the Edinburgh Corporation of the City and Royal Burgh of Edinburgh in relation to venereal disease, 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 Dudley Borough of Dudley; to authorise the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgess of the Borough to execute street works; to confer further powers upon the Corporation with regard to the health, local government, and improvement of the Borough, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to authorise the Mayor, Aldermen, Exeter, and Citizens of the City of Exeter to construct street works and a tramway; to acquire lands for various purposes and to provide and work omnibuses, and to confer further powers upon the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens with regard to their tramways, water, and electricity undertakings and the health, local government, and improvement of the City, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to confer further powers on the Falmouth Waterworks 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 Great Western Railway Company to provide road transport services, 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 abandonment by the Great Western Railway Company of the North Dock, Swansea, and of a portion of the Swansea Canal; and to confer upon the Great Western Railway Company and the Corporation of Swansea powers to acquire lands and to execute works, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to empower the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the County Borough of Hastings to construct additional waterworks and to execute street improvements; to make further provision for the improvement and good government of the borough; to empower the Corporation to borrow money, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to continue the rates, tolls, dues, and charges now leviable by the Leeds and Liverpool Canal Company; to empower the company to purchase debentures and debenture stock, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to empower the Llandudno Urban District Council to run omnibuses; to confer further powers on the Council in regard to the supply of water, gas, and electricity, and to make further and better provision for the health, local government, finance, and improvement of the district, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to empower the London and North Eastern Railway Company to provide road transport services, 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 empower the London County Council to enlarge their tramway subway, and to reconstruct the tramways therein and adjacent thereto; to make street improvements, 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 a railway and to acquire lands; to extend the time for 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 increase the borrowing powers of the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board; to extend the period for the completion of works, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to empower the Metropolitan Railway Company to provide road transport services, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to empower the County Councils of Middlesex and Surrey to construct bridges across the River Thames and other works; to vest the Richmond Bridge in the said County Councils; to confer further powers upon them, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to confirm the construction of a well of the Newquay and District Water 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 Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of Oxford to construct additional waterworks; to confer further financial and other powers upon the Corporation, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to provide for the transfer to the Regent's Canal and Dock Company of the canal undertaking of the Company of Proprietors of the Grand Junction Canal; to confer various powers upon the Regent's Canal and Dock Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to provide for the transfer to the Regent's Canal and Dock Company of the undertakings of the Company of Proprietors of the Warwick and Birmingham Canal Navigation, the Company of Proprietors of the Warwick and Napton Canal Navigation, and the Company of Proprietors of the Birmingham and Warwick Junction Canal Navigation, and the dissolution of those companies, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to empower the Rickmansworth Hillmans and Uxbridge Valley Water Company to construct further works and to raise additional capital; to confer additional powers upon the Water Bill, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to empower the Mayor, Aldermen, Rotherham and Burgesses of the County Borough of Rotherham to construct street improvements...
and to acquire and utilise lands at Herringthorpe and adjoining the Borough; to confer further powers upon them with regard to their tramway trolley vehicle, omnibus, electricity, gas, and water undertakings; to make further provision with regard to the health, local government and improvement of the borough, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to amend the Scottish Insurance Companies (Superannuation Fund) Order, 1914; to alter the constitution of and confer further powers upon the Scottish Insurance Companies Superannuation Fund Committee; to alter and extend the benefits provided out of the Scottish Insurance Companies Superannuation Fund, 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 Shropshire, Worcestershire, and Staffordshire Electric Power 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 Southern Railway Company to promote road transport services, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to extend the limits of supply of the South Metropolitan Gas Company; to increase the capital powers of the Company; and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to consolidate the Acts applying to the South Suburban Gas Company; to make new provisions as to the charges for the gas supplied by and the application of the profits of the Company; to extend their limits of supply; to authorise the Company to acquire additional lands, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to authorise the South West Suburban Water Company to take additional water from the River Thames and to raise additional capital; to extend the company's limits of supply, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to confer further powers upon the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Stoke-on-Trent with respect to lands and their electricity undertaking; with respect to the establishment of a savings and housing bank and an insurance fund; to make better provision for the control of traffic within, and the health, local government, and improvement of, the City, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to authorise the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgessesses of the Borough of Sunderland to free the Queen Alexandra Bridge over the River Wear from tolls, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for transferring to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners certain churches, parsonages, and other properties now vested in the Weaver Navigation Trustees; to make provision as to the use of bridges over the navigation; to confer further borrowing powers on the trustees, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to empower the Windermere District Gas and Water Company to acquire and construct waterworks; to extend their limits for the supply of water; to authorise them to raise additional capital; 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 to empower the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the County Borough of Wolverhampton to purchase certain tramways and light railways, and to confer further powers upon them with regard to the provision and working of trolley vehicles and omnibuses along the routes of such tramways and light railways and on other routes; to authorise the Corporation and the Cannock Rural District Council to construct street works and to acquire lands for those and other purposes; to extend the area of supply for electricity by the Corporation and to empower them to purchase part of the undertaking of the Midland Electric Corporation for Power Distribution, Limited; to make further provision with regard to the water undertaking of the Corporation, and the health, local government, and improvement of the borough, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to merge the several water under Ystradfellte takings of the Neath Rural District Council Water Bill, in one undertaking; to confer further powers on the Council with respect to the combined water undertaking and the finances of their district; to amend the Ystradfellte Water Acts, 1902 and 1912, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to confer powers upon the Zoological Society of London with reference to certain Society of London Bill, lands acquired by them in the County of Bedford; to provide for the construction of a new bridgehead and the acquisition of land therefor, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Colonel Actland-Troyte, Mr. Broad, Captain Standing Bourne, Brigadier-General Charteris, Major, Orders. General Sir Newton Moore, Sir Reginald Neville, Mr. Paling, Mr. Somerville, Mr. George Thorne, Colonel Sir Geoffrey Dalrymple-White, and Mr. Robert Young were nominated Members of the Select Committee on Standing Orders.—(Sir George Hewessey.)
Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel presented,—
Mr. Tinker, and Mr. Lunn, 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 32nd day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Waddington, supported by Mr. Campbell, Mr. William Graham, Sir Wiffrid Sugden, Mr. Robert Hamilton, Mr. Webb, Mr. Albert Alexander, Mr. Clagston, Mr. Clarry, Sir Samuel Chapman, Mr. Hall Cowie, and Mr. Hugh Edwards, presented 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 ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 30th day of March next; and to be printed.

Captain Gunston, supported by Sir Geoffrey Butler, Major Craufurd, Mr. Rhys Davies, Mr. Everard, Mr. Peto, Mr. Riley, Colonel Burgess-Bride, and Mr. Rye, presented a Bill to amend the Births and Deaths Registration Acts, 1836 to 1926, and the Marriage Acts, 1811 to 1898: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 20th day of April next; and to be printed.

Mr. Gerald Hurst, supported by Mr. Fielden, Mr. Clynes, Mr. Waddington, Dr. Vernon Davies, Mr. Sandeman, Sir H. Campbell, Mr. Briggs, Mr. Wallhead, Dr. Watts, Mr. Wiggins, and Mr. A. R. Kennedy, presented a Bill to provide for the collection of a contribution by cotton spinners in Great Britain to the funds of the Empire Cotton Growing Corporation; and for other matters relating to the Cotton Industry: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 20th day of April next; and to be printed.

Sir James Agg-Gardner, supported by Sir Hire-Purchase System, Mr. John Lipman, Mr. Albert Alexander, Mr. Robert Hudson, Mr. Watts, Mr. Cranford, Mr. Robert Morrison, and Mr. Smellie Crooke, presented a Bill to amend the Law of Distress and Bankruptcy in its relation to the Hire-Purchase System: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 4th day of May next; and to be printed.

Mr. Sandeman Allen, supported by Mr. Teachers, Mr. Nuttall, Mr. Hayes, Sir Cyril Cobb, Sir Geoffrey Butler, Mr. Robert Morrison, and Mr. Harrison, presented a Bill to amend section eleven of the Teachers (Supernannuation) Act, 1925, and paragraph (d) of subsection (1) of section four of the Education (Scotland) (Supernannuation) Act, 1925: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 20th day of April next; and to be printed.

Sir George Hume, supported by Mr. Rentoul, Mr. Philip Richardson, Sir Cyril Cobb, Mr. Roy Wilson, Mr. Meller, Sir Douglas Newton, Colonel Moore, Mr. Albery, and Mr. Somerville, presented a Bill to prevent the teaching of seditious and blasphemous doctrines and methods to Children, and for other purposes connected therewith: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 4th day of May next; and to be printed.
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Mr. Wallhead, supported by Mr. George Hall, Bill 20.
Mr. Clynes, Mr. Webb, Mr. Lees Smith, Prevention Mr. Oliver, Mr. Greenwood, Mr. Lanbury, Mr. of Unemployment Hayday, and Mr. William Graham, presented Bill.
Mr. Robinson, and Mr. Palin, presented a Bill Bill to make provision for the prevention of to limit the hours of work in industrial undertakings: And unemployment, and for other purposes connected therewith: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 9th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Hayday, supported by Mr. Mackinder, Mr. William Thorne, Mr. Thomas Shaw, Mr. Broad, Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Robert Wilson, Mr. Robinson, and Mr. Palin, presented a Bill to provide for the protection of Lapwings: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 2nd day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Lindley, supported by Mr. Lanbury, Mr. Webb, Mr. Palin, Mr. Robert Richardson, Bill 22.
Mr. Thomas Williams, Mr. Scarr, Mr. Thurtle, and Mr. Greenwood, 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 24th day of this instant February; and to be printed.

Brigadier-General Charteris, supported by Slaughter of Colonel Moore, Mr. Templeton, Sir Robert Animals Hamilton, Dr. Shiel, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Westwood, and Major Sir Archibald Sinclair, presented a Bill to provide for humane slaughter of animals in Scotland: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Guinness, supported by Secretary Sir Rabbits Bill. John Gilmour, presented a Bill to make provision for the prevention of damage by Rabbits: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister, supported by the Companies Lord Advocate, Mr. Solicitor General, and Bill. Mr. Herbert Williams, presented a Bill to amend the Companies Acts, 1908 to 1917, and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister, supported by Mr. Patents and Solici\r

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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 upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Memorial to Field-Marshal Earl Haig.

Captain Bowyer reported from the Committee on Memorial to Field-Marshal Earl Haig, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that His Majesty will give directions that a monument be erected at the public charge to the memory of the late Field-Marshal Earl Haig, with an inscription expressing the admiration of this House for his illustrious military career and its gratitude for his devoted services to the State, and to assure His Majesty that this House will make good the expenses attending the same.

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 9th day of this instant February, was proposed to be made to the Question proposed upon the 7th 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 Northern 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.

Which Amendment was, at the end of the Question, to add the words,—

"But regret that no mention is made of measures designed to grapple with the pressing urgency of unemployment, especially in the coal and other basic industries, and its menacing effect on many areas where industrial enterprise is being crippled and local government is breaking down."

And the Question being again proposed, That those words be there added:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

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

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Monday next.

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. Clarry, Mr. Clowes, Mr. John Guest, Colonel James, Major Kenyon-Stanley, 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.—(Sir George Hennery.)

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. Boxer, Mr. Burman, Mr. Hall Caine, Mr. Gates, Mr. Hore-Belisha, 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.—(Sir George Hennery.)

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

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,
Charles Edwards, Esquire, and
Major Clement Richard Attlee,
to act during this Session as a temporary Chairman of Committees when requested by the Chairman of Ways and Means.

J. H. Whit ley,
Speaker.

10th February 1928.
Monday, 13th February 1928.

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

SECRETARY Sir William Joynson-Hicks presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Manufacture of Cinematograph Film Regulations, 1928, dated 8th February 1928.

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 6th February 1928, regarding the alteration of date in Order of 25th January 1928.

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

Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Account of the Imperial Ottoman Guaranteed Loan of 1855 for the period to 31st December 1927.

Abstract Account showing the Issues made from the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom in the financial year ended 31st March 1927 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 thereon.

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

Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Accounts and Balance Sheets of Trading or Commercial Services conducted by Government Departments during the period 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.

The following Paper, pursuant to the Report of the Select Committee on Expiring Laws in Session 1866, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Register of Temporary Vol. 183.

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The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Copy of Report of the Industrial Assurance Commissioner for 1927.

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,—Copies of Schemes for effecting the unions of the beneﬁces of—

(1) Ancoats St. Andrew with part of Manchester St. James, George Street;

(2) Manchester St. Ann and St. Mary with the residue of Manchester St. James, George Street;

(3) Manchester St. John and Manchester St. Matthew;

in the County of Lancaster and Diocese of Manchester.

Ordered, That the Papers relative to Temporary Laws and Industrial Assurance be printed.

Sir Robert Gover, supported by Sir Harry Housing Bill.

Sir Robert Gover, supported by Sir Harry Moore, Mr. Bromley, Mr. Macquisten, Mr. Thurtle, Captain Arthur Evans, Mr. Sexton, Mr. Bromley, Sir John Simon, Sir Henry Steerer, and Mr. Withers, presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to Solicitors: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 16th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Dennis Herbert, supported by Sir William Protection of Dogs Bill.

Mr. Dennis Herbert, supported by Sir William Moore, Mr. Macquisten, Mr. Thurtle, Captain Arthur Evans, Mr. Sexton, and Mr. Rodford, presented a Bill to prohibit the vivisection of Dogs: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 29th day of April next; and to be printed.

Colonal Windsor-Clive, supported by Sir Bridges Improvement and Maintenance Bill.

Colonal Windsor-Clive, supported by Sir Frank Nelson, Rear-Admiral Suster, Mr. Charles Williams, and Brigadier-General Brooke, presented a Bill to facilitate the reconstruction of weak bridges belonging to bodies other than highway authorities, and to provide means for the transfer, in suitable cases, of the responsibility for the future maintenance of the bridge or roadway to the highway authority: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 16th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel, supported by Industrial Provident Societies Act, 1893: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

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Bill 28.

Bill 29.

Bill 30.

Bill 31.
The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 9th day of this instant February, was proposed to be made to the Question proposed upon the 7th 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 Northern 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.

Which Amendment was, at the end of the Question to add the words,—

"But regret that no mention is made of measures designed to grapple with the pressing urgency of unemployment, especially in the coal and other basic industries, and its menacing effect on many areas where industrial enterprise is being crippled and local government is breaking down."

And the Question being again proposed, That those words be there added:—The House resumed the adjourned Debate.

Sir George Hennessy rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put;—

The House divided.

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

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

 Tellers for the Sir George Hennessy, Yea's, Captain Margesson : 308.

 Tellers for the Mr. Parkinson, Noes, Mr. Whiteley : 120.

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. Parkinson, Yea's, Mr. Whiteley : 137.

 Tellers for the Sir George Hennessy, Noes, Captain Wallace : 293.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by adding at the end thereof the words,—

"But regret that economy in expenditure from the Exchequer and relief of the taxpayers' burdens have not been indicated in the Gracious Speech from the Throne."—(Colonel Gretton.)

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 Lieutenant-Commander Kenworthy, Yea's, Mr. Tinker : 84.

 Tellers for the Captain Margesson, Noes, Sir Victor Warrender : 189.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Rabbets Bill.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Companies Bill.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Patents and Second Reading of the Patents and Designs (Convention) Bill.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Re-organisation Second Reading of the Re-organisation of Offices (Scotland) 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.

PRAYERS.

Sir Rowland Blades, Mr. Charles Edwards, Selection.

Sir Leodin Forestor-Walker, Colonel Ordston, Mr. Frederick Hall, Mr. Thomas Henderson, Mr. William Nicholson, Major Owen, Sir John Pennefather, Mr. David Reid, and Sir Murrough Wilson were nominated Members of the Committee of Selection.—(Sir George Hennessy.)

Secretary Sir William Joynson-Hicks presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Copy of Regulations, dated 11th February 1928, entitled the Cinematograph Film Stripping Regulations, 1928.

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

Mr. Guinness presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Copy of Regulations, entitled the Cinematograph Film Stripping Regulations, 1928.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Rabbits Bill.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Companies Bill.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Patents and Designs (Convention) 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.

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

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Tuesday, 14th February 1928.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.
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molasses from Home-grown beet. Section II., Redinders.

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

Colonel Ashley presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Special Report by the Electricity Commissioners under the Electric Lighting Act, 1888, dispensing with the consent of the project for the new Rural District Council in the case of the Chesham Electricity (Extension) Special Order, 1928.

Colonel Ashley also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Twenty-sixth 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 1926–27.

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

Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel presented, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of the 4th day of March 1879,—Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 31st January 1928, under Section 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.

Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Appropriation Account of the amounts granted by Parliament for Air Services for the year ended 31st March 1927, together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon, and upon the Store Accounts of the Air Services.

Copy of Thirty-sixth Annual Report of the Inspection Committee of Trustee Savings Banks for the year ended 30th November 1927.

Copy of Appropriation Account. No. 22.

Copy of Appropriation Account. No. 22.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Papers relative to Public Accounts (Army Votes 1926.) No. 21.

Air (Appropriation Account.) No. 22.

Supernumeration Act, 1876.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Papers relative to Public Accounts (Army Votes 1926) and Air (Appropriation Account) be printed.

Army.

Secretary Sir Laming Worthington-Evans presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of General Annual Report on the British Army for the year ended 30th September 1927, with which is incorporated the Annual Report on Recruiting.

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

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House.—Account of Receipts and Payments by the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, in respect of the Capital and Income of the Local Loans Fund, for the year ended 31st March 1926, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor-General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Account be printed.

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Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Copy of Account of Receipts and Payments of the Accounting Officer of Account, the Vote for the Supreme Court on behalf of the Admiralty Division in Prize for the year ended the 31st day of March 1927, and for the period 4th day of August 1914 to 31st day of March 1927, together with Copy of the Correspondence with the Comptroller and Auditor-General thereon.—(Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel.)

Robert Parkinson Tomlinson, Esquire, New Member for the County of Lancaster (Lancaster Division), was sworn.

Mr. Tinker, supported by Mr. Arthur Hender—Factories Bill, Mr. Ryes Davies, Miss Wilkinson, Mr. Bill Mackinder, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Thomas Shaw, 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 30th day of March next; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed (Motion for an Address.)

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by adding at the end thereof the words:

"But humbly submit to Your Majesty that Social policy, the Gracious Speech contains no indication that your Ministers sufficiently appreciate the hardships and difficulties of the social and industrial life of the people, or contemplate any policy for the amelioration of their condition either by measures for the development of the national resources, the provision of work for the unemployed, or for the solution of the slum problem.—(Mr. Harney.)"

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 1 Mr. Fenby, Yeas, 140. Major Owen :

Tellers for the 1 Sir George Hennessy, 310. Major Cope :

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Main Question being put:

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

Most Gracious Sovereign,

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

And the Question being again proposed:—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by adding at the end thereof the words:

"But humbly submit to Your Majesty that Social policy, the Gracious Speech contains no indication that your Ministers sufficiently appreciate the hardships and difficulties of the social and industrial life of the people, or contemplate any policy for the amelioration of their condition either by measures for the development of the national resources, the provision of work for the unemployed, or for the solution of the slum problem.—(Mr. Harney.)"

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 1 Mr. Fenby, Yeas, 140. Major Owen :

Tellers for the 1 Sir George Hennessy, 310. Major Cope :

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Main Question being put:

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

Most Gracious Sovereign,

We, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, in Parliament assembled, beg leave to offer our
humbly 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.—(Sir George Hennessy.)

Ordered, That the Estimate presented to this House on the 7th 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.—(Sir George Hennessy.)

High Court of Justice (King’s Bench Division.)  

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, representing that the state of business in the King’s Bench Division requires that vacancies (not exceeding two) should be filled in the number of puisne judges of the King’s Bench Division, notwithstanding that the number of those judges amounts to fifteen or upwards, and praying that His Majesty will be graciously pleased to fill such vacancies accordingly, in pursuance of the Supreme Court of Judicature (Consolidation) Act, 1925.—(Mr. Attorney General.)

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

Industrial and Provident Societies (Amendment) Bill;  

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Industrial and Provident Societies (Amendment) Bill;  

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

Rabbits Bill;  

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

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

Companies Bill;  

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

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

Patents and Designs (Convention) Bill;  

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Patents and Designs (Convention) 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 the Second Reading of the Re-organisation of Offices (Scotland) Bill;  

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

Estimates;  

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. Bennet, Captain Bourne, Mr. Brocklebank, Mr. Charleston, Brigadier-General Charteris, Mr. Dalton, Colonel Sir Frederick Hall, Mr. Hanson, Captain Loder, Sir Malcolm Macnaghten, Sir John Marriott, Mr. Wardlaw-Milne, Captain Geoffrey Peto, Sir Philip Pilkington, Mr. Potts, Mr. Ramsden, Colonel Spender-Clay, Mr. Strauss, Mr. Mosley, Colonel Vaughan-Morgan, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Charles Williams, Mr. Thomas Williams, Mr. Roy Wilson, and Colonel Woodcock.

Ordered, That Seven be the quorum of the Committee.

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

Ordered, That the Committee have power, if they so determine, to appoint one or more Sub-Committees, and in that event to 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 shall 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.—(Sir George Hennessy.)

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

The Committee was accordingly nominated of Mr. Walter Baker, Mr. Briggs, Captain Crookshank, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Gillett, Mr. William Graham, Sir Robert Hamilton, Mr. Lloyd, Sir Malcolm Macnaghten, Sir John Marriott, Mr. Pethick-Lawrence, Sir Assheton Pownall, Major Salmon, Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel, and Mr. Roy Wilson.

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

Ordered, That Five be the quorum of the Committee.—(Sir George Hennessy.)

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 Agg-Gardner, Mr. Compton, Sir Geoffrey Butler, Sir Nicholas Grattan Doyle, Mr. Dunnico, Sir Park Goff, Mr. George Harvey, Sir George Hennessy, Lieutenant-General Sir Aylmer Hunter-Weston, General Sir Robert Hutchison, Mr. Kirkwood, Mr. Macpherson, Sir Kenneth Macpherson, Sir Herbert Nield, Mrs. Philipson, Colonel Lambert 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.—(Sir George Hennessy.)

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

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Wednesday, 15th February 1928.
The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Acrington Corporation Bill.
Barnet District Gas and Water Bill.
Bognor Urban District Council Bill.
Bury and District Joint Water Board Bill.
Caerphilly Urban District Council Bill.
Colne Valley Water Bill.
Coventry Corporation Bill.
Dartmouth Corporation Bill.
Dudley Corporation Bill.
Edinburgh Corporation Bill.
Exeter Corporation Bill.
Falmouth Water Bill.
Great Western Railway (Road Transport) Bill.
Great Western Railway (Swansea North Dock Abandonment) Bill.
Great Western Railway (Swansea North Dock Abandonment) Bill.

Ordered, That the Acrington Corporation Bill was read a second time, and committed.

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

Ordered, That the Bognor Urban District Council Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Ordered, That the Bury and District Joint Water Board Bill was read a second time, and committed.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ordered, That the Great Western Railway (Road Transport) Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 28th day of this instant February, at half an hour after Seven of the clock.

Ordered, That the Great Western Railway (Swansea North Dock Abandonment) Bill was read a second time, and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ordered, That the Hastings Corporation Bill was read a second time, and committed.

Ordered, That the Leeds and Liverpool Canal Bill was read a second time, and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ordered, that the Llandudno Urban District Council Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Ordered, That the London and North Eastern Railway (Road Transport) Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 28th day of this instant February, at half an hour after Seven of the clock.

Ordered, That the London County Council (General Powers) Bill was read a second time, and committed.

Ordered, That the London, Midland, and Scottish Railway Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Ordered, That the London, Midland, and Scottish Railway (Road Transport) Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 28th day of this instant February, at half an hour after Seven of the clock.

Ordered, That the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Ordered, That the Metropolitan Railway Metropolitan Railway (Road Transport) Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 28th day of this instant February, at half an hour after Seven of the clock.

Ordered, That the Metropolitan Railway (Road Transport) Bill be read a second time, and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ordered, That the Newquay Water Bill be read a second time, and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ordered, That the Oxford Corporation (Water, &c.) Bill was read a second time, and committed.

Ordered, That the Regent's Canal and Dock Company (Grand Junction Canal Purchase) Bill was read a second time, and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ordered, That the Regent's Canal and Dock Company (Warwick Canals Purchase) Bill was read a second time, and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ordered, That the Rickmansworth and Uxbridge Valley Water Bill was read a second time, and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ordered, That the Rickmansworth and Uxbridge Valley Water Bill was read a second time, and committed.

Ordered, That the Scotch Railway (Road Transport) Bill be read a second time, and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ordered, That the Surrey (Warwick Canals Purchase) Bill was read a second time, and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ordered, That the Thames Bridges, &c.) Bill was read a second time, and committed.

Ordered, That the Thames (Thames Bridges, &c.) Bill.

Ordered, That the Tramway London, Midland, and Scottish Railway (Road Transport) Bill was read a second time, and committed.

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Ordered, That the Tramway London, Midland, and Scottish Railway Bill was read a second time, and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ordered, That the Westminster (Grand Junction Canal Purchase) Bill was read a second time, and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.
The Rotherham Corporation Bill was read a second time, and committed.

The Scottish Insurance Companies (Superannuation Fund) Bill was read a second time, and committed.

Ordered, That the Shropshire, Worcestershire, and Staffordshire Electric Power Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

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

The South Suburban Gas (Consolidation) Bill was read a second time, and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

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

Ordered, That the Southern Railway (Road Transport) Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 28th day of this instant February, at half an hour after Seven of the clock.

The Stoke-on-Trent Corporation Bill was read a second time, and committed.

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

The Weaver Navigation Bill was read a second time, and committed.

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

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

The Ystradfellte Water Bill was read a second time, and committed.

The Zoological Society of London Bill was read a second time, and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

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

Ordered, That Standing Orders 124, 150, and 173s 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.—(Sir Vivian Henderson.)

Sir Vivian Henderson presented a Bill to Marriages confirm certain Provisional Orders 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.

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

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

Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel presented, pur-uant to the directions of an Act of Parliament—Annual Account of the High Court of Justice (Northern Ireland) Probate Division for the year 1927.

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

Ordered, That the said Estimates be referred to the Committee of Supply, and be printed; and 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 Second Schedule, superseding the Public Schedule of 26th March 1918, containing a Records and Particulars of certain classes of Official Press documents which accrued in the Official Press Bureau.)
Bureau and which are not considered of sufficient public value to justify their preservation in the Public Record Office.

Mr. Lansbury, supported by Mr. Snell, Mr. Thurtle, Dr. Salter, Mr. Dunnico, Mr. Scarr, and Mr. Wallhead, presented a Bill to amend the Blasphemy Laws: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide lying-down accommodation on night journeys in third class railway carriages; And that Colonel Applin, Mr. Groves, Mrs. Phillipson, Mr. Harnsworth, Mr. Barr, Mr. Crawford, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Buchan, do prepare, and bring it in.

Colonel Applin accordingly presented a Bill to provide lying-down accommodation on night journeys in third class railway carriages; And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday next; and to be printed.

Resolved, That the increasing number and volume of road transport services render legislation for control and regulation urgently necessary.—(Mr. David Greyford.)

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, in l. 1, by leaving out from the word "observes" to the end of the Question, and adding the words "the successful and the constant watchful attention of the Government.—(Mr. Meller.)"

And the Question being put, That this House observes with regret the application of Socialist theories to local government, and is of opinion that the authorites which apply Socialist theories to economic administration of local government would be best served by the extension to municipalities of further powers for the ownership and control of essential services, and by the complete national organisation of the Poor Law so as to secure work or, alternatively, maintenance for those unable to secure work in industry,—(Mr. Scarr),—instead thereof.

And the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question; The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left. Tellers for the Yes, Sir George Hume: 182. Tellers for the No, Mr. Charles Edwards: 111. So it was resolved in the Affirmative. And the Main Question being again proposed:—And a Debate arising thereupon; Vol. 183.

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 upon Monday next.

And the Order of the day being read, for the Blasphemy Laws.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Patents and Designs (Convention) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

And the Order of the day being read, for the Industrial and Provident Societies (Amendment) Bill;
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 Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

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

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

And then the House, having continued to sit till ten minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
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receive the same very graciously, and to give the following Answers —

King’s Speech (Answer to Address.)

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.

I have received your Address praying that I will give directions that a monument be erected at the public charge to the memory of the late Field-Marshal Earl Haig, with an inscription expressing the admiration of the House of Commons for his illustrious military career and its gratitude for his devoted services to the State, and assuring Me that you will make good the expenses attending the same.

It is fitting that the honour which the Nation pays to the memory of this great leader and patriot should be given visible expression in a public memorial, and I will gladly give directions for carrying your proposal into effect.

I have received your Address praying that, in pursuance of the eleventh section of the Supreme Court of Judicature (Consolidation) Act, 1925, two Judges may be appointed to the High Court of Justice to fill vacancies in the King’s Bench Division thereof, and I will issue directions in accordance with your desire.

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister presented, by His Majesty’s Command, Copy of Enactments relating to Companies as proposed to be amended by the Companies Bill.

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

Air Navigation Act, 1929.


Foreign Jurisdiction Act, 1890.

Copy of Order in Council, dated 6th February 1928, entitled the Nigeria (Legislative Council) Order in Council, 1928.

Greenwich Hospital Acts.

Copy of Order in Council, dated 6th February 1928, approving an Admiralry Memorial under the Greenwich Hospital Acts.

Copy of Three Orders in Council, dated 6th February 1928, amending the Regulations as to Pensions, Allowances, and Gratuities to Naval and Marine Officers, Seamen, and Nurses.

Ordered, That the said Papers 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 under the Electricity (Supply) Acts in respect of part of the Rural District of Chapel-en-le-Frith, in the County of Derby, and the Urban District of Yeardley-cum-Whaley, the Rural District of Disley, and part of the Rural District of Macclesfield, in the County of Chester.

Copy of Report by the Minister of Transport of his Proceedings for Session 1928 under the General Pier and Harbour Act, 1861, and the General Pier and Harbour Act, 1861, Amendment Act, 1862.


Orders of the Day.

Copy of Provisional Regulations, dated 13th February 1928, entitled—

(1) the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Amendment (Route No. 76) Provisional Regulations, 1928;

(2) the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Amendment (Route No. 93) Provisional Regulations, 1928;

(3) the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Amendment (Route No. 6) Provisional Regulations, 1928;

(4) the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Amendment (Route No. 103) Provisional Regulations, 1928;

(5) the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Amendment (Route No. 118) Provisional Regulations, 1928;

(6) the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Amendment (Routes Nos. 175 and 197) Provisional Regulations, 1928.

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

Mr. Attorney General presented, pursuant to Standing Order 1759,—Copy of Report of the Attorney General on the London Corporation Bill.

Copy of Report of the Attorney General on the Bernersley Borough Council (St. Olave’s Garden) Bill [Lords].

Copy of Report of the Attorney General on the Bethem Hospital Bill [Lords].

Copy of Report of the Attorney General on the Blackpool Extension Bill [Lords].

Copy of Report of the Attorney General on the Bridgewater Corporation Bill [Lords].


Copy of Report of the Attorney General on the London County Council (General Powers) Bill.


Copy of Report of the Attorney General on the Sheffield Corporation Bill [Lords].


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

Lieutenant-Commander Keenworth, supported by Mr. Morgan Jones, Mr. Morris, Lord Henry Cavendish-Bentinck, Mr. Dunstan, Mr. Barr, Mr. T. P. O’Connor, Mr. Hayes, and Sir Robert Neeman, presented a 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 to-morrow; and to be printed.

Mr. Taylor, supported by Mr. Rhys Davies, Mr. Riley, Mr. Thomas Williams, Mr. David Grenfell, Mr. Wilfrid Paling, Mr. Thurtle, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Mackinder, Miss Bondfield, 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 Turyday the 9th day of March next; and to be printed.

Notice taken of the death at an early hour yesterday morning of the Right Honourable the Earl of Oxford and Asquith, K.G.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(The Prime Minister.)

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

[No. 9.]

Friday, 17th February 1928.

The House met at eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

ORDERED, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ for the election of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the County of Cornwall (St. Ives Division), in the room of John Anthony Hawke, Esquire, K.C., who since his Election for the said County, hath accepted the Office of one of the Justices of His Majesty's High Court of Justice. —(Sir George Heneage.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bognor Urban District Council 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 Edinburgh Corporation 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 Falmouth Water 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 Llandudno Urban District Council 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 Mersey Docks and Harbour Board Bill;

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

The Order made upon the 16th day of this instant February that the Reports relative to Accrington Corporation Bill, Bermondsey Borough Council (St. Olave's Garden) Bill [Lords], Bethlem Hospital Bill [Lords], Blackpool Extension Bill [Lords], Bridgewater Corporation Bill [Lords], Caerphilly Urban District Council Bill, Dudley Corporation Bill, London County Council (General Powers) Bill, Oxford Extension Bill [Lords], Sheffield Corporation Bill [Lords], Weaver Navigation Bill, and Zoological Society of London Bill, be referred to the Committees on the Bills was read, and discharged.

ORDERED, That the said Papers be withdrawn.

Mr. Chamberlain presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order, read a sixth February 1928, entitled the Chester-le-Street Union (Default) Orders (Continuation) Order, 1928.

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

Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel 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 1927; also a separate Account of the Capital of the Duchy to the same date.

ORDERED, That the said Account do lie upon the Table.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had selected the following Ten Members to be the Chairman's Panel, and to serve as Chairmen of the Five Standing Committees appointed under Standing Order No. 47:—Major Sir Richard Barnett, Mr. James Brown, Sir Cyril Cobb, Mr. Ellis Davies, Mr. Morgan Jones, Mr. William Nicholson, Sir Samuel Roberts, Sir Robert Sanders, Mr. Short, and Sir Edmund Turton.

ORDERED, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Selection Committee of Selection; That, in pursuance (Chairmen's Panel) of Section 1, subsection (3), of the Parliament Act, 1911, they had appointed Mr. Short and Act, 1911.) Sir Edmund Turton from the Chairmen's Panel, with whom Mr. Speaker shall consult, if practicable, before giving his certificate to a Money Bill.

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Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had selected the following Ten Members to be the Panel to serve on Unopposed Bill Committees under Standing Order 105—Mr. Cape, Sir Martin Conway, Captain Crookshank, Sir Bertram Falle, Sir James Grant, Colonel James, Mr. Jenkins, Mr. Smith-Carington, Colonel Spender-Clay, and Mr. George Thorne.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Committee of Selection; That, in pursuance of the provisions of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, they had selected the following Twenty Members to form the Parliamentary Panel of Members of this House to act as Commissioners:—Sir George Berry, Major Brown-Lindsay, Sir Samuel Chapman, Sir Patrick Ford, Mr. Hardie, Sir Harry Hope, Lieutenant-General Sir Aymer Hunter-Weston, Mr. Kirkwood, Mr. Livingstone, Major MacAndrew, Sir Murdoch Macdonald, Mr. MacIntyre, Mr. Neil Maclean, Mr. Maxton, Mr. Rosslyn Mitchell, Mr. Stephen Mitchell, Mr. Skelton, Sir Alexander Sprot, Mr. James Stuart, and Mr. M’Lean Watson.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Stabilisation of Easter 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. Macquisten.)

And the Question being proposed, That the word “now” stand part of the Question—

And a Debate arising thereupon;

Brigadier-General Charteris rose in his place Closure and claimed to move, That the Question be not put; but Mr. Speaker withheld his assent, and declined then to put that Question:—assent.

Then the House resumed the Debate.

Brigadier-General Charteris 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, (Brigadier General Charteris, Colonel Moore : ) 119. 118.

Tellers for the Noes, (Mr. Macquisten, Major Harvey : ) 21.

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, (Brigadier General Charteris, Colonel Moore : ) 111.

Tellers for the Noes, (Mr. Macquisten, Major Harvey : ) 11.

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. Romer)—It passed in the Negative.

The Bill was committed to a Standing Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Capital Second Reading of the Capital Punishment 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 Ways and Means Committee of Ways and Means;

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

Whereupon Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to Standing Order No. 3, it being then seventeen minutes after Four of the clock, till Monday next.
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[No. 10.]

Monday, 20th February 1928.

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

PRAYERS.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough of Middlesbrough (West Division), in the room of Walter Trevelyan Thomson, Esquire, deceased. —(Major-General Sir Robert Hutchison.)

Inebriates Acts.

Secretary Sir William Joynson-Hicks presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Report of Inspector under the Inebriates Acts for 1927.

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

Prisons (England and Wales.)

Copy of Order for the discontinuance of Derby Prison.

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

Gas Regulation Act, 1920.


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

Local Government Act, 1888.

Mr. Chamberlain presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Devon (Dawlish Urban District) Confirmation Order, 1928.

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

Electricity (Supply) Acts.

Colonel Ashley presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copies of Special Reports dispensing with the consents of the—

1. Faringdon Rural District Council in the case of the Faringdon Electricity Special Order, 1928;

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

London Traffic Act, 1924.

Colonel Ashley also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Provisional Regulations, dated 6th February 1928, entitled the London Traffic (Prescribed Routes) Provisional Regulations, 1928.

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

Diseases of Animals Acts.

Mr. Guinness presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order, dated 13th February 1928, authorising the landing and defining the quarantine station of two Giraffes.

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

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Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel presented, by Civil Estimates Supplementary Estimate, 1927. No. 25.

Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Appropriation Account of the sums granted by Parliament for Navy Services for the year ended 31st March 1927, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon, and upon the Store Accounts of the Navy.

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.

Lord Eustace Percy presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 6th February 1928, entitled the Teachers' Superannuation Grant Regulations, 1928.

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

Sir Arthur Shirley Benn, supported by Commander Belloirs, Mr. Barr, Mr. Morris, Mr. Brandt, Mr. Ammon, and Mr. Savory, presented a Bill to amend the law relating to the marriage of persons with their nephew or niece by marriage: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 20th day of this instant February; and to be printed.

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

(In the Committee.)


Class I.

1. £15,613, to make good the Net Loss on Transactions connected with the raising of Money for the various Treasury Cheats Abroad in the year 1926.

Class VII.

2. £52,000, Supplementary, for Rates and Contributions in lieu of Rates, &c., in respect of Property in the occupation of the Crown for the Public Service, and for Rates on Buildings occupied by Representatives of British Dominions and of Foreign Powers, and to pay the Salaries and Expenses of the Rating of Government Property Department, and a Grant in Aid of the Expenses of the London Fire Brigade.

3. £10, Supplementary, for Expenditure in respect of Diplomatic and Consular Buildings.

4. £10, Supplementary, 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.

Class III.

5. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £2,500 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day
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of March 1928 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of His Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a sum not exceeding £2,400 be granted for the said Service.—(Mr. Gillett.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. Hayes, Mr. Whiteley : } 84.

Tellers for the Nos, { Captain Margesson, The Marquess of Titchfield : } 209.

Original Question put.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Captain Margesson, Captain Bouyer : } 193.

Tellers for the Nos, { Mr. Hayes, Mr. Whiteley : } 81.

Class V.

6. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £343,900 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 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 put, That a sum not exceeding £343,900 be granted for the said Service.—(Mr. Rhys Davies.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. Parkinson, Mr. Charteris : } 96.

Tellers for the Nos, { The Marquess of Titchfield, Sir Victor Warrender : } 189.

Original Question put.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, { The Marquess of Titchfield, Sir Victor Warrender : } 205.

Tellers for the Nos, { Mr. Parkinson, Mr. Charteris : } 79.

Resolutions to be reported.

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

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 upon Thursday 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.

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.

Resolved, That it is expedient that a Tribunal of Inquiry (Evidence) of urgent public importance, that is to say, the matters of complaint that have arisen between the Watch Committee of St. Helens and the Chief Constable of the Borough Police Force touching the administration of the Force.—(Sir Vivian Henderson.)

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Patents and Second Reading of the Patents and Designs (Convention) 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 Industrial and Provident Societies (Amendment) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Re-organisa-

tion of Offices (Scotland) Bill;

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment, proposed, That this House do now adjourn—

(Sir George Heneage);
STANDING COMMITTEES.

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

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Mr. Speaker being of opinion that the Slaughter of Animals (Scotland) Bill is a Bill relating exclusively to Scotland, the Bill will be considered by the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills.

[No. 11.]

Tuesday, 21st February 1928.

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.:

- Leeds and Liverpool Canal Bill.
- Riekmansworth and Uxbridge Valley Water Bill.
- Newquay Water Bill.
- Windermere Gas and Water Bill.
- Colne Valley Water Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be committed.

Bognor Urban District Council Bill.

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

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

Edinburgh Corporation Bill.

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

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

Falmouth Water Bill.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 29th day of this instant February.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Llandudno Urban District Council 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, Midland, and Scottish Railway Bill;

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

Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel presented, by Civil and His Majesty’s Command,—Estimate for Civil Revenue Departments and Revenue Departments for the year ending 31st March 1929, with Memorandum.

No. 27.

Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel also presented,—Return to an Order dated the 14th day of this instant February, for a Return relative to Supreme Court (Prize, &c.) Deposit Account, 1926–27.

No. 29.

Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account of the Gross Amount of all Bank Annuities and any Annuities for terms of years and other securities transferred, and of all Sums of Money paid to the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt; and the Gross Amount of Annuities for lives and for terms of years, &c., granted within the year ended 5th January 1928.

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

Mr. Chamberlain presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Government Orders entitled—

(1) the East Sussex (Fulking and Poynings) Confirmation Order, 1928;
(2) the East Sussex (Portslade-by-Sea Urban District) Confirmation Order, 1928.

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

Lord Eustace Percy presented, pursuant to Board of Draft Order amending Final Order No. 15, made under Section 32 of the Education Act, 1921.

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

Secretary Sir William Joynson-Hicks presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of 1912, made under Section 32 of the Education Act, 1921.

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

(1) County Borough of Blackpool;
(2) County of Essex (Urban District of Brentwood).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
Mr. William Nicholson further reported from the Committee; that they had nominated the following Members to serve on Standing Committee A:—Mr. Barr, Mr. Batey, Mr. Douglas Cobbe, Mr. Drury, Sir Walter de Freece, Mr. Dennis, Mr. Dicky, Mr. Drewe, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Erskine, Captain Arthur Evans, Lord Ferrer, Colonel Gault, Captain Ferguson Graham, Mr. David Grenfell, Mr. Griffiths, Mr. Harris, Colonel Howard-Bury, Mr. James Hudson, Mr. Hughe Jones, Major Kengos-Staney, Sir William Lane Mitchell, Major Long, Captain Peter Macdonald, Colonel Mason, Mr. Hugh Morrison, Mr. Nuttall, Mr. Oakley, Major Price, Sir Cooper Rasous, Mr. Ritson, Sir Frank Sanderson, Viscount Sandon, Col. Scott, Mr. Tink, on Standing Committee, Mr. Viant, Brigadier-General Warner, Mr. Charles Williams, and Major Yerburgh.

Standing Committee A.

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

Standing Committee A.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from the Committee; that they had added the following Fifteen Members to Standing Committee A (in respect of the Stabilisation of Government Elections) to Standing Committee A (in respect of the Stabilisation of Government Elections):—Mr. Standemans Alles, Major Birchall, Captain Bourne, Mr. Briant, Mr. Brocklebank, Lord Hugh Cecil, Captain Fairfax, Mr. Hardie, Colonel Sir Vivian Henderson, Sir Alfred Hopkins, Mr. Jenkins, Mr. Rosslyn Mitchell, Sir Philip Richardson, Mr. Henry Stiles, and Mr. Withers.

Standing Committee B.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from the Committee; that they had nominated the following Members to serve on Standing Committee B:—Major Ainsworth, Major Astor, Mr. John Baker, Rear-Admiral Beamish, Mr. Bethel, Mr. Blondell, Colonel Douglas Clifton Brown, Mr. Burnham, Major Carever, Mr. Clayton, Mr. Colman, Mr. Connolly, Mr. Crawford, Mr. Colerwall, Mr. Dean, Sir William Edges, Mr. Forrest, Captain Fawcett, Colonel Gidie, Mr. Hanbury, Mr. Haslam, Captain Arthur Hope, Major-General Sir Alfred Knox, Miss Laurence, Mr. Lindley, Mr. Looker, Major-General Sir Richard Luce, Mr. Lumley, Major Alan McLean, Sir Frank Meyer, Mr. Montague, Captain Moreing, Mr. Otho Nicholson, Mr. Scurr, Captain Waterhouse, Colonel Watts-Morgan, Mr. Wellock, Mr. Westwood, Mr. Thomas Williams, and Colonel Woodcock.

Scottish Standing Committee.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from the Committee; that the following Members representing Scottish Constituencies are appointed to serve on the Standing Committee for the consideration of all Public Bills relating exclusively to Scotland and committed to a Standing Committee:—Mr. William Adamson, Brigadier-General Sir William Alexander, Duchess of Atholl, Mr. Barclay-Harvey, Mr. Barr, Sir George Berry, Mr. Boothby, Mr. Ernest Brown, Mr. James Brown, Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Buchanan, Sir Samuel Chapman, Brigadier-General Charteris, Commander Cochrane, Sir Godfrey Collin, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Cowan, Colonel Crookshank, Earl of Dalkeith, Captain Cuningham, Colonel Cunshine, Sir Patrick Ford, Secretary Sir John Gilmour, Mr. Dunca Graham, Mr. William Graham, Sir Robert Hamilton, Mr. Hardie, Mr. Thomas Henderson, Sir Harry Hope, Sir Robert Horne, Lieutenant-General Sir Agnew Hunter-Weston, Mr. Clark Hutchison, Sir Robert Hutchinson, Mr. Johnston, Mr. Thomas Kennedy, Mr. Kidd, Mr. Kirkwood, Major Bowen-Lindsay, Mr. MacKenzies Livings- stone, Major MacAndrew, Sir Murdock Macdonald, Mr. Robert MacDonald, Mr. MacIntyre, Mr. Neil Maclean, Mr. Macpherson, Mr. Macquisten, Mr. Maxton, Mr. Rosslyn Mitchell, Mr. Stephen Mitchell, Colonel Moore, Mr. Munro, Mr. Ross, Mr. Scrymgeour, Colonel McIntyre Shaw, Dr. Shile, Major Sir Archibald Sinclair, Mr. Skelton, Mr. Robert Smith, Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland, Sir Alexander Sprot, Mr. Stephen, Mr. Stewart, Captain Streetfield, Mr. James Stuart, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Templeton, Colonel Thom, Mr. Frederick Thomson, Mr. McLean Watson, Mr. Weir, Mr. Welsh, Mr. Westwood, Mr. Wheatley, and Mr. Wright.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from Scottish Standing Committee; that they had added the following Ten Members to the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills (in respect of the Slaughter of Animals (Scotland) Bill) to Scottish Standing Committee:—Mr. Campbell, Sir Henry Cowan, Captain Crookshank, Mr. Evans Davies, Mr. Hugh Edwards, Major Harvey, Mr. Macinder, Mr. Riley, and Sir Godfrey Dalrymple-White.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

Colonel Sir Arthur Holbrook, supported by Candidates Mr. Hanson, Mr. Smithers, Colonel Sir Alan (Local Government) Burgoyne, Colonel Applin, and Mr. Rentoul, 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 Wednesday the 29th day of this instant February; and to be printed.

Mr. Secretary Amery, supported by Mr. British Ormsby-Gore, presented a Bill to make provision for the government of the Colony of British Guiana:—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 amend paragraph (b) of section eleven of the Education (Scotland) Act, 1883: And that Mr. Westwood, Mr. Cooper, Sir Samuel Chapman, Mr. Shill, Mr. McLean Watson, Mr. Rosslyn Mitchell, Mr. Barr, and Mr. MacKenzies Livingstone do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Westwood accordingly presented a Bill Education (Scotland) Bill to amend paragraph (5) of section twelve of the Education (Scotland) Act, 1883: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 6th day of March next; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Companies Second Reading of the Companies 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 a measure for company reform, cannot assent to the Second Reading of a Bill which, being an extreme example of legislation by reference, would make the Law unintelligible, fails to secure sufficient publicity from companies, both public and private, enjoying the privilege of limited liability, and fails to deal with other weaknesses in the Law relating to companies,"—(Mr. Albert Alexander),—instead thereof.

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

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

The Patents and Designs (Convention) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for to-morrow.—
(Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister.)

The Industrial and Provident Societies (Amendment) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for to-morrow.—
(Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel.)

Rabbits Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Rabbits Bill;
And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:—And a Debate arising thereupon;
And it being Eleven of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed 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.

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.

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 Rating (Scotland) Amendment [Consolidated 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 it is expedient to amend the Rating (Scotland) Act, 1926, with respect to the ascertainment of the amount of the additional annual grant for Scotland under the Agricultural Rates Act, 1923, and the payments to rating authorities in respect of that grant and in certain other respects, and to charge on the Consolidated Fund such sums as would have become payable in respect of the additional annual grant for Scotland but for subsection (3) of section thirteen of the first-mentioned Act.—(Secretary Sir John Gilmour.)

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.

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
cent. Conversion Stock, 1940-44, the annual proceeds of which amount to forty-eight pounds; of a gift from Mr. John A. Roebling, of five thousand dollars, invested in four and one-half per cent. Conversion Stock, 1940-44, the annual dividends whereof amount to about forty-eight pounds; and of the annual dividends amounting to about four hundred and ninety-one pounds on 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, and three thousand and thirty-eight pounds fourteen shillings and twopence Southern Rhodesia Five 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.

Treaty Series

(No. 4, 1928.)

Secretary Sir Austen Chamberlain presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Agreement between His Majesty's Government in Great Britain and the Portuguese Government for the mutual recognition of Load-line Certificates, together with Notes exchanged. London, 27th January 1928.

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

Gas Regulation Act, 1920.

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, under the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of the Urban District Council of Oldbury.

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

Awards to Inventors (Royal Commission.)

Secretary Sir William Jeynson-Hicks presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Fifth Report of the Royal Commission on Awards to Inventors.

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

Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899.

Secretary Sir John Gilmour 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 London and North Eastern Railway (Road Transport) Order, the London, Midland, and Scottish Railway (Road Transport) Order, and Greenock and Port Glasgow Tramways Company Order, are of such a nature that they ought to be dealt with by Private Bill and not by Provisional Order; (2) that, save as aforesaid, the Provisional Orders be allowed to proceed, subject to such recommendations as they may hereafter make with respect to the several Orders.

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

Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Summary of Unemployment Insurance Acts, 1920 to 1927.

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

Mr. Bridgeman presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Particulars of the Fleets of the British Empire, United States of America, Japan, France, Italy, Soviet Union, and Germany on 1st February 1928, distinguishing, both built and building, Battleships, Battle Cruisers, Cruisers, Cruiser Minesweepers, Armoured Coast Defence Vessels and Monitors, Aircraft Carriers, Flotilla Leaders, Destroyers, Torpedo Boats, Submarines, Sloops, Coastal Motor Boats, Gunboats and Despatch Vessels, River Gunboats, and Mine-sweepers.

Mr. Bridgeman also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Accounts of the Capital and Income of the Greenwich Hospital and Travers' Foundation for 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 that the said Accounts be printed.

Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received the following telegram from the President of the Greek Parliament:

Athena, 21st February.

To the Speaker,

House of Commons, London.

The Greek Parliament, having learned with profound regret, to which fitting expression was given by the Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Leaders of the Opposition, of the death of the eminent statesman of Great Britain, Lord Asquith, who rendered such valuable services not only to his own Country but to the cause of human progress and the liberty of nations, has commissioned me to transmit to you its sincere condolence in this loss which the British Nation has sustained and its grateful remembrance of the powerful support which the departed statesman invariably gave to the Greek cause.

TREMIKOKLES SOFOULIS,
President of the Greek Parliament.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Hairdressers' Bill to provide for the compulsory closing of hairdressers' and barbers' shops on Sundays; and that Mr. Stewart, Mr. Templton, Mr. Morgan Jones, Mr. Barr, Mr. Heyes, Mr. Sutton, Mr. Robert Morrison, Mr. John Jones, Sir Samuel Chapman, Colonel Moore, and Mr. Womersley do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Stewart accordingly presented a Bill to provide for the compulsory closing of hairdressers' and barbers' shops on Sundays; and the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday next.
Municipal

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Widows', Orphans', and Old Age Contributory Pensions Act.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, having considered the operation of the Widows', Orphans', and Old Age Contributory Pensions Act, especially the practice it encourages to enforce wage reductions, the inability of many persons, through unemployment or other causes, to fulfill the conditions for the receipt of benefit, the disqualification of many women for the old age pension at 65 years of age, and the inadequacy of the old age pension, more particularly in cases where pensioners have been deprived of sickness, disablement, or unemployment benefits, this House calls for immediate legislation to make the benefits of the Act more appropriate to human needs.—(Mr. Cove.)

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 expresses its gratification at the successful inauguration of the Widows’, Orphans’, and Old Age Contributory Pensions Act, deprecates the attempts made by the Labour party to prevent it coming into operation and the unfair criticism to which it has since been subjected, and records its conviction that the Act has proved itself to be a comprehensive and beneficial scheme of social reform, which has already conferred substantial benefits on a very large number of widows, orphans, and aged persons.”—(Mr. Merriman),—instead thereof.

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

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Parkinson, Yeas, Mr. Charles Edwards : 111.


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.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty praying that the Order, dated 16th January 1928, entitled the West Ham Union (Default) Orders (Continuation) Order, 1928, be annulled—(Miss Lawrence);

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve o’clock on the morning following;

Thursday, 23rd February 1928:

Mr. John Jones, Member for Silvertown, Mr. Deputy having made use of a grossly disorderly Speaker expression, was ordered by Mr. Deputy Speaker Member to to withdraw the same, but he declined to withdraw, comply with that direction:

Whereupon Mr. Deputy Speaker, in pursuance of Standing Order No. 20, relating to disorderly conduct, ordered him to withdraw immediately from the House during the remainder of this Sitting, and the Honourable Member withdrew accordingly.

And the Question being put;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Groves, Yeas, Mr. Barnes : 64.

Tellers for the [Major Cope, Noes, Mr. Frederick Thomas : 164.

So it passed in the Negative.

The Order of the day being read, for the Blasphemy Laws (Amendment) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Railway Second Reading of the Railway Passengers (Third Class Sleeping) Bill;

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

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 this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the British Guiana Bill;

Guliana Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Re-organisation of Offices (Scotland) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Patents and Designs (Convention) Bill;

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 Industrial and Provident Societies (Amendment) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 21st day of this instant February, That the Rabbits 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 Re-organisation of Offices (Scotland) 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.

Captain Wallace reported from the Committee on Rating (Scotland) Amendment (Consolidated Fund) a Resolution, which was read, as followeth:

That it is expedient to amend the Rating (Scotland) Act, 1926, with respect to the ascertainment of the amount of the additional annual grant for Scotland under the Agricultural Rates Act, 1923, and the payments to rating authorities in respect of that grant and in certain other respects, and to charge on the Consolidated Fund such sums as would have become payable in respect of the additional annual grant for Scotland but for subsection (3) of section thirteen of the first-mentioned Act.

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

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the said Resolution: And that Secretary Sir John Gilmour, the Lord Advocate, Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland, and Major Elliot do prepare and bring it in.

Secretary Sir John Gilmour accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Rating (Scotland) Act, 1926, with respect to the ascertainment of the amount of the additional annual grant for Scotland under the Agricultural Rates Act, 1923, and the payments to rating authorities in respect of that grant and in certain other respects: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

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 six minutes before One of the clock on Thursday morning, till this day.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

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

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[No. 13.]

Thursday, 23rd February 1928.

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, referred on the Second Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:—

South Suburban Gas (Consolidation) Bill.

Shropshire, Worcestershire, and Staffordshire Electric Power Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be committed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board Bill;

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

Colonel Ashley presented, pursuant to the Electricity directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of (Supply) Acts. Special Order made under the Electricity (Supply) Acts in respect of part of the Townships of Ashborne, in the Rural District of Tadcaster, in the West Riding of the County of York.

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

Secretary Sir Laming Worthington-Evans Army, presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Amendments to the Regulations for Officers of the Supplementary Reserve of Officers and for the Supplementary Reserve.
The Lords communicate that they have come Indian to the following Resolution, viz.:—

That it is desirable that a Standing Joint Committee on Indian Affairs of both Houses of Parliament be appointed to examine and report on any Bill or matter referred to them specifically by either House of Parliament, and to consider, with a view to reporting if necessary thereon, any matter relating to Indian Affairs brought to the notice of the Committee by the Secretary of State for India.

Mr. Ammon, supported by Colonel Applin, Exportation of Horses Bill, Mr. Viant, Mr. Broad, Mr. Parkinson, 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 Tuesday next; and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved Supply.

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Government of the Irish Free State in connection with Compensation for Damage to Property or with Land Purchase, for certain ex-Gratia Grants, and for Expenditure in connection with ex-Service Men in the Irish Free State.

Resolutions to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

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

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

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

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

Mr. Ormsby Gore reported from the Committee of Supply (20th February) that £52,000 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 Rates on Buildings occupied in the occupation of the Crown for the Public Service, and for Rates and Expenses of the Rating of Government Property Department, and a Grant in Aid of the Expenses of the London Fire Brigade.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the British Guiana Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Solicitors Bill; the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 21st day of this instant February, That the Rabbits 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 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 Solicitors Bill; Second Reading of the Solicitors Bill;

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjourned, proposed, That this House do now adjourn—

(Sir George Hennessy)
Friday, 24th February 1928.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Edinburgh Corporation Bill.

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

London, Midland, and Scottish Railway Bill.

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.

Bankruptcy (Northern Ireland) Bill 46.

Mr. Chamberlain presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Minister of Health relating to Brighton, Llanelly, Saint Asaph Joint Hospital District, St. Helens, Skelmersdale, and Wallingford and Crowmarsh Joint Hospital District: And the same was read the first time.
Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Ministry of Health Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill.

Secretary Sir William Joynson-Hicks presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Minister of Health, for the year 1927.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Bankruptcy (Northern Ireland) Bill 46.

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 Return of the Official Assignee in Bankruptcy of the King’s Bench Division, Northern Ireland, for the year 1927.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Lunacy.

Secretary Sir William Joynson-Hicks, supported by Sir Vivian Henderson, presented a Bill to amend the enactments relating to petroleum and to petroleum spirit: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next; and to be printed.

Petroleum (Amendment) Bill Bill 47.

The Empire Settlement Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Standing Committee.

Empire Settlement Bill.

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 Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Capital Second Reading of the Capital Punishment 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.

Monday, 27th February 1928.

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 Omnibuses 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 London, Midland, and Scottish Railway Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Ministry of Health Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill.

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister presented, by His Majesty’s Command, Copy of Report of the Standing Committee set up under the Merchandise Marks Act, 1926, respecting Insulated Electric Cables and Wires.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister also presented, Gas pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Drafts of Special Orders proposed to be made under the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of the—

(1) Newcastle-upon-Tyne and Gateshead Gas Company;
(2) Southend-on-Sea and District Gas Company;
(3) Urban District Council of Ilkeby.

Copy of Statements of Assurance business under the Assurance Companies Act, 1909, Companies, deposited with the Board of Trade during the year ended 31st December 1927, Parts I. and II.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.
Secretary Sir John Gilmour presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Copy of Regulations, dated 17th February 1928, entitled the National Health Insurance (Medical Benefit) Amendment Regulations (Scotland), 1928.

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

Mr. Bridgeman presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Estimate for the Navy for the year 1928.

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

Mr. Chamberlain presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Provisional Regulations, dated 24th February 1928, entitled the National Health Insurance (Reserve and Transfer Values) Regulations, 1928.

Copy of the Worcestershire (Stourport Parishes) Confirmation Order, 1928.

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

The Prime Minister, supported by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Report of the Board of Enquiry appointed by the Prime Minister to investigate certain statements affecting Civil Servants.

Copy of Minutes by the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty’s Treasury and the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs on the Report of the Board of Enquiry appointed by the Prime Minister to investigate certain statements affecting Civil Servants.

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

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—

Accounts of the Commissioners of Richmond Bridge for 1927.

Sir George Clements Hamilton, Member for the Borough of Ilford, was sworn.

Sir William Mitchell-Thomson, supported by Viscount Wolmer, presented a Bill to enable the Postmaster General, for the purpose of the Post Office, to acquire lands in Manchester, Warrington, Ashton-under-Lyne, Denton, and Uxbridge, and to make a subway under a disused burial ground in Westminster, and to erect buildings on a disused burial ground in Leeds; and for purposes connected therewith; and the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

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

Civil Estimates and Estimates for Revenue Departments, 1928 (Vote on Account).

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum, not exceeding £119,067,000, 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 1929, viz:—

**Civil Estimates.**

**CLASS V.**

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<th>Ministry of Labour</th>
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**CLASS I.**

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<th>House of Lords Offices</th>
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<td>House of Commons</td>
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<td>Exchequer and Audit Department</td>
<td>53,000</td>
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<td>Friendly Societies’ Deficiency</td>
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<td>Government Actuary</td>
<td>12,000</td>
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<td>6,000</td>
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<td>Mint, including Coinage</td>
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<td>National Debt Office</td>
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<td>Public Works Loan Commission</td>
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<td>Royal Commissions, &amp;c.</td>
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Scotland:—

Scottish Office | 150,000 |

**CLASS II.**

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**CLASS III.**

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<td>Broadmoor Criminal Lunatic Asylum</td>
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<td>Prisons, England and Wales</td>
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<td>Supreme Court of Judicature, &amp;c.</td>
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<td>County Courts</td>
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<td>Land Registry</td>
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<td>Law Charges</td>
<td>55,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>Miscellaneous Legal Expenses</td>
<td>30,000</td>
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Scotland:—

Police | 300,000 |
| Prisons | 65,000 |
| Reformatory and Industrial Schools | 21,300 |
| Scottish Land Court | 3,500 |
| Law Charges and Courts of Law | 36,000 |
| Register House, Edinburgh | 5 |

Ireland:—

Northern Ireland Services | 4,500 |
<p>| Supreme Court of Judicature, Northern Ireland | 15,000 |
| Land Purchase Commission, Northern Ireland | 1,100,000 |</p>
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<td>Clearing Office (Enemy Debts), Shipping Liquidation, &amp;c.</td>
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<td>Australian Zinc Concentrates</td>
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<td>Railway (War) Agreements Liquidation</td>
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Revenue Departments.

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<td>Customs and Excise</td>
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<td>Inland Revenue</td>
<td>2,750,000</td>
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<td>Post Office</td>
<td>22,000,000</td>
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<td>Total for Revenue Departments</td>
<td>26,500,000</td>
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<td>Total for Civil Estimates and Estimates for Revenue Departments</td>
<td>£110,067,000</td>
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Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That Item Class 5, Vote 9, be reduced by £100.—(Mr. Thomas Shaw.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Parkinson, Yeas, [Mr. Charles Edwards;] Noes, [Sir Victor Warrender;]

Original Question put, and agreed to.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means Vote of the Order of the day being read, for the Patents and Designs (Convention) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time 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 Rating Second Reading of the Rating (Scotland) Amendment Bill.

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

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply [23rd February] the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 22nd day of this instant February; Report, Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Patents Committee on the Patents and Designs (Convention) Bill.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Industrial Committee on the Industrial and Provident Societies (Amendment) Bill.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.
Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Private Bills from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills. That, in the case of the following Bills, introduced pursuant to the provisions of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:

London and North Eastern Railway (Road Transport, Scotland) Bill (Substituted Bill).
London, Midland, and Scottish Railway (Road Transport, Scotland) Bill (Substituted Bill).

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Provisional Orders Bills. That, in the case of the following Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, no applicable. Standing Orders are applicable, viz.:

Marriages Provisional Orders Bill.

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

Secretary Sir William Jowyn-Hicks presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Canal Traffic Thirty-ninth Annual Report of the Railway and Canal Commission, with an Appendix, for the year 1927.

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

Secretary Sir John Gilmour presented, pursuant to the directions of Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Rating Order Bills made by the Council of the Shops incorporated Local Authority, and confirmed with Amendments, by the Secretary of State for Scotland:

County of Ayr (Dairy Special Water Supply District).

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

Earl Winterton presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Statistical Abstract for British India from 1916–17 to 1925–26, Sixtieth Number.

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

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Draft of a Special Order proposed to be made under the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of the Annfield Plain and District Gas Company.

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

Mr. Chamberlain presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Draft of a Special Order proposed to be made under the Contributory Pensions (Mercantile Marine) Amendment Order, 1928.

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

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Air Estimates, for the year 1928.

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

Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare presented, by Air Estimates for the year 1928.

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

Ordered, That the Bills be committed.
Air Estimates, 1928.
Ordered, That the said Estimates be referred to the Committee of Supply, and be printed; and that the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

London Traffic Act, 1924.
Colonel Ashley presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Provisional Regulations, dated 24th February 1928, entitled—
1. The London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Amendment (Route No. 254A) Provisional Regulations, 1928;
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Post Office (Sites) Bill.
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.

Selection Committees.
Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Committee of Selection; that they had discharged the following Members from the Standing Committee A:—Sir Walter de Frece, Standing Committees.) (Standing Selection ;
Mr. William Nicholson further reported from the Committee; That they had discharged the following Members from the Standing Committee B:—Captain Foxcroft and Mr. Wellock; and had appointed in substitution: Captain Gunston, Sir George Hamilton, and Mr. Savory.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from the Committee; That they had discharged the following Twenty Members from Standing Committee B (in respect of the Companies Bill):—the Lord Advocate, Mr. Albert Alexander, Mr. Sandeman Allen, Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister, Captain Ernest Evans, Mr. Dennis Herbert, Mr. William Hirst, Lord Huntingfield, Mr. Robert Hudson, Mr. Kidd, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. MacIntyre, Mr. McManus, Sir John Pennington, Sir Walter Raine, Sir Henry Sandon, Mr. George Sandeman, Sir Edward Sandon, Mr. Stephen, Mr. Tinne, Colonel Wedgwood, and Mr. Herbert Williams.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from the Committee; That they had discharged the following Member from the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills (added in respect of the Slaughter of Animals (Scotland) Bill):—Sir Geoffrey Dromgol-White; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Lamb.
Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

Rating and Valuation Bill.
Mr. Chamberlain, supported by Sir Kingsley Wood, presented a Bill to extend to the Administrative County of London the provisions of the Rating and Valuation Act, 1923, with respect to the valuation of hereditaments containing machinery and plant; to make temporary provision with respect to the deductions to be made in ascertaining rateable value to amend sections eleven and thirty-seven and the Fourth and Fifth Schedules of the said Act; and to provide for obtaining decisions on points of law with a view to securing uniformity in valuation: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.
Ordered, That the Proceedings on Government Business of the House be suspended, at this day's House, Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(The Prime Minister.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, that the said Paper be read a second time; to be printed, in a Property Agent's Bill to provide for the registration of persons carrying out certain duties in connection with landed property.—(Mr. Harney.)

And the Motion being opposed, after a brief Mr. Speaker explanatory statement from the Member who had made the Motion and from a Member who opposed it, Mr. Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 11.

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Briant: 122.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Cooper Rawson: 132.
So it passed in the Negative.

The Rating (Scotland) Amendment Bill was, Rating 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 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. Johnston.)

And the Question being proprosed, the word "now" stand part of the Question:—And a Debate arising thereupon;
Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.—(Mr. Scrymgeour.)
Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the London, Midland, and Scottish Railway (Road Transport) 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. Lamb.)

And the Question being proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:—And a Debate arising thereupon;
Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned. —(Colonel Moore-Brabazon.)
Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow, at half an hour after Seven of the clock.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Great Western Railway (Road Transport) Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow, at half an hour after Seven of the clock.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London and North Eastern Railway (Road Transport) Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow, at half an hour after Seven of the clock.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Metropolitan Railway (Road Transport) Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow, at half an hour after Seven of the clock.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Southern Railway (Road Transport) Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow, at half an hour after Seven of the clock.

Secretary Sir John Gilmour reported from the Committee of Supply of the 23rd day of this instant February, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Civil Estimates, Supplementary Estimates, 1927.

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 1928 for Sundry Dominion Services, for advances in certain cases on account of liabilities assumed by the Government of the Irish Free State in connection with Compensation for Damage to Property or with Land Purchase, for certain ex-Gratia Grants, and for Expenditure in connection with ex-Service Men in the Irish Free State.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Patents and Designs (Conventional) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 to No. 5 agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

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

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

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Patents and Provident Societies (Amendment) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 amended and agreed to.

Clause No. 2 agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be now taken into consideration:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Petroleum Second Reading of the Petroleum (Amendment) Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.
The Order of the day being read, for receiving
the Report from the Committee of Supply of
the 27th day of this instant February;
Ordered, That the Report be received tomo-
rrow.

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

Ordered, That a Select Committee be
appointed to consider which, if any, of the
Acts of Parliament now included in the
Schedules to the Expiring Laws Continuance
Act can with advantage be made permanent
or be enacted for periods longer than those
prescribed by that Act.

The Committee was nominated of Lord
Apsley, Sir Henry Buckingham, Colonel Burton,
Brigadier-General Sir George Cockerill, Mr.
Ernest Evans, Sir Patrick Ford, Colonel Fre-
mantle, Colonel Henegan, Sir Clement Kinloch-
Cooke, Mr. Lougher, Mr. Lunn, Mr. Rosslyn
Mitchell, Mr. Oliver, Sir Basil Peto, and Mr.
Short.
Ordered, That the Committee have power to
send for persons, papers, and records.
Ordered, That Five be the quorum of the
Committee.—(Sir George Hennessy.)

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being
proposed, That an humble Address be presented
upon the 21st day of this instant February, That
the Rabbits Bill be now read a second time,
Ordered, That the Debate be further
adjourned till Thursday next.

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

Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel presented, by His
Majesty's Command,—Copy of Memorandum
on the proposed Financial Resolution on
Superannuation (Diplomatic Service).
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon
the Table.

Secretary Sir Austen Chamberlain presented, Treaty Series
by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Agree-
ments between His Majesty’s Government in
Great Britain and the Austrian Government
respecting the Settlement of Enemy Debts,
referred to in Section 3 of Part 10 of the
Treaty of Saint-Germain of 10th September
1919. Signed at Vienna (1) 27th August—2nd
October 1920; (2) 11th August—11th Septem-
ber 1924; (3) 19th September 1927.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon
the Table.

Mr. Guinness presented, pursuant to the Diseases of
Amended by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Agree-
ments between His Majesty’s Government in
Great Britain and the Manchester Imported Animals Wharf.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon
the Table.

The following Paper, pursuant to the direc-
tions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon
the Table by the Clerk of the House by
Order, read a second time ; and referred to the
Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Marriages Provisional Orders Bill was, Marriages
according to Order, read a second time and
committed.

A Public Petition was presented, and read ; Public

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

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tions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon
the Table by the Clerk of the House by
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon
the Table.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Selection
Committee of Selection; That they had
discharged the following Member from Standing
Committee A:—Sir Cooper Rascon; and had
appointed in substitution: Sir Henry Coultay.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon
the Table.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on any Business of
Private Business sit down for consideration
at half-past Seven of the clock this evening,
by direction of the Chairman of Ways and
Means, be exempted from the provisions of
the Standing Order (Sittings of the House),
and, notwithstanding anything in Standing
Order No. 8, may be taken after half-past
Nine of the clock.—(The Prime Minister.)

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Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make the employment of disabled ex-service men compulsory, and that Mr. Smedley Crooke, Colonel Acland-Troyte, Colonel Watts-Morgan, Mr. Ernest Brown, Mr. D'Arcy, 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 disabled ex-service men compulsory: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday next; and to be printed.

Agriculture.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House, realising that the acute and continuing depression in the industry of agriculture is causing serious hardship to the whole agricultural community, urges strongly upon the Government the necessity of providing without delay all practical measures for relieving the heavy burdens now weighing upon the industry.—(Colonel Acland-Troyte.)

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 that the continuing decay in agriculture is a grave national concern and should be dealt with by the Government without delay, and 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. Thomas 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 \textit{Colonel Acland-Troyte}\footnote{370} Yeas, (Colonel Ruggles Brise: \textit{f} 270, Mr. Thomas Williams, \textit{f} 113)
Tellers for the \textit{Mr. Thomas Williams}\footnote{113} Noes, (Mr. Riley: \textit{f} 42).

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being again proposed:

And it being after half-past Seven of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 28th day of this instant February, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the London, Midland, and Scottish Railway (Road Transport) Bill be now read a second time;

Which Amendment was, to leave out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, to add the words "upon this day six months."

And the Question being again proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:—
The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put:
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the \textit{Major Hills},
Yea, \textit{f} 399,
Tellers for the \textit{Mr. Lamb},
Noes, \textit{f} 42.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

The Great Western Railway (Road Transport) Bill, was, according to Order, read a second time, and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The London and North Eastern Railway (Road Transport) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Metropolitan Railway (Road Transport) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Southern Railway (Road Transport) 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 Marriage (Prohibited Degrees of Relationship) 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 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 Blasphemy Laws (Amendment) Bill;

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

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

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

Ordered, That so much of the Lords' Message of the 23rd day of this instant February as communique 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 matter relating to Indian Affairs brought to the notice of the Committee by the Secretary of State for India, be now taken into consideration.—(Sir George Hennessey.)
The House accordingly proceeded to take so much of the said Message into consideration.

Resolved, That this House doth concur with the Lords in the said Resolution.—(Sir George Hennessy.)

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to acquaint them therewith: And that the Clerk do carry the said Message.

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 receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the said instant February;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

And then the House, having continued to sit till twenty-seven 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 Rating (Scotland) Amendment Bill is a Bill relating exclusively to Scotland, the Bill will be considered by the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills.

[No. 18.]

Thursday, 1st March 1928.

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

PRAYERS.

A BILL to empower the London and North Eastern Railway Company to provide road transport services, 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 provide road transport services, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Secretary Sir William Joynson-Hicks presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account of Moneys received and spent by the Chamberlain of the City of London in relation to the Metropolitan Cattle Market for the year ended 31st March 1927; also an Account of extraordinary works executed, other than the repairs, for the same period.

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

Mr. Secretary Amery presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of a Committee on Colonial Agricultural Service, appointed by the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Mr. Secretary Amery also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—(Prison Rules.) Copy of Rules made by the Governor-in-Executive Council of Barbados on 23rd December 1927, dealing with the accommodation, dietary, and punishments for prisoners, and amending Rules made on 27th April 1922.

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

Lord Eustace 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 1927.

Accounts of the Income and Expenditure of Medical and 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 1927.

Copy of Statutes made by the University of Universities Commissioners (1) and (2) for the of Oxford and University of Cambridge; (3) for Trinity Cambridge College, and (4) for Selwyn College, Cambridge, Acts.

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

Mr. Chamberlain presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of a Committee appointed at a Conference of Public Authorities to consider the question of Floods from the River Thames, in the County of London.

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

Secretary Sir Laming Worthington-Evans Army 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 Essex under the Territorial and Reserve Forces Act, 1907.

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

Mr. William Graham reported from the Public Accounts Select 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 Selection Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee B:—Mr. Blandell and Captain Committee B. Waterhouse; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Hillson and Mr. Oliver Stanley.
Mr. William Nicholson further reported from the Standing Committee B that they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee B (added in respect of the Companies Bill):— Mr. Walter Raine, and had appointed in substitution Mr. Albery.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

Housing Bill.

Mr. Thomas Williams, supported by Mr. Thomas Kennedy, Mr. Wilfrid Paling, Mr. Ridley, Mr. David Grenfell, and Mr. George Hall, presented a Bill to amend the law with respect to cultural workers: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday 4th March.

The following Member from Standing Committee B (Mr. Walter Raine) had appointed in substitution Sir Walter Raine, and had appointed in substitution Mr. Albery.

Standing Committee B ordered, That the Committee of Supply for the 2nd Bill of the Session do sit on Monday next at the hour of Nine o’clock, and that the Business of the Committee of Supply for the 2nd Bill of the Session do then and thenceforth be proceeded with.

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Standing Committee B further reported from the Committee of Supply convened on the 27th day of February last a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

Civil Estimates and Estimates for Revenue Departments, 1928 (Vote on Account).

That a sum not exceeding £1,067,000 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 1929, viz.:

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Scotland:

| Police | 300,000 |
| Prisons | 690,000 |
| Reformatory and Industrial Schools | 21,300 |
| Scottish Land Court | 3,500 |
| Law Charges and Courts of Law | 36,000 |
| Register House, Edinburgh | 5 |

Ireland:

| Northern Ireland Services | 4,500 |
| Supreme Court of Judicature, Northern Ireland | 15,000 |
| Land Purchase Commission, Northern Ireland | 1,100,000 |

Scotland:

| Scottish Board of Health | 830,000 |
| General Board of Control | 35,400 |
| Registrar General's Office | 5,500 |

Northern Ireland:

| National Library | 200 |

Scotland:

| Scottish Board of Health | 830,000 |
| General Board of Control | 35,400 |
| Registrar General's Office | 5,500 |

CLASS VI.

| Board of Trade | 115,000 |
| Bankruptcy Department of the Board of Trade | 5 |
| Mercantile Marine Services | 170,000 |
| Department of Overseas Trade | 107,000 |
| Export Credits | 38,000 |
| Mines Department of the Board of Trade | 60,100 |
| Office of the Commissioners of Crown Lands | 9,000 |
| Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries | 1,550,000 |
| Beet Sugar Subsidy, Great Britain | 200,000 |
| Surveys of Great Britain | 63,500 |
| Forestry Commission | 100,000 |
| Ministry of Transport | 100,000 |
| Development Fund | 100,000 |
| Department of Scientific and Industrial Research | 150,000 |
| Statistical Management Districts | 10 |

Scotland:

| Board of Agriculture | 100,000 |
| Fishery Board | 22,200 |
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Petroleum (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 British Guiana Bill;

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

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

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

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

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

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THe Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Edinburgh Corporation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 16th day of this instant March.

Mr. Secretary Amery presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Memorandum Guiana. prepared by the elected Members of the Combined Court of British Guiana in reply to the Report of the British Guiana Commission, together with comments by the British Guiana Commission, the Governor of British Guiana, the Crown Agents for the Colonies, and Messrs. H. Howard Humphreys and Sons.

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


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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Architects (Registration) Bill;

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

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 word "hereunto."
words "upon this day six months."—(Mr. (Tasker.)

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

And notice being taken that Forty Members were not present, the House was adjourned by Mr. Speaker; and Forty Members not being present, and it being then after One of the clock, the House was adjourned by Mr. Speaker, at nine minutes after One of the clock, without a Question first put, till Monday next.

[No. 20.]

Monday, 5th March 1928.

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, pursuant to the Order of the House of 28th February, That, in the case of the following Bill, the Standing Orders, which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:

Post Office (Sites) Bill.

Private Bills (Standing Orders not previously inquired into complied with.)

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

London, Midland, and Scottish Railway (Road Transport) Bill.

Great Western Railway (Road Transport) Bill.

London and North Eastern Railway (Road Transport) Bill.

Metropolitan Railway (Road Transport) Bill.

Southern Railway (Road Transport) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be committed.

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 Friday next.

Mr. Guinness presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order, dated 29th February 1928, relating to Manchester Imported Animals Wharf.

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

Mr. Chamberlain presented, by His Majesty’s National Command,—Copy of Memorandum explanatory of the National Health Insurance Bill.

Mr. Chamberlain also presented, pursuant to Local Government of the Sutton (Surrey) Urban District Confirmation Order, 1928.

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

Mr. Attorney General presented, pursuant to Standing Order 175a,—Copy of Report of the Attorney General on the Bermondsey Borough Council (St. Olave’s Garden) Bill [Lords].

Copy of Report of the Attorney General on the Blackpool Extension Bill [Lords].

Copy of Report of the Attorney General on the Bridgewater Corporation Bill [Lords].

Copy of Report of the Attorney General on the London County Council (General Powers) Bill.


Copy of Report of the Attorney General on the Sheffield Corporation Bill [Lords].

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

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Selection Committee of Selection; That they had added the following Member from Standing Committee B:—Mr. Roy Williams; and had appointed in substitution: Captain Cazalet.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from Standing Committee; That they had added the Committee, following Member to Standing Committee B (in respect of the Companies Bill):—Mr. Ellis.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

The Protection of Lapwings Bill [Lords] was to have read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Chamberlain, supported by Secretary Sir John Gilmour, Sir Kingsley Wood, and Major Elliot, presented a Bill to amend the National Health Insurance Act, 1924, and other enactments relating to health insurance: 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 Business 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 George Heneage, 144.

Yeas, Mr. Frederick Thomson:

Tellers for the

Mr. Thomas Kennedy, 48.

Mr. Barnes:

So it was resolved in the Affirmative,
The Rating and Valuation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 28th day of February last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Re-organisation of Offices (Scotland) Bill be now read a second time;

Which Amendment was, to leave out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, to add the words "upon this day six months."

And the Question being again proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put; The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left. Tellers for the [Viscount Curzon : Mr. Penny : ] 161. Tellers for the [Mr. Charles Edwards, Noes, Mr. Hayes : ] 66. So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

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 Re-organisation of Offices (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 put, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session 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, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of (a) the salary of a Keeper of the Registers and Records of Scotland, and (b) of the salaries of clerks in the office of the Principal Extractor of the Acts and Decrees of the Court of Session.

(Secretary Sir John Gilmour.)


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

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the 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 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 Petroleum Second Reading of the Petroleum (Amendment) [Amendment] Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the British Second Reading of the British Guiana Bill; Guiana Bill.

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

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Rabbits Bill, the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 21st day of February last, That the Rabbits Bill be now read a second time.

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till to-morrow.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—Adjournment

Sir George Hennessy.

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

[No. 21.]

Tuesday, 6th March 1928.

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 following Bills, referred on the Second Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:

South West Suburban Water Bill.
Great Western Railway (Swansea North Dock Abandonment) Bill.
Falmouth Water Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be committed.
Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in respect of the following Bill, introduced pursuant to the provisions of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, and which the Chairman of Ways and Means had directed to originate in the House of Lords, they have certified that the Standing Orders have been complied with, viz.:

Greenock and Port Glasgow Tramways Company Bill [Lords] (Substituted Bill).

The London and North Eastern Railway (Road Transport, Scotland) Bill was read a second time, and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The London, Midland, and Scottish Railway (Road Transport, Scotland) Bill was read a second time, and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Resolved, That it is expedient that the London, Midland, and Scottish Railway (Road Transport) Bill, the Great Western Railway (Road Transport) Bill, the London and North Eastern Railway (Road Transport) Bill, the Metropolitan Railway (Road Transport) Bill, and the Southern Railway (Road Transport) Bill be committed to a Joint Committee of Lords and Commons.—(Major Glyn.)

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to communicate this Resolution, and to desire their concurrence: And that the Clerk do carry the said Message.

Lord Eustace Percy presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Statute made by the University of Oxford on 29th November 1927, amending Stat. Tit. VII., Sect. 1, § 1, Cl. 10.

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 2nd March 1928, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) General Amendment (No. 3) Provisional Regulations, 1928.

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

Mr. Bridgeman presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Estimate of the further sum required to be voted for the Navy for the year ending 31st March 1928.

Copy of Statement of the First Lord of the Admiralty explanatory of the Navy Estimates, 1928.

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.

Mr. Chamberlain presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order, dated 28th February 1928, entitled the Rating and Valuation (County of Cornwall First Valuation Lists) Order, 1928.

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

Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel presented, Army pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Appropriation of the sums granted by Parliament for Army Services for the year ended 31st March 1927, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon, and upon other Army Accounts.

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

Commodore King presented, by His Majesty's Misses Command,—Copy of Report on the Causes of, and Circumstances attending, the Explosion which occurred at Marine Colliery, Monmouthshire, on 1st March 1927, by Henry Walker, C.B.E., His Majesty's Chief Inspector of Mines.

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

Secretary Sir Austen Chamberlain presented, Egypt by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Papers regarding Negotiations for a Treaty of Alliance with Egypt.

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

Mr. James Brown reported from Standing Scottish Committee on Scottish Bills to whom the Slaughter of Animals (Scotland) Bill was referred; That they had gone through the said Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

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

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

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 next; and be printed.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Chairmen's Panel; That they had appointed Panel.

Mr. Short to act as Chairman of Standing Committee A (in respect of the Empire Settlement Bill); Mr. Ellis Davies of Standing Committee C (in respect of the Rating and Valuation Bill); Sir Edmund Torton of the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills (in respect of the Rating (Scotland) Amendment Bill); and Sir Robert Sanders of the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills (in respect of the Re-organisation of Offices (Scotland) Bill).

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Selection Committee of Selection; That they had added the following Fifteen Members to Standing Committee A (in respect of the Committee A. Empire Settlement Bill):—Mr. Secretary Amery, Mr. Barclay-Harvey, Miss Bondfield, Captain Brass, Mr. Campbell, Sir Henry Covan, Sir Robert Hamilton, Mr. Lunn, Sir John Marriott, Major-General Sir Newton Moore, Dr. Skids, Mr. Somerville, Mr. Wardlaw-Mines, and Mr. Wells.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from Standing the Committee; That they had nominated the Committee C, following Members to serve on Standing
Committee C.—Commander Astbury, Mr. Barker, Mr. Beckett, Sir Vanstittart Bowater, Major Braithwaite, Mr. Bryant, Mr. Brook, Brigadier-General Brooke, Captain Bullock, Sir Herbert Cayzer, Mr. Cluse, Lord Cobham Crichtlow-Stuart, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Greene, Mr. Hall-Caine, Mr. Harmsworth, Captain Holt, Colonel Horlick, Captain Hudson, Countess of Iveagh, Mr. Kelly, Sir John Leigh, Mr. L'Estrange Malone, Sir Clive Morrison-Bell, Mr. Naylor, Sir Frank Nelson, Sir Charles Oman, Mr. Pilcher, Sir John Power, Mr. Preston, Mr. Shepperson, Mr. Stamford, Major-General Sir Frederick Sykes, Mr. Tomlinson, Colonel Lambert Ward, Dr. Watts, Sir William Wayland, Mr. C. P. Williams, and Dr. John Williams.

Standing Committee C.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from the Committee; That they had added the following Fifteen Members to the Standing Committee C (in respect of the Rating and Valuation Bill) :—Mr. Sandeman Allen, Captain Brass, Mr. Chamberlain, Mr. Gates, Captain Gunston, Mr. Harris, Mr. Jephcott, Mr. Lansbury, Miss Lawrence, Sir William Perrin, Mr. Rye, Dr. Salter, Mr. Scour, Colonel Vaughan-Morgan, and Sir Kingsley Wood.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported the Barnet District Gas and Water Bill, with Amendments.

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

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported the Sunderland Corporation Bill, with Amendments.

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

The Order for reading a second time upon Friday the 29th day of April next the Protection of Lapwings Bill was read and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Mr. Chamberlain, supported by Sir Kingsley Wood, presented a Bill to extend further the duration of the Local Authorities (Emergency Provisions) Act, 1929, and to amend temporarily the provisions as to the Metropolitan Common Poor 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 British Guiana 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

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"now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day six months"—(Mr. Ammon.)

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, (Captain Margesson, Captain Wallace, Mr. Parkinson, Mr. Charles Edwards, Mr. Clive Morrison-Bell, 200.}

Tellers for the Noes, (Mr. Parkinson, Mr. Charles Edwards, Mr. Clive Morrison-Bell, 89.)

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was read a second time.

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

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

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

Mr. Kirkwood moved, That the Debate be adjourned; but Mr. Deputy Speaker declared, being of opinion that the Motion was an abuse of the rules of the House, declined Question to propose the Question thereupon to the House.

And the Question being put;

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

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

Secretary Sir Laming Worthington-Evans, by Superannuation (Diplomatic Service) [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 provide for the application to persons in the Diplomatic Service of the Superannuation Acts, 1834 to 1919, and to authorise in the case of such persons the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of allowances and gratuities under those Acts as so applied.—(Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel.)

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 Post Office (Sites) Bill was, according Post Office (Sites) Bill, 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.—(Sir William Mitchell-Thomson.)

Secretary Sir John Gilmour reported from the Committee on Re-organisation of Offices (Scotland) [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session 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, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of (a) the salary of a Keeper of the Registers and Records of Scotland, and (b) of the salaries of clerks in the office of the Principal Extractor of the Acts and Decrees of the Court of Session.

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 [Viscount Curzon :]

Captain Boneyer. 146.

Tellers for the [Mr. Parkinson,]

Mr. Charles Edwards. 56.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Order of the day being read, for 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.

Rabbits Bill. The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 21st day of February last, That the Rabbits Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next.

Adjournment. Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Sir George Hennessy.)
amended by subsequent Orders, and contained in a volume entitled the King's Regulations and Air Council Instructions for the Royal Air Force, or in other Orders containing similar provisions.

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

Sir Leolin Forester-Walker presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, —Copy of Draft of Byelaws with respect to the New Forest.

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 by the Council of the undermentioned Local Authority under the Shops Act, 1912, and confirmed, with Amendment, by the Secretary of State for the Home Department:

Borough of Ealing.

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

Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel presented, by His Majesty's Command, —Copy of Statement of the sum required to be voted in order to make good an Excess on the Grant for Beet Sugar Subsidy, Great Britain, for the year ended 31st March 1927.

Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel also 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 1926, together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

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

Accounts of the Land Purchase Commission (Northern Ireland) for the year ended 31st March 1927, together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

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

Accounts of the Treasury Pensions Account, the Pensions Account, and the Pensions (Scotland) Account established pursuant to the Widows', Orphans', and Old Age Contributory Pensions Act, 1925, showing the Receipts and Payments during the period 4th January 1926 to 31st March 1927, together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Papers be printed.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had added the following Member to Standing Committee A: Mr. Snell.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords was read the first time.

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That it is imperative in the interest of the Royal Navy and the nation that the rules by which the question whether disability is attributable to or aggravated by service in the Royal Navy, and the manner in which these rules are interpreted, should be re-examined by the Board of Admiralty.—(Sir Bertram Falle.)

And notice being taken that Forty Members were not present, the House was adjourned by Mr. Deputy Speaker, at two minutes before Six of the clock, without a Question first put, till to-morrow.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

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

Name of Bill

Standing Committee

Petroleum (Amendment) Bill

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[No. 23.]

Thursday, 8th March 1928.

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

PRAYERS.

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

Colonel Ashley presented, by His Majesty's Command, —Copy of Special Report by the Electricity Commissioners under Section 1 of the Electric Lighting Act, 1888, dispensing with the consent of the Bridport Rural District Council in the case of the Bridport and District Electricity Special Order, 1928.
Colonel Ashley also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Special Order made under the Electricity (Supply) Acts in respect of part of the Rural District of Bridgewater, in the County of Somerset, and for the Amendment of the Bridgewater and District Electric Lighting Order, 1903.

Copy of Report of the Proceedings of the Ministry of Transport under the Light Railways Acts and Railways Act, 1921, up to 31st December 1927.

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

Mr. Ellis Davies reported from Standing Committee C, to whom the Rating and Valuation Bill was referred; That they had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

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

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 next; and be printed.

Mr. Edmund Turton reported from Standing Committee A, to whom the Stabilisation of Easter 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 15th day of June next; and be printed.

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

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

"The Lords concur with the Commons in their Resolution; That it is expedient that the London, Midland, and Scottish Railway (Road Transport) Bill, the Great Western Railway (Road Transport) Bill, the London and North Eastern Railway (Road Transport) Bill, the Metropolitan Railway (Road Transport) Bill, and the Southern Railway (Road Transport) Bill be committed to a Joint Committee of Lords and Commons.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, at this day’s Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House)—(The Prime Minister);—The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left;

Tellers for the Yes,

Sir George Hennessy,

Mr. Frederick Thomson;

224.

Tellers for the Noes,

Mr. Hayes,

Mr. Whitley;

111.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair (for Committee on Army Estimates)—(Secretary Sir Laming Worthington-Evans);

An Amendment was proposed to be made to Territorial the Question by leaving out from the word Army, "That " to the end of the Question, and adding the words “ this House, recognising the public spirit shown by all ranks of the Territorial Army, is of opinion that further improvement in its efficiency is required, in view of its increased importance in the scheme of imperial security ”—(Colonel Windsor-Clive),—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.)

Army Estimates, 1928.

1. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a number of Land Forces not exceeding 153,500, all ranks, be maintained for the Service of the United Kingdom at Home and Abroad, excluding His Majesty’s Indian Possessions, during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1929:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a number not exceeding 153,500, all ranks, be maintained for the said Service.—(Mr. Kirkwood.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas,

Mr. Maxton;

20.

Tellers for the Noes,

Sir Victor Warrender;

189.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

2. £9,023,000 for Pay, &c., of His Majesty’s Army at Home and Abroad (exclusive of India).

3. £3,040,000 for Works, Buildings, and Lands, including military and civilian staff, and other charges in connection therewith.

4. £3,380,000 for Rewards, Half-Pay, Retired Pay, Widows’ Pensions, and other Non-effective Charges for Officers.
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5. £4,329,000 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. £232,000 for Civil Superannuation, Compensation, and Additional Allowances, Gratuities, Injury Grants, &c.

Resolutions to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

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

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

Ways and Means.

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.

Protection of Lapwings Bill [Lords].

The Protection of Lapwings Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for to-morrow.— (Secretary Sir William Joynson-Hicks.)

National Health Insurance Bill.

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

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

Rabbits Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 21st day of February last, That the Rabbits Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

Local Authorities (Emergency Provisions) Bill.

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

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

British Guiana Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the British Guiana Bill;

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

Superannuation (Diplomatic Service) [Money.] Sir George Hennessy reported from the Committee on Superannuation (Diplomatic Service) [Money], a Resolution, which was read as followeth:—

That it is expedient, to provide for the application to persons in the Diplomatic Service of the Superannuation Acts, 1834 to 1919, and to authorise in the case of such persons the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of allowances and gratuities under those Acts as so applied.

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The said Resolution being read a second time;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution:—

And a Debate arising thereupon;

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

Friday, 9th March 1928:

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

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed this day.

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.

The Order of the day being read, for the Employment of Disabled Ex-service Men Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Education Second Reading of the Education (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday, the 20th day of this instant March.

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Candidates Second Reading of the Candidates (Local Government) Election Deposit Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Railway Second Reading of the Railway Passengers (Third Class Sleeping) Bill;

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

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 upon Monday next.

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Capital Second Reading of the 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 Hours of Industrial Employment Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for 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 Blasphemy Laws (Amendment) Bill;

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

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

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[No. 24.]

Friday, 9th March 1928.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

London, Midland, and Scottish Railway Bill.

Merchandise Marks Act, 1926.

Shops (Hours of Closing) Bill.

Mr. Guinness presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Report of the Standing Committee, set up under the Merchandise Marks Act, 1926, respecting apples and pears.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Shops (Hours of Closing) Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time—The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Main Question being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time—The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Prevention of Unemployment 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 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 receiving Supply [8th March]; the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 8th day of this instant March;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the 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 Protection of Lapwings Bill [Lords];

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

The Order of the day being read, for re-superannuating the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 8th day of this instant March, That this House doth agree with the Committee on the Protection of Lapwings Bill [Lords];

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

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 one minute before Four of the clock, till Monday next.
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.:—

London and North Eastern Railway (Road Transport, Scotland) Bill.

London, Midland, and Scottish Railway (Road Transport, Scotland) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be committed.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Barnet District Gas and Water Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Sunderland Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. Chamberlain presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 6th March 1928, entitled the National Health Insurance (Arrears) Amendment Regulations, 1928.

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 under the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of the Littlehampton Gas Company.

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

Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts 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 1927, 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.

Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 6th March 1928, granting a Retired Allowance to Mr. John Henry Carruth Bucklitch, Inspector, Engineering Department, General Post Office, under Section 2 of the Superannuation Act, 1887.

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

Secretary Sir William Jowson-Hicks supported by Colonel Sir Vivian Henderson, presented a Bill to assimilate the franchises for men and women in respect of parliamentary and local government elections, and for purposes consequential thereon: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, at this day’s Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sitting of the House)—(The Prime Minister);

The House divided.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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

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The Order of the day being read, for the Supply (Air Estimates)—(Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare);

An Amendment was proposed to be made Disarmament, to the Question, by leaving out from the word “That” to the end of the Question, and adding the words “in view of the peril to civilisation latent in air warfare, this House regrets that His Majesty’s Government did not advocate bolder proposals for aerial disarmament at the meeting of the Preparatory Commission for the Disarmament Conference at Geneva, and urges them to take the initiative in putting forward a programme containing the abolition of military and naval air forces and the establishment of the international control of civil aviation”—(Mr. Barnes).—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 Thomson; Mr. Charles Edwards; 97.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

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The Yeas, 204.

Tellers for the Yeas, Sir George Hennessy, Mr. Charles Edwards; 97.

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Hayes; Mr. Charles Edwards; 204.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being put, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the said Account be printed.

Secretary Sir William Jowson-Hicks, supported by Colonel Sir Vivian Henderson, presented a Bill to assimilate the franchises for men and women in respect of parliamentary and local government elections, and for purposes consequential thereon: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, at this day’s Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sitting of the House)—(The Prime Minister);

The House divided.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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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. Charles Edwards; 116.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put;
Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

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

(In the Committee.)

Air Estimates, 1928.

1. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a number of Air Forces not exceeding 32,500, all ranks, be maintained for the Service of the United Kingdom at Home and Abroad, exclusive of those serving in India, during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1929:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a number not exceeding 32,400, all ranks, be maintained for the said Service.-(Lieutenant-Commander Kenworthy.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. Hayes,

Yea,

Mr. Whiteley : 75.

Tellers for the Major Cope,

Noes,

The Marquess of Titchfield : 187.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

2. £3,401,000, for Pay, &c., of His Majesty’s Air Force at Home and Abroad.

3. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £1,700,000 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Expense of the Stores of the Air Force (including Experimental Technical), Supplies, and Transport 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 1929.

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Question put, and agreed to.

4. £1,711,000, for Quartering Stores (except Warlike Stores of the Air Force (including Experimental and Research Services). 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 this day.

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, this day, 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, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Protection of Lapwings Bill [Lords.]
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Protection of Lapwings Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee.)


Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 19, at the end, to add the words,—

"(2) In this Act the expression ‘lapwing’ means the bird commonly called the lapwing, green plover, or peewit."—(Colonel Sir Vivian Henderson.)

Question proposed, That those words be there added.

Proposed words amended by inserting, after the word "plover," the word "peewit"—(Mr. Buchanan), and, as amended, there added.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 2 amended and agreed to.

Clauses No. 3 and No. 4 agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Deputy 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 Superannuation—(Diplomatic Service) the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 8th day of this instant March, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the Resolution, That it is expedient to provide for the application to persons in the Diplomatic Service of the Superannuation Acts, 1834 to 1919, and to authorise in the case of such persons the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of allowances and gratuities under those Acts as so applied.

And the Question being again proposed:—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Captain Bowyer,

Yea,

The Marquess of Titchfield : 107.

Tellers for the Mr. Tinker,

Noes,

Mr. Buchanan : 13.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the Superannuation—(Diplomatic Service) said Resolution: And that Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel and Mr. Godfrey Locker-Lampson do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel accordingly Superannuation—(Diplomatic Service) presented a Bill to amend the law with respect to the pensions of persons in the Diplomatic Service: And the same was read the first time, Bill, and ordered to be read a second time this day; Bill 61. and to be printed.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the National Health Insurance Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Rabbits Bill. 

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 21st day of February last, That the Rabbits Bill be now read a second time;  
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

Local Authorities (Emergency Provisions) Bill. 

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Authorities (Emergency Provisions) Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Supply (8th March) Report. 

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 8th day of this instant March;  
Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

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 Parish of Rugeley and parts of the Rural Districts of Lichfield and Stafford, in the County of Stafford, which was presented on the 7th day of February 1928, 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 Laing, in the County of Sutherland, which was presented on the 7th day of February 1928, 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 under- 

District of Epping and part of the Rural District of Epping, in the County of Essex, which was presented on the 7th day of February 1928, 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 undertaking authorised by the Bridge of Allan Electricity Special Order, 1925, and for other purposes, which was presented on the 7th day of February 1928, be approved.—(Colonel Ashley.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Marriage Second Reading of the Marriage (Prohibited Degrees of Relationship) Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

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 this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Capital Second Reading of the Capital Punishment Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

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 one minute 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.

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

PRAYERS.

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

Regent's Canal and Dock Company (Warwick Canals Purchase) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed.

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

Mersey Tunnel Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Resolved, That it is expedient that the London, Midland, and Scottish Railway (Road Transport, Scotland) Bill and the London and North Eastern Railway (Road Transport, Scotland) Bill be committed to a Joint Committee of Lords and Commons,—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to communicate this Resolution and to desire their concurrence: And that the Clerk do carry the said Message.

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

Colonel Ashley presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Special Order made under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, in respect of part of the Rural District of Thirsk, in the North Riding of the County of York, and part of the Rural District of Great Osbourne, in the West Riding of the County of York.

Copy of Provisional Regulations, dated 7th March 1928, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Amendment (Route No. 30A) Provisional Regulations, 1928.

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

East India (Indian Civil Service.)

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.

Secretary Sir William Joysson-Hicks presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Estates Seventy-seventh Report of the Church Estates Commissioners for the year preceding 1st March 1928.

Copy of Seventh Report of the War Compensation Court.

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

Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel presented, by Stuffs His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Statement showing the Civil Stuffs of Government Departments on 1st January 1928, compiled from Returns furnished to the Treasury.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Linlithgow 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 Linlithgow, in the room of James Kidd, Esquire, deceased.—(Sir George Hennessy.)

The Order for reading a second time upon Bridges Friday next the Bridges (Improvement and Maintenance) Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Selection Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee A:—Mr. Viant; and had appointed Committee A:—Mr. Riley.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from Standing Committee C:—That they had discharged the Committee C:—Colonel Horlick; and had appointed in substitution: Sir Wilfrid Sugden.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from Standing Committee C:—That they had added the Committee C: following Ten Members to Standing Committee C (in respect of the Petroleum (Amendment) Bill):—Lord Apsley, Sir Robert Bird, Mr. Brocklebank, Mr. Rhyas Davies, Mr. Hardie, Colonel Sir Vivian Henderson, Major Hills, Mr. Haydn Jones, Lieutenant-Commander Kenworthy, and Mr. Waddington.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

Sir Arthur Shirley Benn reported from the South Committee on the South Metropolitan Gas Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill and verbally amended the same, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.
Hilda Bunceiman, Member for the County of Cornwall (St. Ives Division), was sworn.

Frank Kingsley Griffith, Esquire, Member for the Borough of Middlesbrough (West Division), was sworn.

Sir James Remnant, supported by Mr. Hayes, Sir Bolot Peto, Mr. Hori-Belisha, Mr. William Thorne, Sir John Pennefather, Sir Robert Newman, and Sir Frederick Hall, presented a Bill to amend section three (a) of the Police Pensions Act, 1921, so as to include in its benefit the widows of police pensioners who finally retired from the police force on or prior to the first day of September, nineteen hundred and eighteen: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on Government 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 George Hennessy, Yeas, Major Cope: 226):
Tellers for the [Mr. Hayes, Noes, Mr. Whiteley: 133:
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

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

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, and adding the words "whilst in favour of legislation continuing the extension of charges on the Metropolitan Common Poor Fund, this House protests against the continued neglect of the Government to deal comprehensively with the question of Poor Law reform, especially the problem of the able-bodied unemployed, and declines to assent to the Second Reading of a Bill which subjects the policy and expenditure of elected boards of guardians to the caprices of a body created for entirely different purposes and composed partly of irresponsible nominated persons"—(Mr. Greenwood),—instead thereof.

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

And it being half an hour after Seven 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 postponed Proceeding on the Amendment proposed to be made to the Question, That the Local Authorities (Emergency Provisions) 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;

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 [Viscount Curzon, Yeas, Sir Victor Warrender: 208.
Tellers for the [Mr. Charles Edwards, Noes, Mr. Barnes: 128.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being accordingly put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the [Viscount Curzon, Yeas, Sir Victor Warrender: 207.
Tellers for the [Mr. Charles Edwards, Noes, Mr. Wilfrid Paling: 127.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the British Guiana 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.

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

The postponed Proceeding on the Amend-

ment proposed to be made to the Question, That the Local Authorities (Emergency Provisions) 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;

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 [Viscount Curzon, Yeas, Mr. Charles Edwards, Noes, Mr. Wilfrid Paling: 127.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved British Guiana 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.

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

—The House proceeded to a Division.

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning:

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The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the [Major Cope, Yeas, Mr. Frederick Thoms-

Son: 178.
Tellers for the [Mr. Parkinson, Noes, Mr. Whiteley: 70.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.
Resolved, That the Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity Acts, 1882 to 1926, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity Act, 1919, in respect of the Urban District of Northallerton and part of the Rural District of Thornbury, in the County of Gloucester, which was presented on the 7th day of February 1928, be approved.—(Colonel Ashley.)

Resolved, That the Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity Acts, 1882 to 1926, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity Act, 1919, in respect of the Parish of Chapel-le-Dale, in the County of York, which was presented on the 12th day of this instant March, be approved.—(Colonel Ashley.)

Mr. Ammon, Mr. Brienial, Captain Fraser, and Post Office - (Mr. Ransdale were nominated Members of the Select Committee on the Post Office (Sites) Bill.—(Sir George Heneage.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Exportation of Horses Bill;—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Slaughter of Animals 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 Select Committee on the Post Office (Sites) Bill;—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Select Committee on the Post Office (Sites) Bill;—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Saturday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Select Committee on the Post Office (Sites) 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 Hours of Industrial Employment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Omnibuses Bill.
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.

Blasphemy Laws (Amendment) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Blasphemy Laws (Amendment) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 17th day of April 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 this day.

Capital Punishment Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Capital Punishment 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 nine minutes after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning, till this day.

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Wednesday, 14th March 1928.

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

PRAYERS.

Thames Conservancy.
The Order made upon the 27th day of February last, That the Paper relative to the Thames Conservancy be printed, was read, and discharged.

London Traffic Act, 1924.
Colonel Ashley presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Provisional Regulations, dated 12th March 1928, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) General Amendment (No. 4) Provisional Regulations, 1928.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Chairman's Panel.
Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Chairman's Panel; That they had appointed Sir Samuel Roberts to act as Chairman of Standing Committee C (in respect of the Petroleum (Amendment) Bill).
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.
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The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Marriages Provisional Orders Bill; That they had considered the Orders therein contained; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board Bill, with Amendments.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Leeds and Liverpool Canal 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 [Title amended.] to make further provision as to the rates tolls dues and charges leviable by the Leeds and Liverpool Canal Company; to empower the Company to purchase their debentures and debenture stock, and for other purposes."
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Newquay Water Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and verbally amended the same, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from one of their Clerks, as followeth:
The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to extend the periods limited by the Bromborough Dock Act, 1923, for making and completing the dock and the other works by that Act authorised; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords concur with the Commons in their Resolution communicated to them on Tuesday last: That it is expedient that the London, Midland, and Scottish Railway (Road Transport, Scotland) Bill, and the London and North Eastern Railway (Road Transport, Scotland) Bill, be committed to a Joint Committee of Lords and Commons.

The Bromborough Dock 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 Dartmouth Corporation Bill the Committee had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same as so 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 therunto.

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

Colonel Windsor-Clive, supported by Sir Frank Nelson, Rear-Admiral SUERT, Mr. Charles Williams, and Brigadier-General Brooke, presented a Bill to amend the Law with respect to bridges and the roads carried thereby and the approaches thereto: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 23rd day of this instant March; and to be printed.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the licensing of dog racing courses: And that Mr. Buchan, Mr. Compton, Mr. Dunmico, Mr. Fenby, Sir Walter Greaves-Lord, Sir Robert Hamilton, Sir Alfred Hopkinson, Mr. Robert Hudson, Mr. Robert Morrison, Mr. James Henry Thomas, Mr. George Thorne, and Sir George Hamilton do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Buchan accordingly presented a Bill to provide for the licensing of dog racing courses: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Resolved, That this House is of opinion that the pursuit of a vigorous policy furthering imperial trade and developing imperial resources is desirable in the interests of the industries of this Country and of the Empire.—(Mr. Barclay-Harvey.)

The Resolution of the House of the 6th day of this instant March relative to the London, Midland, and Scottish Railway (Road Transport) Bill, the Great Western Railway (Road Transport) Bill, the London and North Eastern Railway (Road Transport) Bill, the Metropolitan Railway (Road Transport) Bill, and the Southern Railway (Road Transport) Bill, was ordered to be communicated to the Lords, and the Message from the Lords of the 5th day of this instant March signifying their concurrence in the said Resolution, were read:

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Order made upon the 5th day of this instant March, That the London, Midland, and Scottish Railway (Road Transport) Bill, the Great Western Railway (Road Transport) Bill, the London and North Eastern Railway (Road Transport) Bill, the Metropolitan Railway (Road Transport) Bill, and the Southern Railway (Road Transport) Bill, was ordered to be communicated to the Lords, and the Message from the Lords of the 8th day of this instant March signifying their concurrence in the said Resolution, were read;

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

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

Ordered, That Three be the quorum of the Committee.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the order made upon the 5th day of this instant March, that the London, Midland, and Scottish Railway (Road Transport) Bill, the Great Western Railway (Road Transport) Bill, the London and North Eastern Railway (Road Transport) Bill, the Metropolitan Railway (Road Transport) Bill, the Southern Railway (Road Transport) Bill, be committed, be read and discharged, and the said Bills be committed to a Select Committee of Five Members, to be nominated by the Committee of Selection, to be joined with a Committee of Six Lords:

That all Petitions in favour of or against the Bills, respectively, presented on or before the 30th day of March 1928 be referred to the Committee; that the Petitioners praying to be heard against the Bills by themselves, their Counsel, Agents, or Witnesses be heard, and Counsel be heard in support of the Bills.

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

That Four be the quorum of the Committee.

The Question was amended, in l. 6, by leaving out the word "Six" and inserting the word "Five," instead thereof: in l. 7, by leaving out the word "Six" and inserting the word "Five," instead thereof; and, in l. 13, by leaving out the word "Four" and inserting the word "Three," instead thereof.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

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

Ordered, That the Order made upon the 5th day of this instant March, That the London, Midland, and Scottish Railway (Road Transport) Bill, the Great Western Railway (Road Transport) Bill, the London and North Eastern Railway (Road Transport) Bill, the Metropolitan Railway (Road Transport) Bill, and the Southern Railway (Road Transport) Bill be committed, be read and discharged, and the said Bills be committed to a Select Committee of Five Members, to be nominated by the Committee of Selection, to be joined with a Committee of Five Lords.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to acquaint them therewith: And that the Clerk do carry the said Message.

Ordered, That all Petitions in favour of or against the Bills, respectively, presented on or before the 30th day of March 1928 be referred to the Committee; that the Petitioners praying to be heard against the Bills by themselves, their Counsel, Agents, or Witnesses be heard, and Counsel be heard in support of the Bills.

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

Ordered, That Three be the quorum of the Committee.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That in view of the failure of Liberal Land Policy, land legislation in the past and of the policy adumbrated in the Green Book, this House deprecates any further tampering with national interests to serve party exigencies.—(Colonel Lambert Word.)

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, and adding the words "in the opinion of this House, the Liberal land policy, like the past and present Conservative land policy, in failing to recognise the evils inherent in the private ownership of land, is not calculated to restore agriculture to its proper position as a basic industry, employing an ever increasing number in the production of food,"—(Mr. Riley), 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.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Employment of Disabled Ex-Service Men Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Resolved, That the draft of a Special Order proposed to be made by the Board of Trade under Section 10 of the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of the Gosport District Gas Company, which was presented on the 20th February and published, be approved.—(Mr. Herbert Williams.)

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 Ilkley, which was presented on the 27th February and published, be approved.—(Mr. Herbert Williams.)

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 Southend-on-Sea and District Gas Company, which was presented on the 27th February and published, be approved.—(Mr. Herbert Williams.)

Resolved, That the draft of a Special Order proposed to be made by the Board of Trade under Section 10 of the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of the Newcastle-upon-Tyne and Gateshead Gas Company, which was presented on the 27th February and published, be approved.—(Mr. Herbert Williams.)

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday 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 Thursday the 22nd day of this instant March.

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

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Sir George Hennessy);
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And it being half-an-hour after Eleven of the clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

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

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Thursday, 15th March 1928.

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

PRAYERS.

THE Barnet District Gas and Water Bill Barnet District Gas and 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 Sunderland 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 Resolution of the House of the 13th day Railway of this instant March relative to the London, Midland, and Scottish Railway (Road Transport, Scotland) Bill, and the London and North Eastern Railway (Road Transport, Scotland) Bill, which was ordered to be communicated to the Lords, and the Message from the Lords of the 14th day of this instant March signifying their concurrence in the said Resolution, were read;

The Order made upon the 12th day of this instant March that the London, Midland, and Scottish Railway (Road Transport, Scotland) Bill, and the London and North Eastern Railway (Road Transport, Scotland) Bill, be committed, was read and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bills be committed to the Joint Committee on Railway (Road Transport) Bills.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to acquaint them therewith; And that the Clerk do carry the said Message.

Ordered, That all Petitions in favour of or against the London, Midland, and Scottish Railway (Road Transport, Scotland) Bill and the London and North Eastern Railway (Road Transport, Scotland) Bill, respectively, presented on or before the 30th day of March 1928, be referred to the Committee; that the
Petitioners praying to be heard against the Bills by themselves, their Counsel, Agents, or Witnesses be heard, and Counsel be heard in support of the Bills.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee that they have power, if they think fit, to consolidate the London, Midland, and Scottish Railway (Road Transport) Bill and the London, Midland, and Scottish Railway (Road Transport, Scotland) Bill into one Bill, and to consolidate the London and North Eastern Railway (Road Transport) Bill and the London and North Eastern Railway (Road Transport, Scotland) Bill into one Bill.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

The Marriages Provisional Orders Bill was, according to Order, read the third time and passed.

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

Mr. Chamberlain presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order of the Minister of Health relating to Luton: 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.

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Provisions of the Patents and Designs Acts, 1907 and 1919, as proposed to be amended by the Patents and Designs (Convention) Bill.

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Accounts of the Gas Fund for the year ended 31st March 1927.

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

Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 15th March 1928, directing the application for appropriations-in-aid of the Votes for certain Departments of receipts from fee stamps at present paid to the Exchequer.

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

Mr. Arthur Steel-Maitland presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Return showing details of Membership, Income, Expenditure and Funds of registered Trade Unions with 10,000 or more members in the years 1926 and 1927.

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, dated 7th March 1928, entitled the Destructive Insects and Pests (Scotland) Order, 1922 Amendment Order, 1928.

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

Secretary Sir William Joynton-Bick presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Licence granted to a convict, to which is annexed a condition otherwise than those contained in Schedule A of the Penal Servitude Act, 1864.

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

Sir Arthur Churchman reported the Coventry Corporation Bill, with Amendments.

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

Sir Arthur Churchman reported from the Private Bills Committee on Group B of Private Bills; (Group B.) That, for the convenience of parties, the Committee had adjourned till Monday next, at a quarter-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 to Standing Committee A:—Major Yerburgh; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Betterton.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from Standing Committee C (in respect of the Local Authorities (Emergency Provisions) Bill):—Captain Brass, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Chamberlain, Sir William Davison, Mr. Gates, Captain Gunston, Mr. Harris, Mr. George Harvey, Mr. Lansbury, Mr. Wilfred Paling, Mr. Rye, Dr. Salter, Mr. Scsc, Colonel Vaughan-Morgan, and Sir Kingsley Wood.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from the Standing Committee; That they had added the following Ten Members to the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills (in respect of the Re-organisation of Offices (Scotland) Bill):—Mr. Lord Advocate, Lord Balniel, Sir Henry Coom, Mr. Evans Davies, Captain Garro-Jones, Mr. Mackinder, Mr. Russell, Major Steel, Mr. Viant, and Mr. Charles Williams.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Selection Committee of Selection; That they had nominated the following Five Members to the Joint Standing Committee C:—Mr. Nuttall, Colonel Thom, and Mr. Webb.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Sir Edmund Barton reported from the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills to whom the Scottish Rating (Scotland) Amendment 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.

Sir Edmund Barton reported from the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills to whom the Scottish Rating (Scotland) Amendment 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. 

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.
Colonel Fremantle, supported by Sir Herbert Nield, Rear-Admiral Sueter, Sir Cooper Rawson, Lord Aspley, Mr. Harney, and Mr. Hayday, 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 Wednesday the 4th day of April next; and to be printed.

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

Tellers for the [Sir George Hennessy, Mr. Frederick Thom-] 225.

Tellers for the [Mr. Charles Edwards, Mr. Whiteley:] 123.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Navy Estimates)—(Mr. Bridgeman);

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 these words "this House considers that national security and therefore international peace can only be assured by international agreement for a substantial all-round reduction in naval armaments, and accordingly urges His Majesty’s Government to take the initiative in making proposals for the abolition of capital ships, as well as of submarines, and for the restriction of the maximum tonnage of cruisers to that necessary for police purposes "—(Mr. McNeill-Weir), 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. Penny, Sir Victor Warrender] 204.

Tellers for the [Mr. Charles Edwards, Mr. Whiteley:] 109.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put;

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

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Navy Estimates, 1928.


and at Royal Air Force Establishments, for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1929.

2. £14,445,700, for Wages, &c. of Officers and Men of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines, and Civilians employed on Fleet Services.

3. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £1,805,000 be granted to His Majesty, to delay the Expense of the Works, Buildings, and Repairs, at Home and Abroad, including the cost of Superintendence, Purchase of Sites, Grants in Aid, and other charges connected therewith, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1929:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That Sub-head B be reduced by £109,000.—

(Lieutenant-Commander Kenworthy.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Parkinson, Mr. Charles Edwards]: 87.

Tellers for the [Major Cope, Mr. Frederick Thom-] 194.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

4. £4,062,000, for Victualling and Clothing for the Navy, including the cost of Victualling Establishments at Home and Abroad.

Navy Supplementary Estimate, 1927.

5. £450,000, Supplementary, for additional Expenditure on the following Navy Services, viz.:

Deficits Surplus Surpluses on Gross on Appro- on Gross on Appro- on Appro- on Gross on Appropriations Appropriations Appropriations Appropriations and Gross and Gross and Gross and Gross

Vote 1. Wages, &c. of Officers and Men of the Royal Navy, and Wages, &c. of Officers and Men of the Royal Marines, and Wages, &c. of Officers and Men of the Royal Marines, &c. £1,057,500 579,500 246,200

Vote 2. Victualling and Clothing for the Navy £21,500 — —

Vote 3. Medical Establish- ment and Services £14,466 — 4,000

Vote 4. Educational Services £17,600 12,600

Vote 5. Scientific services — — 12,800

Vote 8. Shipbuilding, Repairs, Maintenance, &c. £25,000 23,000

Vote 9. Naval Armaments — — £20,000

Vote 10. Works, Buildings, and Repairs at Home and Abroad — £64,700 42,200

Vote 11. Miscellaneous Effective Services £15,200 11,900

Vote 12. Non-Effective Services £16,500 —

Vote 14. Non-Effective Services £4,000 2,800

£1,057,500 579,500 246,200 274,200

Net deficiency to be voted £450,000.

Resolutions to be reported.

Civil Services (Excess), 1926.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £25,858 13s. 1d. be granted to His Majesty, to make good an Excess on the Grant for Beet Sugar Subsidy, Great Britain, for the year ended on the 31st day of March 1927:—

Amount to be Voted.

Class II. £ a. d.

Vote 15A. Beet Sugar Subsidy, Great Britain 25,858 15 1
Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again—(Mr. Guinness)—put, and agreed to.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

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

(Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.)

1. Resolved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1928, the sum of £1,549,153 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.—(Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel.)

2. Resolved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1928, the sum of £163,962,700 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.—(Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel.)

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.

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Railway Second Reading of the Railway Passengers (Third Class Sleeping) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 4th day of June next.

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Hours of Industrial Employment Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Omnibuses Bill;

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

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday 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 five minutes before Twelve of the clock, till to-morrow.

[No. 29.]

Friday, 16th March 1928.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

The Clerk at the Table informed the House Mr. Speaker's of the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker. Absence. from this day's Sitting —Whereupon Mr. Hope, the Chairman of Ways and Means, proceeded to the Table and, after Prayers, took the Chair. Prayers. as Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Standing Order.

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

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

Mr. Secretary Amery presented, by His Colonial Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of a Governor. Committee appointed by the Secretary of State for the Colonies to consider the question of the position of Colonial Governors with special reference to pensions.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
The Order of the day being read, for the Prevention of Unemployment Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 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 Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Ways and Means (Ways and Means) Report from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 15th day of this instant March;
Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

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

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

[No. 30.]

Monday, 19th March 1928.

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

Prayers.

The Mersey Tunnel Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel presented, by Vote of Credit His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Statement showing the Cash Transactions in the year ended 31st March 1927, in respect (a) of Vote of Credit Excess Receipts from Trading Services to 31st March 1919, and (b) of trading and other operations financed from these receipts, and from the proceeds of Sale of Stocks, &c., purchased out of the Vote of Credit, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor-General thereon.

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

Secretary Sir Laming Worthington-Evans Army, presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Draft Order in Council authorising Military Manoeuvres in 1928.

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

Copy of Draft of a Special Order proposed to be made under the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of the Otley Gas Company. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ecclesiastical Commision. Secretary Sir William Joynson-Hicks presented by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Eightieth Report from the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England and Wales, with Appendix. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Foreign Missions. Secretary Sir Austen Chamberlain presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Correspondence with the Treasury respecting the raising of Montevideo and Caracas to the rank of First Class Missions and the lowering of Santiago and Riga to the rank of Second Class Missions. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Inland Telegraph Service. Sir William Mitchell-Thomson presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Committee on the Inland Telegraph Service. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Rural Amenities (Petrol Stations Regulation) Bill. The Order for reading a second time upon Friday the 30th day of this instant March the Bill was read and discharged. Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Housing Act (1925) Amendment Bill. Major Kindersley, supported by Captain Bourne, Mr. Wells, Mr. Dixey, Sir John Power, Mr. Greene, and Mr. Stever, 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.

Business of the House. A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings of the Committees of Supply and Ways and Means be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House)—(Secretary Sir William Joynson-Hicks) ; The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the 

Sir George Hennessey, 
Mr. Frederick Thomson. 

Yea's, 223.

Tellers for the 

Mr. Parkinson, 115.

Noes, Mr. Whiteley:
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Zinoviev Letter. A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That in the opinion of this House, certain disclosures contained in the Report of the Board of Inquiry appointed to investigate certain statements affecting Civil Servants, and other disclosures made subsequently, regarding what is known as the Zinoviev letter, are of national importance and concern and should be made the subject of an inquiry by a body empowered to take evidence on oath, to send for witnesses and papers, and to report.—(Mr. Ramsay MacDonald.)

Mr. Thomas Williams, Member for the Don Valley Division of Yorkshire, having made use of a grossly disorderly expression, was ordered by Mr. Speaker to withdraw the same, but he declined to comply with that direction:

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 29, relating to disorderly conduct, ordered him to withdraw immediately from the House during the remainder of this day's Sitting.

And the Question being put; The House divided.

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

Tellers for the 

Mr. Hayes, 132.

Mr. Benjamin Smith: 

Yea's, 

Tellers for the 

Mr. George Hennessey, 326.

Noes, Major Cope:
So it passed in the Negative.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Rating and Valuation Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Allowance for special repairs.)—(Mr. Rye.) And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the said Clause be read a second time:—It passed in the Negative.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill. Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 40, by leaving out Clause 4.—(Sir Henry Cadwy)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "it," in l. 41, stand part of the Bill; The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the 

Viscount Curzon, 358.

Captain Wallace: 

Yeas, 

Tellers for the 

Sir Henry Cadwy, 34.

Sir Malcolm Mac naghten.

Noes, 

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 41, by inserting, after the word “Committee,” the words "or of any other body or person."—(Captain Bourne.)

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. 7, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words,—

"(2) For the purposes of such proceedings the Minister shall appoint some person or
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 ended on the 31st day of March 1927, the sum of £25,858 15s. ld. be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.—(Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel.)

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

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

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

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

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Resolution to be reported.

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

(In the Committee.)

Civil Services (Excess), 1926.

Motion made, and Question put, That a sum not exceeding £25,858 15s. ld. be granted to His Majesty, to make good an Excess on the Grant for Beet Sugar Subsidy, Great Britain, for the year ended on the 31st day of March 1927.

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The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 15th 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 Superannuation (Diplomatic Service) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the National Health Insurance 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 21st day of February last, That the Rabbits 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 receiving the Report from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 15th 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 National Health Insurance 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 Marriage (Prohibited Degrees of Relationship) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Police (Widows' Pension 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 Dog Racing 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 Solicitors Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

And then the House, having continued to sit till twenty-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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19th—20th March. 1928.

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, 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.:

Bromborough Dock Bill [Lords].
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time, Provisional Order Bills (Standing Orders not previously inquired into complied with.)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz.:

Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Ealing Extension) 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.:

Ministry of Health Provisional Order (No. 2) Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ministry of Health Provisional Order, Standing Orders not applicable.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Leeds and Liverpool Canal Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Treasury Charges, Minute, dated 16th February 1928, on the Report of a Committee appointed to consider
Departmental Expenses charged by Government Departments.

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 16th March 1928, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Amendment (Route No. 604) Provisional Regulations, 1928.

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

Mr. William Nicholson reported from Standing Committee C, to whom the Petroleum (Amendment) Bill was referred; That in pursuance of the Instruction of the House of the 19th March, they had made provision for enabling local authorities to make byelaws for preventing injury being caused by petroleum, stations to the amenities of rural scenery and places of beauty and historic interest; 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 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 Chairman’s Panel; That they had appointed him to act as Chairman of Standing Committee C (in respect of the Local Authorities (Emergency Provisions) Bill).

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Sir Thomas Robinson reported from the Local Legislation Committee (Section A); That in the case of the Exeter 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 Walter Rees reported from the Local Legislation Committee (Section B): That in the case of the Hastings Corporation Bill 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 Arthur Churchman reported from the Committee on the Great Western Railway (Swansea North Dock Abandonment) Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill, as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

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

Sir Arthur Churchman reported from the Private Bills Committee on Group B of Private Bills; That, for the convenience of parties, the Committee had adjourned till Wednesday 28th March, at Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Select Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee C.—Captain Hudson; and had appointed in substitution: Sir George Jones.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

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

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments Protection of made by this House to the Protection of Lapwings Bills [Lords], without any Amendment.

Colonel Gretton, supported by Sir James Licensing Agg-Gardner, Colonel Sir George Courthope, (Amendment) Bill. 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.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That notwithstanding anything in Standing Order No. 15, the Proceedings on Reports of Supply of the 8th and 12th March may be taken after Eleven of the clock, and be exompted, at this day’s Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of House)—(Mr. Secretary Amery); the House divided.

The Yeas for the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas:

Sir George Hennessy, Mr. Frederick Thomson.

Tellers for the Noes:

Mr. Parkinson, Mr. Whiteley.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Public Bill to amend the Public Meeting Act, 1908, by extending its operation to meetings held during an election for local government office: And that Mr. Gerald Hurst, Lieutenant-Commander Astbury, Colonel Sir Godfrey Dalrymple-White, Dr. Watts, Mr. A. E. Kennedy, Colonel Sir Joseph Nall, Mr. Gates, Sir Robert Newman, Mr. Hanson, Mr. Hilton, and Sir Robert Bird do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Gerald Hurst accordingly presented a Public Bill to amend the Public Meeting Act, 1908, by extending its operation to meetings held during an election for local government office; and the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 27th day of April next; and to be printed.
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Captain Margesson,]
Yea, [Sir Victor Warrender] 222.

Tellers for the [Mr. Parkinson,]
Noes, [Mr. Whiteley] 129.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
And the Resolution was agreed to.

Then the remaining Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lord Advocate reported from the Supply Committee of Supply of the 12th day of this instant March several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Air Estimates, 1928.

1. That a number of Air Forces not exceeding £2,500, all ranks, be maintained for the Service of the United Kingdom at Home and Abroad, exclusive of those serving in India, during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1929.

2. That a sum not exceeding £3,401,000 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 1929.

3. That a sum not exceeding £3,040,000 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Expense of Works, Buildings, and Lands, including military and civilian staff, and other charges connected therewith, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1929.

4. That a sum not exceeding £3,580,000 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Expense of Technical and Warlike Stores of the Air Force, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1929.

5. That a sum not exceeding £470,000 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Expense of Civil Superannuation, Compensation, and Gratuities.

1. That a number of Land Forces not exceeding 153,500, all ranks, be maintained for the Service of the United Kingdom at Home and Abroad, exclusive of those serving in India, during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1929.

2. That a sum not exceeding £3,401,000 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Expense of the Pay, &c., of His Majesty’s Army at Home and Abroad, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1929.

3. That a sum not exceeding £2,500, all ranks, be maintained for the Service of the United Kingdom at Home and Abroad, exclusive of those serving in India, during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1929.

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6. That a sum not exceeding £3,580,000 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Expense of Technical and Warlike Stores of the Air Force, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1929.

The First Resolution being read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made thereto, by leaving out “32,500,” and inserting “32,400” — (Lieutenant-Commander Kenworthy), — instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That “32,500” stand part of the Resolution;

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

Tellers for the [Captain Bowyer,]
Yea, [Captain Wallace] 217.

Tellers for the [Mr. Parkinson,]
Noes, [Mr. Wilfrid Paling] 90.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
And the Resolution was agreed to.

Then the Second and Third Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.
The Fourth 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 f Captain Bourker, Yeas, { Mr. Penny : } 210.
Tellers for the f Mr. Whiteley, Noes, { Mr. Wilfrid Paling : } 88.
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 f Captain Bourker, Yeas, { Mr. Penny : } 215.
Tellers for the f Mr. Whiteley, Noes, { Mr. Wilfrid Paling : } 89.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Supplementary Statement.

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.

Rating (Scotland) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Rating (Scotland) Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Thursday next.


The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 19th day of this instant March;
Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.


The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 15th day of this instant March;
Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.


The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 18th day of this instant March;
Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

Supernumeration (Diplomatic Service) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Supernumeration (Diplomatic Service) 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 resuming Rabbits Bill; the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 21st day of February last, That the Rabbits Bill be now read a second time;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Ways and Means of the 15th day of this instant March; the Report from the Committee of Ways and Means;
Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—Adjournment. (Sir George Hennessy.)

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

Wednesday, 21st March 1928.

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

PRAYERS.

THE House proceeded to take into consideration the Coventry Corporation Bill as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Newquay Water Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Ealing Extension) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Order (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

Mr. Chamberlain presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Provisional Order, dated 5th March 1928, entitled the Rating and Valuation (Leeds Water Rate) Order, 1928.

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

Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Appropriation Account of the Sums granted by Parliament for the expenses of the Ordnance Factories, the cost of the productions of which has been charged to Army, Navy, Air Force, &c., for the year ended 31st March 1927, with the

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Merchandise Accounts for the same year and the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 20th March 1928, directing the application of the contributions by teachers and their employers towards the cost of teachers' pensions as Appropriations in aid of the Vote for the Board of Education and the Vote for Public Education (Scotland).

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relative to Army (Ordnance Factories) (Accounts) be printed.

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Standing Committee set up under the Merchandise Marks Act, 1926, respecting Glue and Gelatine.

Copy of Report of the Standing Committee set up under the Merchandise Marks Act, 1926, respecting Enamel Zinc Sheets.

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

Commodore King presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Statistical Summary of Output, and of the Costs of Production, Proceeds, and Profits of the Coal Mining Industry for the quarter ended 31st December 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 the Rules of the Supreme Court (Landlord and Tenant), 1928, dated 19th March 1928.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of the Union of Benefices Measure, 1923, was also laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Copy of Scheme for the sale of the site and materials of the Church which was formerly the Parish Church of the new Parish of Rochampton, in the County of Surrey and in the Diocese of Southwark, and of the ground annexed or belonging thereto, and for other matters incidental to such sale.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by Command, in reply to the Paper of the 15th January last, and that the Lords have appointed a Committee consisting of Eleven Lords to join with a Standing Committee of the Commons to consider the Railway (Road Transport) Bills, pursuant to the Commons Resolution of Thursday last, and that the Paper relative to Railway (Road Transport) Bills.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Sir William Nicholson reported from the Select Committee of the Lords; That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee C:—Mr. Kelly; and had appointed in substitution: Miss Lawrence.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from the Standing Committee: That they had discharged the Committee C following Member from Standing Committee C (added in respect of the Local Authorities (Emergency Provisions) Bill)—Sir William Devison; and had appointed in substitution: Sir William Perring.

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 Llandudno Urban District Council Bill 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.

Mr. Buxton, supported by Dr. Shiels, Mr. Slaughter Riley, Viscountess Astor, Sir Robert Newman, Major Sir Archibald Sinclair, and Mr. Ponsonby, presented a Bill to regulate the methods of slaughtering animals, and for purposes relating thereto: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Haydn Jones, supported by Sir Robert Thomas, Mr. C. P. Williams, Mr. Ellis Davies, Major Oson, Mr. Morris, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Jenkins, Mr. Ernest Evans, Mr. Tomlinson, Mr. George Hall, and Mr. David Grefnell, 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 acquire compulsorily 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 upon Monday next; and to be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision with respect to certain agencies and registries, and for purposes in connection therewith—(Mr. Rose);
And the Motion being opposed, after a brief explanatory statement from the Member who made the Motion and from a Member who opposed it, Mr. Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 11: And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That Mr. Rose, Mrs. Philipson, Mr. Thomas Kennedy, Colonel Burton, Mr. Bayley, Miss Bowisfield, Mr. Macpherson, Sir Clement Kinloch-Cooke, Mr. Sexton, and Major Sir Archibald Sinclair do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Mr. Rose accordingly presented a Bill to make provision with respect to certain agencies and registries, and for purposes in connection therewith: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 4th day of April next; and to be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House, recognising the grave dissensions which exist amongst leaders of the Socialist party and within the party itself on vital issues of public policy, considers that the formation of a Socialist government would be a source of danger to the nation—(Sir Harry Brittain);

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 "is of opinion that, in view of the widespread change in industry, as in the direction of syndicate, combine, and trust, side by side with material insecurity affecting large numbers of the people, there is no foundation for the fear of an economic system based upon the principles of public ownership and control"—(Mr. William Graham)—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;

Sir Harry Brittain rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put, but Mr. Speaker withheld his assent, and declared he thought that the House was prepared to come to a decision without that Motion:—Then the House resumed the Debate.

And the Question being put, 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 "Captain Streathfield, 1. 214.

Tellers for the "Mr. Charles Edwards,

Noes, 1. 130.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being again proposed:

—And a Debate arising thereupon;

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty praying that the byelaws (c) and (j), with respect to the New Forest, be annulled—(Mr. Riley):—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Housing (Agricultural Workers) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Candidates Second Reading of the Candidates (Local Government) Election Deposit 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' Pension (Widows' Pension Amendment) Bill;

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

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 to-morrow.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Education (Scotland) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Exportation of Horses 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 Hours of Industrial 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 Omnibuses 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 Capital Punishment Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Housing 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.

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

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

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

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

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

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Selection Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee A — Mr. Betterton, Captain Committee A, Fanshawe, Colonel McDonnell, Mr. Hugh Morrison, and Mr. Nuttall; and had appointed in substitution : Brigadier-General Clifton Brown, Major Courtauld, Mr. Haslam, Sir George Hume, and Mr. Looker.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from Standing Committee A, following Fifteen Members to Standing Committee A (in respect of the Shops (Hours of Closing) Bill) — Miss Bondfield, Mr. Brocklebank, Mr. Rhys Davies, Lord Erskine, Sir Park Goff, Sir Vivian Henderson, Secretary Sir William Joyce-Hicks, Mr. Macquisten, Sir Frank Meyer, Sir William Perring, Mr. Radford, Mrs. Runciman, Miss Wilkinson, Mr. Thomas Williams, and Mr. Womersley.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

The Order for reading a second time, Housing Bill, to-morrow, the Housing Bill, was read and discharged.
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Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 30th day of this instant March.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That notwithstanding anything in Standing Order No. 15, the Reports of the Navy Supplementary Estimate, 1927, and Civil Services Excess, 1928, and Business other than Business of Supply may be considered this day before Eleven of the clock, that the Reports of Supply of the 15th and 19th March may be taken after Eleven of the clock, and that the Proceedings on the Reports of Supply of the 15th and 19th March and on the Rating (Scotland) Amendment 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 "Major Cope, Yeas, Captain Margesson" 214.
Tellers for the "Mr. Charles Edwards, Noes, Mr. Whiteley" 118.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.


Navy Estimates, 1928.
1. That 101,800 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 1929.

Wages, &c.
2. That a sum not exceeding £14,445,700 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Expense of Wages, &c. of Officers and Men of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines, and Civilians employed on Fleet Services, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1929.

Works, Buildings, and Repairs at Home and Abroad.
3. That a sum not exceeding £1,805,000 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Expense of Works, Buildings, and Repairs, at Home and Abroad, including the cost of Superintendence, Purchase of Sites, Grants in Aid, and other charges connected therewith, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1929.

Victualling and Clothing for the Navy.
4. That a sum not exceeding £4,062,000 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Expense of Victualling and Clothing for the Navy, including the cost of Victualling Establishments at Home and Abroad, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1929.

Navy Supplementary Estimate, 1927.
5. 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 1928, for additional Expenditure on the following Navy Services, viz.:

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The First Resolution being read a second time;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Debate be now adjourned—(Mr. Lees Smith);

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

Tellers for the "Major Cope, Yeas, Captain Margesson" 112.
Tellers for the "Mr. Charles Edwards, Noes, Captain Margesson" 199.

So it passed in the Negative.

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

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

Ordered, That the Resolutions which upon the 20th 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 a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Debate be now adjourned—(Mr. Lees Smith);

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

Tellers for the "Mr. Charles Edwards, Yeas, Mr. Whiteley" 112.
Tellers for the "Major Cope, Noes, Captain Margesson" 199.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Debate be now adjourned—(Mr. Lees Smith);

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

Tellers for the "Major Cope, Yeas, Captain Margesson" 112.
Tellers for the "Mr. Charles Edwards, Noes, Mr. Whiteley" 199.

So it passed in the Negative.

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

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

Ordered, That the Resolutions which upon the 20th 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 153,900, all ranks, be maintained for the Service of the United Kingdom at Home and Abroad, exclusive of those serving in India, during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1929.

That a number of Air Forces not exceeding 32,500, all ranks, be maintained for the Service of the United Kingdom at Home and Abroad, exclusive of those serving in India, during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1929.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Army and Bill to provide, during Twelve Months, for Air Force, the Discipline and Regulation of the Army and Air Force:—And that Secretary Sir Laming Worthington-Evans, Mr. Bridgeman, Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare, Mr. Duff Cooper, and Colonel Headlam do prepare and bring it in.
Colonel Headlam accordingly presented a Bill to provide, during Twelve Months, for the Discipline and Regulation of the Army and Air Force: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

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

The Third Resolution being read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made thereto by leaving out "£1,805,000," and inserting "£1,804,900."—(Mr. Ammon),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That "£1,805,000" stand part of the Resolution; 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. Wilfrid Paling: ). 97.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Resolution was agreed to.

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

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 Yeas, (Mr. Penny: ). 170.
Tellers for the Noes, (Mr. Wilfrid Paling: ). 97.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Sir George Hennessy reported from the Committee of Supply of the 19th day of this instant March a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

Civil Services (Excess), 1926.

That a sum not exceeding £25,858 15s. 1d. be granted to His Majesty, to make good an Excess on the Grant for Beet Sugar Subsidy, Great Britain, for the year ended 31st March 1927.

Amount to be Voted.

Class II.
Vote 15a. Beet Sugar Subsidy, Great Britain -
£ s. d.
25,858 15 1

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

Sir George Hennessy reported from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 19th day of this instant March, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

1. That towards making good the Supply Consolidated granted to His Majesty for the service of the Fund, year ending on the 31st day of March 1928, the sum of £1,549,153 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 1929, the sum of £163,962,700 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

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

Sir George Hennessy reported from the Ways and Committee of Ways and Means of the 19th March day of this instant March a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

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 £25,858 15s. 1d. 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 upon the Resolutions reported from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 15th day of this instant March, and agreed to by the House this day: 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 Consolidated presented a Bill to apply certain sums out Puna (No. 1) of the Consolidated Fund to the service of the years ending on the thirty-first day of March, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-eight, and one thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The Rating (Scotland) Amendment Bill was, Rating according to Order, read the third time and (Scotland) 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, 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 Superannuation-Second Reading of the Superannuation (Diplomatic Service) Bill;

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

Resolved, That the draft of a Special Order Gas proposed to be made by the Board of Trade, Regulat 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 22nd February and published, be approved, with the following modification:—

In the Schedule, l. 1, leave out the words "35 perches 21 square yards," and insert "38 perches 13 square yards."—(Sir George Hennessy.)

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 Annfield Plain and District Gas Company, which was presented on the 22nd February and published, be approved.—(Sir George Hennessy.)

Adjournment. Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Sir George Hennessy.)

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

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Friday, 23rd March 1928.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The Leeds and Liverpool Canal Bill was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Mersey Docks and Harbour Board Bill was read the third time and passed.

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

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Dartmouth Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the South Metropolitan Gas Bill, 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 Edinburgh Corporation Bill;

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

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

Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Insurances and Annuities, No. 49.

—Accounts of all Moneys received on account of Contracts for the grant of deferred Life Annuities and for Payments on Death and of the disposal thereof, and of the Contracts made for the year 1927.

Ordered, That the said Accounts 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:


Ordered, That the said Accounts be printed.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Standing Committee Selection of Members (Employment and Protection) Bill:

That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee A:—Mr. Dizey and Lord Committee A Fermoy; and had appointed in substitution: Major Elliot and Mr. Solicitor-General for Scotland.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Order of the day being read, for the Coal Mines Bill:

Second Reading of the Coal Mines 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 regretting the cause which necessitated the enactment of the Coal Mines Act, 1926, cannot consent to the Second Reading of a Bill which would involve either a further reduction in the already low rates of wages or an increase in the already high percentage of unemployment in the coal mining industry "—(Mr. Clarry),—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. Whiteley:

Tellers for the Noes, Captain Arthur Evans:

127.

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So it passed in the Negative.

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Children and Young Persons (Employment and Protection) Bill:

Second Reading of the Children and Young Persons (Employment and Protection) 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 Bridges Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Industrial and Provident Societies (Employees) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Prevention of Unemployment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon 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 Marriage (Prohibited Degrees of Relationship) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Employment of Disabled Ex-service Men Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Dog Racing 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' Pension 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 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 Hairdressers' and 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 Second Reading of the Exportation of Horses Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Hours of Industrial Employment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Capital Punishment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

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

No. 35.

Monday, 26th March 1928.

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

Prayers.

The Coventry Corporation Bill was read Coevtry Corpora- the third time and passed.

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

A Motion being made, That the Newquay Newquay Water 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 con- Exeter Corporation sidere the Exeter Corporation Bill, as eration Bill,
amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into con- Hastings Corporation sideration the Hastings Corporation Bill, as Corporation Bill,
amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Bromborough Dock Bill [Lords] was Bromborough Dock Bill read a second time, and committed.

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister presented, pursuant Merchant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,— Shipping (Mercantile Marine Fund) Copy of Draft Order in Council altering the Scale, Rules, and Exemptions set out in the Act, 1898.
Second Schedule to the Merchant Shipping (Mercantile Marine Fund) Act, 1898, for the purpose of the levying of light dues.

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 Accrington Corporation Bill.

Copy of Report of the Attorney General on the Bethlem Hospital Bill [Lords].


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

Mr. Chamberlain presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Provisional Regulations, dated 21st March 1928, entitled the Contributory Pensions (Exempt and Excepted Persons) Amendment Regulations, 1928.

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 University Court Ordinance No. 153 (St. Andrews, No. 31) Chair of Botany in the University of St. Andrews;

University Court Ordinance No. 154 (St. Andrews, No. 32) Regulations for Degree of B.Litt. Supplementary to Ordinance No. XXIX. (No. 4 of the University Court of the University of St. Andrews) Regulations for Degrees in Arts, Philosophy, and Letters;

University Court Ordinance No. 155 (St. Andrews, No. 33) Regulations for Degrees in Science in Engineering.

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

Secretary Sir Austen Chamberlain presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Treaty Series (No. 6, 1928.) Bill.

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

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

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

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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 Second Reading of the National Health Insurance Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Petroleum (Amendment) 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 Army and Air Forces (Annual) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Superannuation—Second Reading of the Superannuation (Diplomatic Service) Bill;

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

Ordered, That so much of the Lords' Message Indian of the 21st day of this instant March as relates to the appointment of a Committee on Indian Affairs be now taken into consideration.—(Sir George Hennessy.)

The House accordingly proceeded to take so much of 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.—(Sir George Hennessy.)

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 Brigadier-General Charteris, Sir Robert Hamilton, Colonel Howard-Bury, Sir Alfred Knox, Mr. Wardlaw-Milne, Sir Frank Nelson, Mr. Geoffrey Peto, Mr. Pilcher, Mr. Scour, Mr. Snell, and Mr. Wallhead.

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

Ordered, That Five be the quorum of the Committee.—(Sir George Hennessy.)

Ordered, That Mr. Walter Baker be discharged from the Select Committee on Estimates, and that Mr. Bennie Smith be added to the Committee.—(Sir George Hennessy.)
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 Candidates (Local Government) Election Deposit Bill;
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Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.
And then the House, having continued to sit till one minute before 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 Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz.:
Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Luton Extension) 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 Petitions for additional Provision in the following Bills, the Standing Orders have not been complied with, viz.:
Rotherham Corporation Bill.
Wolverhampton Corporation Bill.
Ordered, That the Reports be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

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Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Luton Extension) Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

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 under the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of the Hemel Hempsted District Gas Company.
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 Minute, dated 26th March 1928, made by the Scottish Education Department under the Education (Scotland) Act, 1918, amending the Code of Regulations for Day Schools in Scotland, 1923.
Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Mr. Chamberlain presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Minister of Health relating to Basingstoke, Bingley, Brighton, Halifax, Mansfield, and Taf Fechan Water Supply 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.

Mr. Chamberlain presented a Bill to confirm Ministry of Health Provisional Orders (Worthing Extension) 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.

A Motion being made, That the Dartmouth 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 Llandudno Urban District Council Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Railway Rates Tribunal for the year 1927.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Colonel Ashley presented, pursuant to the Railway Rates Tribunal for the year 1927.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to amend the law of Scotland relating to the division of counties into police districts; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to consolidate and simplify the law of Scotland relating to false oaths, declarations, and statements; 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 Harwich Harbour Conservancy Board relating to vessels sunk, stranded, or abandoned, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords communicate that they have come to the following Resolution, viz.: That it is expedient that the Dover Gas Bill [Lords] be referred to a Joint Committee of both Houses of Parliament.

The Lords communicate that they have come to the following Resolution, viz.: That it is expedient that all Consolidation Bills in the present Session be referred to a Joint Committee of both Houses of Parliament.

That it is desirable that in the present Session all Private Bills for the exclusive purpose of consolidating the provisions of existing Private Acts of Parliament be referred to a Joint Committee of both Houses of Parliament.

That the Joint Committee shall not take into consideration any petition against any such Bill which seeks to alter the existing law.

The Harwich Harbour Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Committee of Selection; that they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee A:—Mr. Haslam; and had appointed in substitution: Mrs. Philipson.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Batey, Member for Spennymoor, rose in his place and asked leave to move the Adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., the failure of the Government to prosecute certain coalowners for breaches of the Coal Mines Act by the continuous employment underground of a boy on three occasions for more than sixteen hours per day; and the pleasure of the House having been signified, the Motion stood over, under Standing Order No. 10, until half an hour after Seven of the clock this evening.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make it obligatory for owners of motor vehicles to be insured against third-party risks: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

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.

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

(In the Committee.)
Clauses No. 1 to No. 4 agreed to.

Order No. 10, until half an hour after Seven of the clock this evening.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.
A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time;

And it being half an hour after Seven of the clock, and leave having been given to move the Adjournment of the House under Standing Order No. 10, further Proceeding was postponed, without Question put.

Mr. Deputy Speaker called the attention of the House to the conduct of Mr. Kirkwood, Member for Dumbarton Burghs, in persisting in irrelevance, and directed the honourable Member to resume his seat.

And the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Yeas,  
Mr. Hayes, 111.
Mr. Whiteley:  
Mr. Major Cope, 179.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Consolidated Fund (No. 1) Bill, it was read the third time, was resumed.

Mr. Speaker called the attention of the Lords, and desire their concurrence (the Bill having been endorsed by Mr. Speaker with the following Certificate:—

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

JOHN HENRY WHITLEY, Speaker.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;  
Resolved, That this House will, 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 Licensing (Amendment) Bill;  
Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 23rd day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Children and Young Persons (Employment and Protection) Bill;  
Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Industrial and Provident Societies (Employees) Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Prevention of Unemployment Bill;  
Ordered, 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.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Police (Widows' Pension Amendment) Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

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

And then the House, having continued to sit till twenty-six minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
Wednesday, 29th March 1928.

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

PRAYERS.

Ministry of Health.
Provisional Order (Luton Extension) Bill.

Chester-le-Street Union.

Mr. Chamberlain presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Board of Guardians on the administration of the Chester-le-Street Union for the period 1st July 1927 to 31st December 1927.

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

Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Annual Accounts of Shipbuilding and Backyard Transactions, &c., including Manufactures, for the year 1926, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

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

Treaty Series (No. 5, 1926.)

Secretary Sir Austen Chamberlain presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Notes exchanged between His Majesty's Government in Great Britain and the Government of Portugal for the settlement of the Boundary between Swaziland and the Province of Mozambique, Lisbon, 6th October 1927 (with diagram).

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

Treaty Series (No. 8, 1926.)

Copy of Notes exchanged between His Majesty's Government in the Union of South Africa and the Government of Portugal for the settlement of the Boundary between the Union of South Africa and the Province of Mozambique, Lisbon, 6th October 1927 (with two maps).

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

Treaty Series (No. 9, 1926.)


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

Cotton Cloth Factories.

Secretary Sir William Joynson-Hicks presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Departmental Committee on Artificial Humidity in Cotton Cloth Factories, with Appendices.

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

Post Office (Sites) Bill.

Sir Gerald Hobler 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 Vol. 183.

had directed him to report to the House; 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 Bill, as amended in the Select Committee, be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House for to-morrow; and be printed.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported Ministry of Health Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill; That they had considered the Orders therein contained; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

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

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Ministry of Health Provisional Order (No. 2) Bill; That they had considered the Order therein contained; that the said Order ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

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

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Ealing Extension) Bill; That they had considered the Order therein contained; that the said Order ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

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

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Ministry of Health Provisional Order (No. 2) 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 Mersey Tunnel 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.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the London County Council (Tramway Subway and Improvements) Bill, with Amendments.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Weaver Navigation Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill, as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.
The False Oaths (Scotland) Bill [Lords] was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Monday next; and to be printed.

The Order for reading a second time, Education to-morrow, the Education (Scotland) Bill, was read, and discharged.

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

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Public Rights Bill to amend the law relating to public rights of way: And that Sir Henry Cowan, Mr. Buxton, Mr. Campbell, Sir Martin Conway, Mr. Fenby, Sir Alfred Hopkinson, Mr. Hard, Colonel Vaughan-Morgan, Major Owen, Mr. Rentoul, and Mr. Trevelyan do prepare and bring it in.

Sir Henry Cowan accordingly presented a Public Rights Bill to amend the law relating to public rights of Way Bill of way: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday the 19th day of April next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Firearms Bill to amend section twelve of the Firearms Act, 1920, with respect to the definition of firearm: And that Mr. Hayes, Mr. Grace, Mr. Hore-Belisha, Mr. Dalton, Mr. Burman, Mr. Garro-Jones, Mr. Dennison, Mr. Hannon, Mr. Crawford, Lieutenant-Commander Kenworthy, Mr. Dizeng, and Mr. George Hall, do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Hayes accordingly presented a Bill to firearms Bill, to amend section twelve of the Firearms Act, 1920, with respect to the definition of firearm: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next; and to be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House asks the Government to give consideration to the question of taking steps to restore some measure of disqualification of recipients of poor relief for voting at elections of boards of guardians.—(Mr. George Harvey.)

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords authorised by virtue of His Majesty's Commission, for declaring His Royal Assent to 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
The Order of the day being read, for the Bridges Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Marriage Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

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

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

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Thursday, 29th March 1928.

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

PRAYERS.

THE Exeter 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 Hastings 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 South Metropolitan Gas Bill was read the third time and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House proceeded to take into considera-
tion the Great Western Railway (Swansea
North Dock Abandonment) Bill, as amended
in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third
time.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Orders
Bill was, according to Order, read the third
time and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.
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The Ministry of Health Provisional Order (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time and passed.

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

The Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Ealing Extension) 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. Guinness presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Land Drainage Acts, 1901 and 1918, amending the Land Drainage (Ouse) Provisional Order Confirmation Act, 1920: And the same was read the first time.

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

Mr. 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 January 1928, compiled from Returns furnished to the Treasury.

Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel also presented, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of the 4th day of March 1879,—Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 24th March 1878, under Section 4 of the Appropriation Act, 1877, authorising the temporary application of Surpluses on certain Air Votes for the year 1877 to meet deficits on other Air Votes for the same year.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relative to the Public Accounts (Air Votes, 1877) be printed.

Sir Arthur Churchman reported from the Committee on the Land, Midland, and Scottish Railway Bill, with Amendments.

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

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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 empower the Plympton St. Mary Rural District Council Bill [Lords:] 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 empower the Bournemouth-Swanage Motor Road and Ferry Company to raise additional capital, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Plympton St. Mary Rural District Council Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

The Bournemouth-Swanage Motor Road and Bournemouth-Swanage Ferry Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

Mr. Clarry, supported by Sir Leolin Forestier-Walker presented a Bill to amend section two of the Licensing Act, 1921: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Bill.

Monday next; and to be printed. Bill 90.

Sir Robert Hamilton, supported by Mr. Small Macpherson, Major Sir Archibald Sinclair, Sir Murdoch Macdonald, and Mr. MacKenzie Livingstone, presented a Bill to amend the Small Landholders (Scotland) Acts, 1886 to 1919: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed. Bill 91.

Lieutenant-Commander Kesworthy, supported by Mr. Broad, Mr. Hugh Edwards, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Scour, Colonel Wedgwood, Sir Patrick Ford, Sir Robert Hamilton, Sir Godfrey Collins, Sir Robert Trawling and Old Age Contributory Pensions Act, 1925: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Bill 92.

Mr. MacKenzie Livingstone, supported by Sir Illegal Trawling (Scotland) Penalties Bill 93.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Representation of the People (Equal Franchise) 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 accord a Second Reading to a Bill which, while adding five million persons to the existing electorate and giving to women a permanent majority in the constituencies, does not deal with other vital questions connected with the franchise nor follow the constitutional practice of accompanying an extension of the franchise by a measure of redistribution" — (Sir George Cockerill), — 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 George Hennessy, Yeas, Major Cope;  
Tellers for the [Sir George Cockburl, Noes, Colonel Applin:  
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.-(Secretary Sir William Joynson-Hicks.)

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the National Health Insurance 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 Petroleum (Amendment) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;  
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 21st day of February last, That the Rabbits 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 Army and Air Force (Annual) Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Superannuation (Diplomatic Service) 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 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 the Second Reading of the Employment of Disabled Ex-service Men Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 18th day of April 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 Monday next.

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Friday, 30th March 1928.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Llandudno Urban District Council Bill.

A MOTION being made, That the Llandudno Urban District Council Bill be now read the third time;

Mr. Hope, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives His Consent, as far as His Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

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.

Edinburgh Corporation Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Bury and District Joint Water Board Bill, 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 Edinburgh Corporation Bill;

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

Public Accounts (Army Votes, 1927.) No. 54.

Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel presented, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of the 4th day of March, 1879,—Copy of an Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, authorising the temporary application of surpluses on certain Army Votes for the year 1927, to meet excesses on other Army Votes for the same year.

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

Secretory 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 Knutsford Prison.

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

Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order, dated 30th March 1928, entitled the Unemployment Insurance (Banking Industry Special Scheme) (Amendment) Special Order, 1928.

Ordered, That the said Paper 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 Wolverhampton Corporation 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.

2. That in the case of the Rotherham Corporation 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.

The Order of the day being read, for the Rubber Industry Bill; Industry 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. Atkinson.)

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, Mr. Waddington, Mr. Campbell.

Mr. Atkinson, Brigadier-General Makins; 104.

Mr. Hope, by His Majesty's Command, and the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question;

The Yeas to the Right;

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Atkinson.

Mr. Hope, by His Majesty's Command, and the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question;

The Noes to the Left;

Tellers for the Noes, Brigadier-General Makins; 52.

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

The Betting (Juvenile Messengers) (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 Factories Bill;

Second Reading of the Factories Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 20th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Housing Bill;

Second Reading of the Housing Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Police Bill;

Second Reading of the Police (Widows' Pension) 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 before Four of the clock, till Monday next.
Monday, 2nd April 1928.

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

PRAYERS.

The Great Western Railway (Swansea North Dock Abandonment) Bill was read the third time and passed.

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

The Mersey Tunnel Bill [Lords.] was read 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 an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Provisional Regulations, dated 28th March 1928, entitled—

(1) the National Health Insurance Medical Benefit Amendment Regulations, 1928;
(2) the National Health Insurance Approved Societies Amendment Regulations, 1928.

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 Minute, dated 28th March 1928, made by the Scottish Education Department under the Education (Scotland) Act, 1908, sanctioning the payment by Education Authorities out of their Education Funds of expenditure incurred for certain purposes.

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

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister presented, by His Majesty's Command, Copy of the Rules of the Supreme Court (Rules.)

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Account of the sums received and paid by the Board of Trade in respect of the Wages and Effects of Deceased Seamen from 1st April 1926 to 31st March 1927.

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

Copy of Draft of a Special Order proposed to be made under the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of the Urban District Council of Cockermouth.

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

Colonel Ashley presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Special Orders made under the Electricity (Supply) Acts in respect of—

(1) the Urban District of Portland, in the County of Dorset;
(2) part of the Rural District of Skipton, in the West Riding of the County of York;
(3) parts of the Rural Districts of Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Barrow-upon-Soar, Blaby, Loughborough, and Market Bosworth, in the County of Leicester.

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

Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, the Account of Receipts and Payments of the Treasury Solicitor, in the year 1927, in the Administration of Estates on behalf of the Crown, and Alphabetical List of Intestates' Estates in respect of which Letters of Administration were granted to the Treasury Solicitor as Crown's Nominee, and of other cases (partial intestacies, &c.) in which accounts were opened in the books of the Treasury Solicitor in the same year in respect of moneys received by him as Crown's Nominee.

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

Secretary Sir William Joynson-Hicks presented, by His Majesty's Command, Copy of Seventy-fifth Report of the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales, 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 the Rules of the Supreme Court (No. 1), 1928, dated 19th March 1928.

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 Yeas, Captain Margesson : 171.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Wilfrid Paling : 74.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair (for Committee on the Civil Estimates for Revenue Departments)—(Sir George Hennessy):—

An Amendment was proposed to be made fishing to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, and adding the words "in view of the great importance of the fishing industry both as a source of food supply and a valuable adjunct to the Navy and mercantile marine, this House views with concern the present condition of the deep-sea fishing fleets, which, mainly owing to the economic conditions of recent years, have not been adequately maintained.
by the building of new vessels to replace those which have become too old for efficient service in peace or war, and considers that all practicable means should be adopted for encouraging and enabling the industry to build new vessels and maintain them in a satisfactory state of efficiency."—[Mr. Womersley], instead thereof.

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

And the Main Question being put;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Captain Bowyer, Yes, Sir Victor Warrender : 206.

Tellers for the [Mr. Parkinsom, Noes, Mr. Charles Edwards : 88.

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.)

Civil Estimates and Estimates for Revenue Departments, 1928.

Class VII.

1. £889,180, 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. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £185,500, be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1929 for Expenditure in respect of Diplomatic and Consular Buildings:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a sum, not exceeding £185,400, be granted for the said Service.—[Mr. Ronnie Smith.]

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Fenby, Yes, Major Owen : 88.

Tellers for the [The Marquess of Titchfield, Noes, Sir Victor Warrender : 199.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

3. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £355,630 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 1929 for Expenditure in respect of Employment Exchanges and Insurance Buildings, Great Britain (including Ministries of Labour and Health and the Scottish Board of Health).

Mr. Neil Maclean moved, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again; but the Chairman, being of opinion that the Motion was an abuse of the Rules of the House, put the Question thereupon forthwith.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Whiteley, Yeas, Mr. Wilfrid Paling : 71.

Tellers for the [The Marquess of Titchfield, Noes, Sir Victor Warrender : 185.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

4. £875,090, 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.

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.

Ordered, That 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 Army and Air Force (Annual) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for Tuesday the 17th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Agricultural Produce (Grading and Marking) 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 Agricultural Produce (Grading and Marking) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 17th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Police Districts (Scotland) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 17th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the False Oaths (Scotland) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 17th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Representation of the People (Equal Franchise) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday the 17th day of this instant April, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

Chairman puts Question
forthwith
(Abuse of
Rules.)
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Petroleum (Amendment) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Rabbits Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 21st day of February last, That the Rabbits Bill be now read a second time;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Tuesday the 17th day of this instant April.

Superannuation (Diplomatic Service) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Superannuation (Diplomatic Service) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 17th day of this instant April.

Post Office (Sites) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Post Office (Sites) (re-committed) Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday the 17th day of this instant April, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Gas Regulation Act, 1920.

Resolved, That the draft of a Special Order proposed to be made by the Board of Trade under Section 10 of the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of the Littlehampton Gas Company, which was presented on the 12th March and published, be approved.—(Mr. Herbert Williams.)

Leasehold Enfranchisement Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Leasehold Enfranchisement Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 17th day of this instant April.

Motor Vehicles Insurance Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Motor Vehicles Insurance Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 27th day of this instant April.

Government of Scotland Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Government of Scotland Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 17th day of this instant April.

Children and Young Persons (Employment and Protection) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Children and Young Persons (Employment and Protection) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 17th day of this instant April.

Industrial and Provident Societies (Employees) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Industrial and Provident Societies (Employees) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 18th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Prevention of Unemployment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 17th day of this instant April.

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 Tuesday the 17th day of this instant April.

The Education (Scotland) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the slaughter of Animals Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 17th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Housing Second Reading of the Housing (Agricultural Workers) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 17th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Bridges Bill; Second Reading of the Bridges Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 18th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Marriage Second Reading of the Marriage (Prohibited Degrees of Relationship) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 18th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Small Second Reading of the Small Landholders (Scotland) Acts (1886 to 1919) Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 17th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Prevention of Unemployment 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 Tuesday the 17th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Illegal Trawling (Scotland) Penalties Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 17th day of this instant April.

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 the 17th day of this instant April.

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.

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

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STANDING COMMITTEES.

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

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Mr. Speaker being of opinion that the Betting (Juvenile Messengers) (Scotland) Bill is a Bill relating exclusively to Scotland, the Bill will be considered by the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills.

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[No. 41.]

Tuesday, 3rd April 1928.

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

P R A Y E R S.

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

Harwich Harbour Bill [Lords].
Warwick Corporation Bill [Lords].
Plymouth St. Mary Rural District Council Bill [Lords].
Bournemouth-Swanage Motor Road and Ferry Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

The Bury and District Joint Water Board Bill was read the third time and passed.

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

The House proceeded to take into considera-

Oxford Corporation (Water, &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 as a Provisional Order by the Minister of Transport under the West Hartlepool Corporation Act, 1923, relating to West Hartlepool Corporation Trolley Vehicles: And the same was read the first time.

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

Colonel Ashley presented a Bill to confirm an Order made as a Provisional Order by the Minister of Transport relating to the North and South Shields Light Railway: 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, 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 Skipton Rural District Council in the case of the Grassington, Threshfield, and Linton Electricity Special Order, 1928.

Colonel Ashley also presented, pursuant to Light the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Special Report by the Minister of Transport on bringing in a Bill to confirm the North and South Shields Light Railway Order made as a Provisional Order under the Railways Act, 1921.

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

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister presented, pursuant Merchant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Seamen’s Copy of Account of the Receipts and Expendi- ture under the Seamen’s Fund Winding-up Act for the year 1927.

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

Secretary Sir Austen Chamberlain presented, Treaty Series by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Notes (No. 10, 1928).

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

Lord Eustace Percy presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Rules, dated 23rd March 1928, entitled the Teachers’ Superannuation (Employers’ Contributions) Rules, 1928.

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

Mr. Chamberlain presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order, dated 29th March 1928, entitled the Rating and Valuation (Exeter Castle, &c.) Order, 1928.

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 2nd April 1928, entitled the Unemployment Insurance (Exempt Persons) Regulations, 1928.

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

Mr. William Nicholson reported from Standing Committee C, to whom the Local Authorities (Emergency Provisions) 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 Thursday the 19th day of this instant April; and be printed.

Sir Arthur Churchman reported the Middlesex and Surrey (Thames Bridges, &c.) Bill, with Amendments.

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

Sir William Bull reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 22nd and 29th days of February last, and the 13th, 13th, 22nd and 27th days of March last, and had directed him to make a report thereof to the House.

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

Sir Walter Raine reported from the Local Legislation Committee (Section B); That in the case of the London County Council (General Powers) Bill they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereto.

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

The Order for reading a second time upon Housing the Housing (Agricultural Workers) Bill, was read and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, at this day’s Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House)—(The Prime Minister); The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noses to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, 190.

Sir George Heneage, Mr. Frederick Thorne.

Tellers for the Noses, 117.

Mr. Charles Edwards, Mr. Wilfred Paling.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the National Health 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, whilst prepared to welcome improvements in National Health Insurance, cannot assent to the Second Reading of a Bill which fails to recognise, in the light of modern conditions, the necessity for making the scheme more national in character by establishing the right of entry to many persons now excluded, neglects to make better benefits possible by restoring the State contributions of which the National Health Insurance Fund has been deprived, and fails in many respects to carry out the recommendations of the Royal Commission”—(Mr. Rhys Davies),—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 Yeas, 206.

Captain Wallace, Sir Victor Warrender.

Tellers for the Noses, 99.

Mr. Whitley.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

Mr. Chamberlain, by His Majesty’s Command, acquainted the House that His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to National Health 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. 7(4), resolved itself into Committee.

(Resolved, That it is expedient that there should be paid out of moneys provided by Parliament the additional cost of benefits under the National Health Insurance Act, 1924, and the expenses of administration of those benefits (so far as such cost is payable out of moneys provided by Parliament) entailed by any provisions of an Act of the present Session to amend the National Health Insurance Act, 1924, and other enactments relating to health insurance:

1. making available for the purposes of the cost of benefits and the expenses of administration thereof sums forming part of the Deposit Contributors Fund and the interest thereon, which at present are not available for those purposes;

2. including amongst the employments within the meaning of the National Health Insurance Act, 1924—

(i) employment in the United Kingdom by way of manual labour under a contract for the performance of such labour for the purposes of any trade or business;

(ii) employment as a master or member of the crew of any fishing or other vessel when the person so employed is remunerated by a share in the profits or gross earnings of the vessel;

3. extending the purposes to which paragraph (a) of section four of the National Health Insurance Act, 1926, applies, so as to include the purpose of preventing members of societies who are in arrears from being or continuing to be subject to reduction of, as well as suspension from, benefits.—(Mr. Chamberlain.)

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.

Agricultural Produce (Grading and Marking) Bill [Lords].

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Agricultural Produce (Grading and Marking) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 19th day of this instant April.

Supply [2nd April] [Report].

Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel reported from the Committee of Supply of the 2nd day of this instant April, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Civil Estimates and Estimates for Revenue Departments, 1928.

Class VII.

Revenue Buildings, etc.

1. That a sum not exceeding £899,180 be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1929 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 sum not exceeding £185,500 be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1929 for Expenditure in respect of Diplomatic and Consular Buildings.

3. That a sum not exceeding £355,030 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 1929 for Expenditure in respect of Employment Exchange and Insurance Buildings, Great Britain (including Ministries of Labour and Health and the Scottish Board of Health).

4. That a sum not exceeding £875,090 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 1929 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.

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

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

Resolved, That this House will, 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 Petroleum into consideration the Petroleum (Amendment) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Tuesday the 17th day of this instant April.

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 Township of Ansthorpe, in the Rural District of Tadcaster, in the West Riding of the County of York, which was presented on the 23rd day of February 1928, 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 Chapel-en-le-Frith, in the County of Derby, and the Urban District of Yeardley-cum-Whaley, the Rural District of Disley, and part of the Rural District of Macclesfield, in the County of Chester, which was presented on the 16th day of February 1928, be approved.—(Colonel Ashley.)
STANDING COMMITTEES.

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

Mr. Speaker being of opinion that the Education (Scotland) Bill is a Bill relating exclusively to Scotland, the Bill will be considered by the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills.

[No. 42.]

Wednesday, 4th April 1928.

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

PRAyERS.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Stoke-on-Trent Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to Trent make out a new Writ for the electing of a (Hanley Member to serve in this present Parliament Division), for the Borough of Stoke-on-Trent (Hanley Writ. Division), in the room of Samuel Clowes, Esquire, deceased.—(Mr. Thomas Kennedy.)

The House proceeded to take into considera- tion, the London, Midland, and Scottish Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 19th day of this instant April, at half an hour after Seven of the clock.

Mr. Chamberlain presented, pursuant to the National directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Health Regulations, dated 27th March 1928, entitled the National Health Insurance (Exempt Persons) Regulations, 1928.

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


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The following Papers, pursuant to the direc- tions 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 1927 (a) as investments for moneys, forming part of the National Health Insurance Funds for England, Wales, and Scotland, respectively, and only 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 1928 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 Regulations, dated 20th March 1928, entitled the Superannuation and other Trust Funds (Validation) Regulations, 1928.

Ordered, That the said Account be printed.

Ordered, That the said Order be printed.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Luton Extension) Bill; That they had considered the Order therein contained; that the said Order ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, 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 Shropshire, Worcestershire and Staffordshire Electric Power Bill, with Amendments.

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

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported the Bromborough Dock Bill [Lords.], without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Resolved, That this House do meet to-morrow, at Eleven of the clock; that no Questions shall be taken after Twelve of the clock; and that at Five of the clock Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the House without Question put.—(The Prime Minister.)

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, in 1. 3, by adding, at the end thereof, the words “and in particular to encourage local authorities to make such provision as will free agricultural labourers from the tyranny of the tied-house system.”—(Mr. Thomas Williams.)

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

The House divided.

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

Tellers for the [Mr. Thomas Williams.]
Yeas, 77.

Tellers for the [Mr. Eley.]
Colonel Crookshank, 165.

Brigadier-General Chilton Brown:

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Main Question being put;

Resolved, That this House is of opinion that, in the interests of agriculture and the nation at large, every effort should be made to improve and increase the housing accommodation of the workers in rural districts.

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this Syndicated House, the maintenance of independent organs of the press for the dissemination of news is vital to the preservation of the standard of public life in the Country, and that the consolidation of the newspaper press in the hands of powerful syndicates, and some of the devices employed by these syndicates to extend the circulation of the newspapers under their control, are contrary to the public interest.—(Mr. Tinker.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House views with grave concern the conditions prevailing on the coalfields in South Wales and other parts of the Country where, in consequence of widespread distress arising from the long-continued depression in the coal industry, large numbers of people, including children and young persons, are lacking in the elementary needs of life, such as boots and clothing, whilst the standards of local government, public health, and education are rapidly deteriorating by reason of the serious diminution in the resources of the local authorities and their growing financial impoverishment, and this House calls upon the Government to: take immediate action to relieve the necessities of the people and to enable the local authorities in these areas to carry out their statutory duties.—(Mr. George Hall):—

And a Debate arising thereupon;

Mr. Robert Richardson rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put; but Mr. Speaker withheld his assent, and declined then to put that Question:—

—Then the House resumed the Debate.

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Public House Improvement Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 18th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Agencies Second Reading of the Agencies and Registries Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 18th day of this instant April.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 27th day of this instant April.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Police (Widows' Pension Amendment) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 18th day of this instant April.

Ordered, That Mr. Lee be added to the Select Committee on Public Petitions.—(Sir George Hennessy.)

Captain Elliott reported from the Committee on National Health Insurance (Money), a Resolution, which was read as followeth:

That it is expedient that there should be paid out of moneys provided by Parliament the additional cost of benefits under the National Health Insurance Act, 1924, and the expenses of administration of those benefits (so far as such cost is payable out of moneys provided by Parliament) entailed by any provisions of an Act of the present Session to amend the National Health Insurance Act, 1924, and other enactments relating to health insurance:—

(1) making available for the purposes of the cost of benefits and the expenses of administration thereof sums forming part of the Deposit Contributors Fund and the interest thereon, which at present are not available for those purposes;

(2) including amongst the employments within the meaning of the National Health Insurance Act, 1924—

(i) employment in the United Kingdom by way of manual labour under a contract for the performance of such labour for the purposes of any trade or business;

(ii) employment as a master or member of the crew of any fishing or other vessel when the person so employed is remunerated by a share in the profits or gross earnings of the vessel;

(3) extending the purposes to which paragraph (a) of section four of the National Health Insurance Act, 1926, applies, so as to include the purpose of preventing members of societies who are in arrears as to include the purpose of preventing

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

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

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

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

Resolved, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn until Tuesday 17th April.

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

PRAYERS.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough of St. Marylebone, in the room of the Right Honourable Sir Douglas McGregor Hogg, K.C., now Baron Haslam, who, since his election for the said Borough, hath accepted the Office of Lord Chancellor of Great Britain.—(Commander Eyres-Monsell.)
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Wages (Regulation) Act, 1924, for the year ended 30th September 1927.

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

Lord Eustace Percy presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copies of Regulations,—

(1) dated 29th March 1928, entitled the Higher Education (Substantive Grant) Amending Regulations No. 1, 1928;
(2) dated 30th March 1928, entitled the Elementary Education (Substantive Grant) Amending Regulations No. 2, 1928.

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

Board of Education (Regulations).

Copy of Rules, dated 30th March 1928, made for the revocation of the Choice of Employment Grant Regulations, 1924.

Ordered, That the said Papers 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 under the Electricity (Supply) Acts in respect of parts of the Rural Districts of Billesdon, Blaby, and Market Harborough, in the County of Leicester.

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

London Traffic Act, 1924.

Copy of Provisional Regulations, dated 3rd April 1928, entitled the London Traffic (Prescribed Routes) Amendment Provisional Regulations, 1928.

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

Pensions (Governors of Dominions, &c.) Act, 1921.

Mr. Secretary Amery presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Statement of Pensions granted to Governors of Dominions, &c., during the year ended 31st March 1928.

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

Education Act, 1921.

Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 16th April 1928, entitled the Local Education Authorities (Choice of Employment Grant) Regulations, 1928.

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

Unemployment Insurance Acts.

Copy of Special Order, dated 16th April 1928, entitled the Unemployment Insurance (Insurance Industry Special Scheme) (Variation and Amendment) Special Order, 1928.

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

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Copy of Regulations, dated 16th April 1928, entitled the Unemployment Insurance (Payment of Travelling Expenses) Regulations, 1928.

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

National Health Insurance (Provisional Regulations.)

Mr. Chamberlain presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Provisional Regulations, dated 4th April 1928, entitled the National Health Insurance (Medical Benefit) Amendment Regulations (No. 2), 1928.

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

Rating and Valuation Act, 1921.

Copy of Order, dated 29th March 1928, entitled the Rating and Valuation (Guisborough Assessment Area; First Valuation Lists) Order, 1928.

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

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Earl Winterton presented, pursuant to the East India directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Loans Return of all Loans raised in England, outstanding at the commencement of the half-year ended 31st March 1928.

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 Supreme Court Funds Provisional supreme Court (Rules, 1928, dated 26th March 1928.

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

Emanuel Shinwell, Esquire, Member for the New County of Linlithgow, affirmed.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Third Party Bill to provide for the direct discharge of third party liability by insurers: And that Mr. Atkinson, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Gerald Hurst, Mr. A. R. Kennedy, and Mr. Renner do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Atkinson accordingly presented a Bill third party to provide for the direct discharge of third party liability by insurers: 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 Army and Air Force (Annual) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 to No. 3 agreed to.
Clause No. 4 (Abolition of death penalty in certain cases).
Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 36, at the end, to insert the words,—

"(1) In section four, paragraphs (1), (2), (6), and (7) shall be omitted.
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(8) Shamefully casts away his arms, ammunition, or tools in the presence of the enemy;
(9) Knowingly does when on active service any act calculated to imperil the success of His Majesty's Forces or any part thereof;
(10) Misbehaves or induces others to misbehave before the enemy in such manner as to show cowardice."

Ordered, That Earl Winterton do prepare and bring in a Bill for the better Regulating of the Port of Newhaven.

Mr. Robert Morrison presented, pursuant to the East India direction of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Loans charged on the Revenues of India, outstanding at the commencement of the half-year ended 31st March 1928.

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

Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, in l. 1, to leave out the words "paragraphs (1), (2), (6), and," in order to insert the word "paragraph."—(Sir John Simon.)
Mr. Dunnico), brought up, and read the first time.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Dunnico], 192.

Yea's, [Sir Victor Warrender :]

Tellers for the [Mr. Charles Edwards], 119.

Noes, [Mr. Benjamin Smith :]

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Charles Edwards], 107.

Yea's, [Mr. Benjamin Smith :]

Tellers for the [Captain Bowyer], 199.

Noes, [Sir Victor Warrender :]

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 26, at the end, to insert the words,—

"(3) In section seven, for the word 'death' there shall be substituted the words 'penal servitude ' "—(Mr. Thurtle.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Parkinson], 109.

Yea's, [Mr Wilfrid Paling :]

Tellers for the [Captain Bowyer], 211.

Noes, [Mr. Penny :]

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 38, at the end, to add the words,—

"(5) In subsection (1) of section twelve the words 'if he committed such offence on active service, or under orders for active service, be liable to suffer death or such less punishment as is in this Act mentioned, and if he committed such offence under any other circumstances,' shall be 'omitted.' "—(Mr. Gardner.)

Question put, That those words be there added.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Parkinson], 108.

Yea's, [Mr Wilfrid Paling :]

Tellers for the [Mr. Penny], 218.

Noes, [Sir Victor Warrender :]

Clause agreed to.

Clauses No. 5 to No. 9 agreed to.

A Clause (Amendment of s. 80 of Army Act)—(Mr. George Hall),—brought up and read the first time.

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Thomas Henderson], 117.

Yea's, [Mr Wilfrid Paling :]

Tellers for the [Mr. Penny], 223.

Noes, [Sir Victor Warrender :]

Another Clause (Amendment of s. 76 of Army Act)—(Mr. Dunnico),—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. Whiteley], 115.

Yea's, [Mr Wilfrid Paling :]

Tellers for the [Captain Margesson], 207.

Noes, [The Marquess of Titchfield :]

Clause No. 5 amended and agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported that the Committee had made an Amendment to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee and on recommittal, be now taken into consideration.

The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

A Clause (Amendment of 34 and 35 Vict., c. 105, s. 15, as regards Scotland)—(The Lord Advocate),—was twice read and made part of the Bill.

Then an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 22, by inserting at the end thereof, the words,—

"(5) Nothing in this section shall affect the keeping or use of petroleum spirit within the jurisdiction of a harbour authority."—(Colonel Sir George Courthope.)

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. 30, by inserting, after the word "public," the words "and preventing the deterioration or injurious affection of the amenities of any part of their area."—(Mr. Hardie.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—The House proceeded to a Division, but there being no Members willing to act as Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Deputy Speaker declared that the Noes had it.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 5, l. 2, by inserting after the word "purposes," the words "a council shall not be entitled to require any alterations which would impose additional expense on the owner or occupier of a petroleum filling station established at the time of the making of the byelaws except on the condition that such expense shall be borne by the said council; and "—(Colonel Lambert Ward.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 5, l. 7, by leaving out the word "two" and inserting the word "five"—(Colonel Lambert Ward),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word "two" stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 6, l. 19, by inserting at the end thereof, the words,—

"Provided that, before making any such byelaws, the canal company shall consult the local authority empowered under the principal Act to grant petroleum spirit licences in the district in which the canal is situated."—(Mr. Hardie.)

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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-eight, to the thirtieth day of September, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ministry of Health
Provisional Order
(Torquay Extension) Bill.
Bill 98.

Mr. Chamberlain presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order of the Minister of Health relating to Torquay: 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.

Ministry of Health
Provisional Order
(Godalming Extension) Bill.
Bill 99.

Mr. Chamberlain presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order of the Minister of Health relating to Godalming: 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.

Ministry of Health
Provisional Order
(Peterborough Extension) Bill.
Bill 100.

Mr. Chamberlain presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order of the Minister of Health relating to Peterborough: 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.

Ministry of Health
Provisional Order
(No. 4) Bill.
Bill 101.

Mr. Chamberlain presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Minister of Health relating to Cardiff, Chesterfield, Haverfordwest, Leyton, Spalding, and Wallsend: 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.

Rating and Valuation Act, 1925.

Mr. Chamberlain presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of Rules, dated 22nd March 1928, entitled the Assessment Committees (Form of Annual Report) Rules, 1928.

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

Egyptian Guaranteed Loan of 1885.

Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament.—Account of the Egyptian Guaranteed Loan of 1885 up to 31st March 1928.

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

Greek Loan of 1898.

Account of the Greek Loan of 1898 up to 31st March 1928.

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

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A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to encourage the production of Wheat by compulsory milling of certain proportions of Home-Grown Wheat by millers.—(Major Braithwaite.)

And the Motion being opposed, after a brief explanatory statement from the Member who made the Motion and from a Member who opposed it, Mr. Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 11:—And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, that Major Braithwaite, Colonel Sir Arthur Holbrook, Colonel Ruggles-Brise, Mr. Dixey, Mrs. Philipson, and Mr. Forrest, do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Major Braithwaite accordingly presented a Bill to encourage the production of Wheat by compulsory milling of certain proportions of Home-Grown Wheat by millers: 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 on the Representation of the People (Equal Franchise) Bill:

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Bill that they have power to insert provisions dealing with the maximum scale of election expenses.—(Captain Bourne.)

Then the House resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Assimilation of parliamentary franchise of men and women).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 17, after the word "full," to insert the word "electoral"—(Sir Alexander Sprot.)

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Sir Alexander Sprot),
Yeas, 16.
Noes, 359.

Tellers for the (Sir George Hennessy),
Yeas, 1.
Noes, 1.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 1, to leave out paragraph (c).—(Miss Bondfield.)

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Captain Margetson),
Yeas, 208.
Noes, 138.

Tellers for the (Mr. Parkinson),
Yeas, 208.
Noes, 138.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 2 to No. 4 agreed to.

Clause No. 5 (Special provisions with respect to register of electors to be made in 1929).

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 44, to leave out the word "thirty," in order to insert the word "twenty-nine."—(Mr. Rhys Davies.)

Question put, That the word "thirty" stand part of the Clause.

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

PRAYERS.

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

Governments Stock and other Securities (Investment Company Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table, Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bill, originating in 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 (Worthing Extension) Bill.

Ministry of Health Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill.

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

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

Dagenham Urban District Council [Lords].

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

Ordered, That the London, Midland, and Scottish Railway Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Major Tryon presented, pursuant to the War Pensions directions of an Act of Parliament, — Copy of Acts.

Order, dated 29th March 1928, entitled the South-West Lancashire War Pensions Committee Order, 1928.

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

Lord Eustace Percy presented, pursuant to Explosives the directions of several Acts of Parliament, — Act, 1875.

Copy of Order in Council, dated 22nd March 1928, entitled the Sale of Explosives Order, 1928.

Copy of Order in Council, dated 22nd March 1928, entitled the Northern Rhodesia Jurisdiction Act, 1920.

Copy of Order in Council, dated 29th March 1928, proposing a revised scheme for the governance of India Act.
permanent establishment of the Secretary of State for India in Council.

Copy of Order in Council, dated 22nd March 1928, approving an Admiralty Memorial under the Greenwich Hospital Acts.

Copy of Order in Council, dated 22nd March 1928, declaring Registration of Title to Land to be compulsory on sale in the county borough of Hastings.

Copies of Three Orders in Council, dated 22nd March 1928—
(1) relating to loading lines of Portuguese ships;
(2) entitled the Trinity House (Variation of Establishment) Order, 1928;
(3) entitled the Merchant Shipping Passenger Steamer ACTs (Hong Kong) Order, 1928.

Copy of Order in Council, dated 22nd March 1928, approving an Admiralty Memorial under the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865.

Lord Eustace Percy also presented, pursuant to the directions of the Diocese of Winchester (Division) Measure, 1923.—Copies of Two Orders in Council under the Diocese of Winchester (Division) Measure, 1923, dated 22nd March 1928, approving schemes relating to the constitution of the Bishops of Guildford and Portsmouth.

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

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister presented, by His Majesty's Command.—Copy of Report of the Committee on Buttons, Pins, Hooks and Eyes, and Snap Fasteners.

Copy of Report of the Committee on Monumental and Architectural Granite Wholly or Mainly Manufactured.

Copy of Second Report of the Committee on Hosiers.

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, —Copy of Draft of a Special Order proposed to be made under the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Birmingham.

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

Mr. Guinness presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order, dated 11th April 1928, regarding the landing and defining the quarantine station of one Kudoo Antelope and one Wild Pig.

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

Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel presented, pursuant to the 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 1928, prepared in accordance with Section 15 (1) of the Economy (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1926.

Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 5th April 1928, granting a Retired Allowance to Mr. John Gibbon, Foreman, Royal Army Ordnance Corps Depot, Dover, under Section 2 of the Superannuation Act, 1887.

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

Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, —Copies of Regulations, dated 18th April 1928, relating to the unemploy-
had adjourned till Tuesday next, at Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report 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 Barnet District Gas and Water Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intitled An Act to empower the Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of the City of Gloucester, in the County of the City of Gloucester, to provide and work trolley vehicles and omnibuses; to increase certain market and fair tolls and charges, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intitled An Act to authorize the sale of St. Olave's Garden, in the Metropolitan Borough of Bermondsey, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intitled An Act to confer powers upon the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgess of the Borough of Blackpool, relative to the acquisition of lands; the construction of street improvements; the provision of an aerodrome and other matters; and to make further provision with respect to the health, local government, and improvement of the Borough, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Gloucester Corporation Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

The Bermondsey Borough Council (St. Olave's Garden) Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

The Blackpool Improvement Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Chairman's Panel; That they had appointed him to act as Chairman of Standing Committee C (in respect of the National Health Insurance Bill).

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Business of the House.

Ordered, That other Government Business have precedence this day of the Business of Supply.—(The Prime Minister.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Agricultural Produce (Grading and Marking) Bill [Lords];

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

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An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "now" to the end of the Question, and adding the words "whilst this House is in favour of a proper system of grading and marking agricultural produce and is prepared to consider proposals to this end, it objects to the Second Reading of a Bill containing provisions relating to the marking of imported eggs contrary to the findings of the standing committee of inquiry appointed under the Merchandise Marks Act"—(Mr. Albert Alexander)—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 George Hennessy, 237. Captain Wallace : 297.
Tellers for the [Mr. Parkinson, 97. Mr. Benjamin Smith : 297.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded Local Authorities to take into consideration the Local Authorities (Emergency Provisions) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

And it being half-an-hour after Seven 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 Edinburgh Second Reading of the Edinburgh Corporation 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. Pethick-Lawrence.)

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

And a Debate arising thereupon;

Sir Patrick Ford rose in his place and claimed closure move, That the Question be now put; claimed, 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 [Sir Patrick Ford, Dr. Shiels : 93.]
Tellers for the [Mr. Pethick-Lawrence, Dr. Little : 156.]
So it passed in the Negative.
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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 postponed Proceeding on consideration of the Local Authorities (Emergency Provisions) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, was resumed.

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 Standing Committee, be taken into further consideration upon Monday next.

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

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

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Rights of Way Bill;

Ordered, 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 Monday next.

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Housing Act (1925) 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 Employment of Disabled Ex-Service Men 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 Industrial and Provident Societies (Employees) 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 Bridges Bill;

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

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

The Marriage (Prohibited Degrees of Relationship) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Standing Committee.

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Hours of Industrial Employment Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Omnibuses 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 Capital Punishment Bill;

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

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 15th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Agencies and Registries 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' Pension) 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 Friday the 22nd day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Leasehold Enfranchisement Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Government of 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 Children and Young Persons (Employment and Protection) 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 Prevention of Unemployment 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 Slaughter of Animals Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Widows’, Orphans’, and Old Age Contributory and Old Age Pensions Acts (1925) 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 Illegal Trailing (Scotland) Penalties 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 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 Solicitors Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—
(Commander Eyres-Monsell);
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Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, a Copy of Regulations, dated 19th April 1928, entitled the Unemployment Insurance (Periods of Incapacity) Regulations, 1928.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Contract, dated the 2nd and 11th days of April 1928, between the Postmaster General and David MacBrayne, Limited, for the maintenance of certain passenger and cargo sea services in the Western Highlands and Islands of Scotland, and for the conveyance of mails by certain of the vessels, together with a Copy of Treasury Minute thereon.—(Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel.)

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Standing Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee C: Captain Bullock; and had appointed in substitution: Major Elliot.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Registration (Births, Deaths and Marriages) 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.

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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The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Barnet District Gas and 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 Shropshire, Worcestershire and Staffordshire Electric Power Bill, 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.

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 1912 to 1926. Seventy-first Number.

Copy of Report of the Standing Committee set up under the Merchandise Marks Act, 1926, respecting Cast Iron Enamel Baths.

Copy of Report of the Standing Committee set up under the Merchandise Marks Act, 1926, respecting Electric Incandescent Lamps.

Copy of Report of the Standing Committee set up under the Merchandise Marks Act, 1926, respecting Tooth Brushes and Shaving Brushes.

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Draft of a Special Order proposed to be made under the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of the Mablethorpe and Sutton Gas Company, Limited.

Ordered, That the said Papers 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 undermentioned Local Authority, and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department:

County of Merioneth.

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

Secretary Sir John Gilmour presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 10th April 1928, entitled the National Health Insurance (Index Clearance Committee) Amendment Regulations (Scotland), 1928.

Copies of Annual Reports as to the Statistics Universities and state of the Finances of the Universities of Aberdeen, Edinburgh, Glasgow, and St. Andrews, for 1926-27, 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.

Colonel Ashley presented, pursuant to the London directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Transport Lighting Regulations, 1924.

Copy of Regulations, dated 12th April 1928, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Regulations, 1928.

Copy of Regulations, dated 19th April 1928, Road Traffic Lighting Regulations (Scotland), 1928.

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

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Selection Committee of Selection; That they had dis-charged the following Members from Standing Committee C:—Miss Laurence and Mr. Saunde Committee C, and had appointed in substitution:

Mr. Kelly and Captain Loader.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Committee on Group C of Private Bills Private Bills, which stands adjourned until (Group C) to-morrow, be further adjourned, for the convenience of parties, until Monday next, at Twelve of the clock. (Sir John Ganzoni).

Colonel Spender-Clay presented a Bill to Richmond confirm a Scheme of the Charity Commissioners for the application and management of the Charity called or known as the Richmond Parish Charity Lands, in the Parish of Richmond, in the County of Surrey: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Business of put, That 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 House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

 Tellers for the [Sir George Hennessy, Yeas, Captain Mergenson : ] 216. 

Tellers for the [Mr. Whiteley, Noes, Mr. Wilfrid Paling : ] 87.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Representation of the People (Equal Franchise) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

A Clause (Maximum scale of election expenses).

Question again proposed, That the Clause be read a second time.

Question put.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Wilfred Paling: 220.

Colonel Sir Geoffrey Dalrymple-White: 71.

The Committee divided.


Mr. Wiggins: 181.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Charles Edwards: 109.

Mr. Frederic Thomson: 187.

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Captain Warrender: 188.

Mr. Wilfred Paling: 115.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 13, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"Provided that any board of guardians whose estimates have been reduced in accordance with the provisions of this subsection shall have the right of appeal to the Minister, whose decision shall be final."—(Mr. Attlee.)

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

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Charles Edwards: 109.

Mr. Wilfred Paling: 115.

So it passed in the Negative.

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

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

And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was read the third time and passed.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Superannuation Second Reading of the Superannuation (Diplomatic Service) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Rabbits Bill, the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 21st day of February last, That the Rabbits 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 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 False Oaths (Scotland) Bill [Lords];

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

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

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into further consideration the Local Authorities (Emergency Provisions) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 14, by leaving out Clause 2.—(Mr. Lansbury.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out, to the end of p. 2, l. 19, stand part of the Bill;

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

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

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

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

Adjournment.

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

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

STANDING COMMITTEES.

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Tuesday, 24th April 1928.

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, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:

Gloucester Corporation Bill [Lords].
Bermondsey Borough Council (St. Olave's Garden) Bill [Lords].
Blackpool Improvement 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.:

West Hartlepool Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Confirmation Bill.

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

North and South Shields Light Railway Provisional Order Confirmation Bill.
Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bills, referred on the First Reading thereof, applicable, no Standing Orders are applicable, viz.:

Land Drainage Provisional Order Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

A Motion being made, That the Middlesex Middlesex and Surrey (Thames Bridges, &c.) 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 Governments Stock and other Securities Governments Stock and other Securities Investment Company Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Statement of Revenue and Expenditure as laid before the House by Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer when opening the Budget. — (Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel.)

Ordered, That the Clerk do lay upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Statement of Reduction of Staffs of Civil Departments in the period 1st April 1925 to 1st January 1928 and of Schemes for Reduction of Staffs of Civil Departments during the period of five years from 1st April 1927.—(Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel.)

Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel accordingly presented the said Paper.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Statement of Reductions effected in the Staffs of Civil Departments in the period 1st April 1925 to 1st January 1928 and of Schemes for Reduction of Staffs of Civil Departments during the period of five years from 1st April 1927.—(Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel.)

Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel accordingly presented the said Paper.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Statement of Expenditure on Consolidated Fund Services and Net Expenditure on Supply Services (excluding Post Office) for the years 1923 to 1928, inclusive, adjusted in respect of accounting changes introduced in 1928.—(Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel.)

Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel accordingly presented the said Paper.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.
Ordered, That the Representation of the People (Equal Franchise) Bill, as amended in the Committee, be printed.

Ordered, That the Proceedings of the Committee of Ways and Means be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(The Prime Minister.)

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

(In the Committee.)

Custums 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-eight, shall continue to be charged on and after that date until the first day of August, nineteen hundred and twenty-nine, 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 Provisonal Collection of Taxes Act, 1913.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Hydrocarbon Oils.

2. Resolved, That—

(a) on all petroleum oils, coal tar, and oils produced from coal, shale, peat, or any other bituminous substance, and all liquid hydrocarbons imported into Great Britain or Northern Ireland on or after the twenty-fifth day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-eight, or so imported before that date but landed therein on or after that date, a customs duty at the rate of fourpence a gallon;

(b) on all petroleum oils which on the twenty-fifth day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-eight, are in the ownership or possession of any person who holds more than ten thousand gallons thereof, but not including any such oils which are shown to the Commissioners of Customs and Excise to have been intended for use by the person in whose ownership or possession they were and not for sale, and to have been used by that person before the first day of May, nineteen hundred and twenty-eight, an excise duty at the rate of fourpence a gallon:

Provided that a rebate at the rate of fourpence a gallon shall be allowed from the aforesaid duty of customs or excise, as the case may be, on the delivery for home consumption of any hydrocarbon oils other than oils of which forty per cent. or more by volume distils at a temperature not exceeding two hundred and thirty-five degrees centigrade:

(2) in the case of any hydrocarbon oils in or removed to a refinery, the foregoing duties shall be charged on the delivery of any article from the refinery and shall be the same as those payable on like articles on importation, and there shall be allowed the same rebate as would be allowed on importation.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Sugar (Customs).

3. Resolved, That on and after the twenty-fifth day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-eight—

(a) In lieu of the full duties of customs now chargeable on sugar of a polarisation not exceeding ninety-eight degrees there shall be charged the following reduced duties:—

Sugar of a polarisation exceeding ninety-seven and not exceeding ninety-eight degrees - the cwt. 8 7

Sugar of a polarisation not exceeding seventy-six degrees - - the cwt. 4 6

and intermediate duties varying between 4s. 6d. and 8s. 7d. on sugar of a polarisation exceeding seventy-six degrees and not exceeding ninety-seven degrees:

(b) In lieu of the rate now chargeable the preferential rate of customs duty chargeable in respect of sugar of a polarisation exceeding ninety-eight degrees shall be the full rate of customs duty for the time being in force reduced by the amounts following:—

If the polarisation does not exceed ninety-nine degrees - - the cwt. 6 10 8

If the polarisation exceeds ninety-nine degrees - - the cwt. 5 10

(c) For the existing amounts of the reductions to be made for arriving at the preferential rates of duty chargeable in respect of molasses, glucose, and saccharin there shall be substituted the increased reductions following, that is to say:—

Molasses (including all sugar and extracts from sugar which cannot be completely tested by the polariscope) if the sweetening matter contained therein:—

Molasses (including all sugar and extracts from sugar which cannot be completely tested by the polariscope) if the sweetening matter contained therein:—

Amounts to 70 per cent. of the cwt. 3 8½

Exceeds 50 per cent. but does not exceed 70 per cent. the cwt. 2 8

Does not exceed 50 per cent. - - the cwt. 1 3½

Glucose—

Solid - - the cwt. 3 8½

Liquid - - the cwt. 2 8

Saccharin - - the ounce 1 10½

Provided that in the application of this Resolution to any duty chargeable on...
manufactured or prepared goods under section seven of the Finance Act, 1901, the first day of July shall be substituted for the twenty-fifth day of 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.)

Sugar (Drawbacks and Allowances).

4. Resolved, That on and after the twenty-fifth day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-eight, drawbacks and allowances in the following cases shall be allowed and made in accordance with the following provisions in substitution for the drawbacks and allowances which may now be allowed and made in the like cases:

Provided that—

(a) the reduction of the rates of any drawbacks and allowances shall not have effect in relation to any goods as respects which it is shown to the satisfaction of the Commissioners of Customs and Excise that duty was paid at the rates in force before the twenty-fifth day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-eight;

(b) the grant of a specified amount of drawback in respect of a specified weight of any article includes the grant of a proportionately less amount of drawback in respect of any less weight.

A. Drawbacks on Sugar.

In the case of duty-paid Sugar (including Sugar produced from duty-paid Sugar or Molasses) which has passed a refinery in Great Britain or Northern Ireland—

Drawback shall be allowed in accordance with the provisions of the following table:

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B. Drawbacks on Molasses.

1. In the case of Molasses (including Sugar and all extracts from Sugar which cannot be completely tested by the polariscope) produced in Great Britain or Northern Ireland—

Drawback shall be allowed in accordance with the provisions of the following table in respect of any such Molasses which—

(a) is exported or is shipped or deposited in a bonded warehouse for use as ships' stores;

(b) is delivered, subject to the regulations of the Commissioners of Customs and Excise, to a licensed dealer for use in the manufacture of spirits or yeast, or to a person for use in the manufacture of yeast in premises used solely for that purpose;

(c) is used in the brewing of beer deposited in a bonded warehouse for export;

(d) appears to the satisfaction of the Treasury to have been used in the manufacture or preparation in Great Britain or Northern Ireland of goods, other than beer, which are exported or are shipped or deposited in a bonded warehouse for use as ships' stores.

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If containing not more than 50 per cent. of sweetening matter and weighing not less than 12 pounds to the gallon the cwt. | 2 3 1 2 | 4 6 2 5 |

If containing more than 50 per cent. but not more than 60 per cent. of sweetening matter the cwt. | 3 4 1 9 | |

If containing more than 60 per cent. but not more than 70 per cent. of sweetening matter the cwt. | 4 6 2 5 |

If containing more than 70 per cent. but not more than 80 per cent. of sweetening matter the cwt. | 6 2 3 4 |

If containing more than 80 per cent. of sweetening matter the cwt. | 7 0 3 9 |

2. In the case of Molasses (including Sugar and all extracts from Sugar which cannot be completely tested by the polariscope) on which duty has been paid on importation—

Drawback of an amount equal to the duty payable on the importation of the Molasses shall be allowed in respect of any quantity of such Molasses—

(a) which is used in the brewing of beer deposited in a bonded warehouse for export;

(b) which appears to the satisfaction of the Treasury to have been used in the manufacture or preparation in Great Britain or Northern Ireland of goods, other than beer, which are exported or are shipped or deposited in a bonded warehouse for use as ships' stores.

C. Allowances on Molasses.

An allowance shall be made in respect of Molasses produced in Great Britain or Northern Ireland...
Ireland and used solely for the purpose of food for stock in accordance with the following provisions:

Nature of Molasses. Amount of Allowance.

(1) Molasses produced. An amount equal to from material on which drawn drawback payable duty has been paid on the exportation of the like article.

(2) Molasses on which. An amount equal to an excise duty has been paid.

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 Cinematograph Films.

5. Resolved, That as from the twenty-eighth day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-eight, negative cinematograph films which are certified by the Board of Trade to satisfy the requirements of subsection (3) of section twenty-seven of the Cinematograph Films Act, 1927 (which prescribes what films shall be deemed to be British films for the purposes of that Act), and parts of any films so certified shall, for the purpose of duties of customs chargeable on cinematograph films, be treated as if they were blank film.

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).

6. Resolved, That the rate of the duty of excise now chargeable on sweets shall, on and after the twenty-fifth day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-eight, be increased to one shilling and sixpence for every gallon.

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.)

Mechanical Lighters (Customs).

7. Resolved, That as from the twenty-eighth day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-eight, there shall be charged on the importation into Great Britain or Northern Ireland of any mechanical lighter or of any component part of any such lighter (other than a flint) a customs duty of sixpence.

In this Resolution the expression "mechanical lighter" means any mechanical or chemical contrivance which is portable and is intended for producing a spark or flame, whether by itself or when brought into contact with gas.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Mechanical Lighters (Excise).

8. Resolved, That as from the twenty-eighth day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-eight, there shall be charged on every mechanical lighter manufactured in the United Kingdom which is complete or which could be made complete by the addition of a flint, and on every such lighter sent out in an incomplete state from the premises of a manufacturer of such lighters an excise duty of sixpence.

In this Resolution the expression "mechanical lighter" means any mechanical or chemical contrivance which is portable and is intended for producing a spark or flame, whether by itself or when brought into contact with gas.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Buttons.

9. Resolved, That during a period of five years beginning on the twenty-eighth day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-eight, there shall be charged on the importation into Great Britain or Northern Ireland of buttons made of any material, and whether finished or unfinished, of a description commonly used for the fastening or decorating of wearing apparel or household linen, not being buttons forming part of any other article, a duty of customs of an amount equal to thirty-three and one-third per cent. of the value thereof.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Licence duty on Articulated Motor Vehicles.

10. Resolved, That as from the first day of January, nineteen hundred and twenty-nine, where a mechanically propelled vehicle used for drawing a trailer has the trailer attached to it by partial super-imposition, the vehicle and trailer shall, for the purpose of determining the rate of the licence duty chargeable under the Second Schedule to the Finance Act, 1920, be treated as if they were a single vehicle used for drawing a trailer.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

INCOME TAX.

Charge of Tax.

11. Resolved, That—

(a) Income tax for the year 1928–29 shall be charged at the standard rate of four shillings in the pound, and in the case of an individual whose total income from all sources exceeds two thousand pounds, at the following rates in respect of the excess over two thousand pounds:

For every pound of the first five hundred pounds of the excess — Four shillings

For every pound of the next five hundred pounds of the excess — Five shillings

For every pound of the next one thousand pounds of the excess — Five shillings and sixpence

For every pound of the next one thousand pounds of the excess — Six shillings and threepence

For every pound of the next one thousand pounds of the excess — Seven shillings.
12. Resolved, That the old Sinking Fund for the years ending respectively on the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-eight, and the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-nine, shall, instead of being issued to the National Debt Commissioners, be carried to a suspense account for the purpose of being subsequently applied in such manner as Parliament may hereafter determine.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

General.

Old Sinking Fund.

13. Resolved, That such part of the assets belonging to the Currency Note Redemption Account as is, in the opinion of the Treasury, having regard to the market value of those assets, in excess of the requirements of the Account shall, as the Treasury determines, be realised and the proceeds thereof paid into the Exchequer.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Resolutions to be reported.

Amendment of Law.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That it is expedient to amend the Law relating to the National Debt, Customs, and Inland Revenue (including Excise), and to make further provision in connection with Finance.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

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

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

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

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking Representation of the People (Equal Franchise) 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 Supersannuation (Diplomatic Service) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Rabbits Bill.

The adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 21st day of February last. That the Rabbits 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 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 False Oaths (Scotland) Bill [Lords];

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

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

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

[No. 50.]

Wednesday, 25th April 1928.

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

PRAyERS.

Resolved, That it is expedient that the South Suburban Gas (Consolidation) Bill be referred to the Joint Committee of both Houses of Parliament to be appointed for the consideration of the Dover Gas Bill [Lords].—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to acquaint them therewith: And that the Clerk do carry the said Message.

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

The North and South Shields Light Railway Provisional Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The West Hartlepool Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

Mr. Secretary Amery presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Tables and Diagrams relating to the Rubber Industry.

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


Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel 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 1928.

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 the Court of Appeal during the year ended 31st March 1928.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee of the Scottish Insurance Companies (Superannuation Fund) Bill, with Amendments.

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

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee of the Harwich Harbour Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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 passed a Bill, intituled The Harwich harbour 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 Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to make further provision as to the Chairmen of Courts of Quarter Sessions holden for the county palatine of Lancaster, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to increase the borrowing powers of the Port of London Authority; to make further provision with regard to superannuation allowances, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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

The Lancashire Quarter Sessions Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

The Port of London Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

Arthur Hollins, Esquire, Member for the New Member Borough of Stoke-upon-Trent (Hanley Division), was sworn.
Mr. Mackinder, supported by Sir John Simon, Sir Frank Nelson, Dr. Vernon Davies, Mr. Riley, and Mr. James Hudson, presented a Bill to amend the Rag Flock Act, 1911; 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 the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Amendment of Law.

Question again proposed, That it is expedient to amend the Law relating to the National Debt, Customs, and Inland Revenue (including Excise), and to make further provision in connection with Finance:

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

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman acquainted the House that the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House that His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Consolidated Fund [National Debt], proposed to be moved, under Standing Order No. 71a, in Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

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

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make provision, among other matters, for amending the Law relating to the National Debt, it is expedient—

(a) in substitution for the existing provisions with respect to the New Sinking Fund and the other annual sums for the National Debt now charged on the Consolidated Fund—

(i) to authorise the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of the following sums, that is to say:

In the financial year ending on the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-nine, the sum of three hundred and sixty-nine million pounds;

In the financial year ending on the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and thirty, and in every subsequent year, the sum of three hundred and fifty-five million pounds;

(ii) to provide for the application of the sum so issued in any year in meeting the annual charges in respect of that year for the National Debt in respect of interest and management (exclusive of any interest payable in respect of national savings certificates which is otherwise provided for), and for the application of the balance of the said sum in purchasing, redeeming, or paying-off of debt:

(b) to authorise the Treasury to borrow, in such manner as they think fit, on the security of the Consolidated Fund any sums required for meeting the interest from time to time becoming payable in respect of national savings certificates.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

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 receiving the Report from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 24th day of this instant April;

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 taking Representation of the People (Equal Franchise) 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 Superannuation (Diplomatic Service) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Rabbits Bill. the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 21st day of February last, That the Rabbits Bill be read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for 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 False Oaths (Scotland) 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 five minutes before Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
"No. 51."

Thursday, 26th April 1928.

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

PRAYERS.

THE Shropshire, Worcestershire, and Staffordshire Electric Power Bill was read the third time and passed.

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

Colonel Ashley presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,— Copies of Special Orders made under the Electricity (Supply) Acts in respect of

(1) the Borough of Bridport, and parts of the Rural Districts of Bridport and Beaminster, in the County of Dorset;

(2) part of the Rural District of Lydney, in the County of Gloucester, and the Urban District of Usk, the Rural District of Monmouth, and parts of the Rural Districts of Chepstow and Pontypool, in the County of Monmouth.

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

Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel presented, by His Majesty's Command,— Copies of Abstract Account of the Receipts and Payments of the King's and Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer in Scotland, in the year 1927, 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. Arthur Michael Samuel also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Account of the Public Income and Expenditure of the United Kingdom in the year ended 31st March 1928, together with the Balances in the Exchequer on 1st April 1927; the Receipts and Payments (not being Income and Expenditure) in the year ended 31st March 1928; and the Balances in the Exchequer on that day.

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 1928 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, from the 31st March 1927 to the completion of the scheme on the 15th May 1927.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Papers relating to Public Income and Expenditure and Trade Facilities Acts be printed.

The Lords have agreed to the Army and Air Force (Annual) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled Straits Settlements and Johore territorial Water Bill [Lords.]

The Lords have appointed a Committee over Gas Bill [Lords.], and request the Commons to consist of five Lords to join with a Committee of the Commons to consider the Dover Gas Bill [Lords.], and that the Papers relating to Public Income and Expenditure and Trade Facilities Acts be printed.

Major-General Sir Newton Moore reported Standing Orders, a Resolution, which was read as followeth:

"That in the case of the Dagenham Urban District Council Bill [Lords.], Petition for Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill."

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

Sir Walter Raine reported from the Local Legislation Committee (Section B); That in the case of the Caeerphilly 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.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Selection Committee of Selection; That they had dis-贯彻 the Order in Council made by the Lords, and desire the concurrence of this House.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from Standing Committee A.— Major Elliot, Captain Gunston, Committee A.

Sir George Hume, and Mrs. Philipson; and had appointed in substitution: Captain Fairfax, Sir Alfred Hopkinson, Sir Douglas Newton, and Sir Alexander Sprot.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from Standing Committee A; That they had added the following Twenty Members to Standing Committee A (in respect of the Racecourse Betting Bill):— Mr. Ammon, Captain Bourne, Sir Leonard Brassey, Mr. Brocklebank, Sir Warden Chilcott, Mr. Compton, Mr. Crawford, Major Glys, Mr. Hayday, Sir Vivian Henderson, Major Hills, Mr. James Hudson, Sir Ellis Hume-Williams, Major MacAulay, Mr. March, Sir Basil Peto, Mr. Rentoul, Sir Berkeley Sheffield, Mr. Somerville, and Lord Stanley.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from the Scottish Committee; That they had added the following Ten Members to the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills (in respect of the Betting Juvenile Messengers) (Scotland) Bill and the Education (Scotland) Bill:—Mr. Advocate, Lord Balniel, Sir Henry Cowan, Mr. Compton, Mr. Crawfurd, Major Elliot, Captain Gunston, Committee A.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from the Scottish Committee; That they had added the following Ten Members to Standing Committee B:— Mr. Ammon, Captain Bourne, Sir Leonard Brassey, Mr. Brocklebank, Sir Warden Chilcott, Mr. Compton, Mr. Crawford, Major Glys, Mr. Hayday, Sir Vivian Henderson, Major Hills, Mr. James Hudson, Sir Ellis Hume-Williams, Major MacAulay, Mr. March, Sir Basil Peto, Mr. Rentoul, Sir Berkeley Sheffield, Mr. Somerville, and Lord Stanley.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

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

"The Lords have agreed to the Army and Air Force (Annual) Bill, without any Amendment."

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled Straits Settlements and Johore territorial Water Bill [Lords.]

The Lords have appointed a Committee over Gas Bill [Lords.], and request the Commons to consider the Dover Gas Bill [Lords.].
Means.

The House.

Business of

Rating Bill.

Land Values

Raising Bill.

Bill 109.

Colonel Wedgwood, supported by Mr. Albert Alexander, Mr. Dalton, Mr. Arthur Henderson, Mr. Arthur Greenwood, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Lees Smith, Mr. MacLaren, Mr. Riley, Mr. Snowden, Mr. Trevorlyn, and Mr. Whiteley, presented a Bill to enable local rating authorities to levy Rates on Land Values: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That the Committee of Ways and Means have precedence this day of the Business of Supply.—(The Prime Minister.)

Ways and Means.

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

Amendment of Law.

Question again proposed, That it is expedient to amend the Law relating to the National Debt, Customs, and Inland Revenue (including Excise), and to make further provision in connection with Finance:

Whereupon the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod being come with a Message, the Chairman left the Chair.

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

A Message was delivered by Lieutenant-Royal Ament.


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 follows:


The House again resolved itself into the Ways and Means Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Amendment of Law.

Question again proposed, That it is expedient to amend the Law relating to the National Debt, Customs, and Inland Revenue (including Excise), and to make further provision in connection with Finance.

Question put, and agreed to.


Resolved, That an agreement making such alterations in the agreement made the fourteenth day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-six, between the British Government and the Government of the Irish Free State in respect of double income tax as may be necessary in consequence of the alterations in the British Income Tax Acts effected by the British Finance Act, 1927, and of the alterations contemplated in the Irish Free State Income Tax Acts be confirmed.—(Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel.)

Resolutions to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

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

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

Adjournment. A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn.—(Commander Eyres-Monsell);  
The House divided.  
The Yeas to the Right;  
The Noes to the Left.  
 Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Penny: 194.  
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Whiteley: 94.  
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.  
And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till seven minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 52.]  
Friday, 27th April 1928.
The House met at Eleven of the clock.  
PRAYERS.

Selection (Standing Committee.)  
Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee A. —Major Long; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Guinness.  
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Private Bills (Group C)  
Ordered, That the Committee on Group C of Private Bills, which stands adjourned till Monday next, be further adjourned, for the convenience of parties, till Wednesday next, at Eleven of the clock.—(Sir John Ganzoni.)

Cotton Industry Bill.  
The Cotton Industry Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.  
Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into the Committee on the Bill.—(Mr. Gerald Hurst.)  
The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.  
(In the Committee.)  
Clauses No. 1 and No. 2 agreed to.  
Bill to be reported.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Charles Edwards reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.  
Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time. —The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.
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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Housing 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 Second Reading of the Employment of Disabled Ex-Servicemen Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Industrial and Provident Societies (Employees) 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 Bridges Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Government of 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 Children and Young Persons (Employment and Protection) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Prevention of Unemployment Bill;
Ordered, 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 Slaughter of Animals Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Small Landholders (Scotland) Acts (1886 to 1919) Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the 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 Illegal Trawling (Scotland) Penalties Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Licensing (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 Employment of Disabled Ex-Servicemen 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 Third Party Indemnity Insurance 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 Home-Grown Wheat Milling Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Public Rights of Way Bill was, according Public Rights to Order, read a second time, and committed to Standing Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the 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 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 Hours of Industrial Employment Bill;
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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Omnibus 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 (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 Agencies and Registries 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 Police (Widows’ Pension 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 Monmouthshire (Licensing 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 Solicitors 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 20th day of this instant April, That the Protection of Dogs Bill be now read a second time;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday the 21st day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee on Consolidated Fund [National Debt];
Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Representation of the People (Equal Franchise) 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 Superannuation (Diplomatic Service) 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 21st day of February last, That the Rabbits Bill be now read a second time;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the 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 Second Reading of the False Oaths (Scotland) Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

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

[No. 53.]

Monday, 30th April 1928.

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

PRAYERS.

ORDERED, That the Bermondsey Borough Council (St. Olave’s Garden) Bill [Lords] be read a second time upon Friday next.

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

The Gloucester Corporation Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

Ordered, That so much of the Lords’ Message Dover Gas of the 26th day of this instant April as relates Bill [Lords] to the appointment of a Joint Committee on the Dover Gas Bill [Lords] be now taken into consideration.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

The House accordingly proceeded to take so much of the said Message into consideration.

Ordered, That a Select Committee of Five Members be appointed to join with the Committee of the Lords to consider the Bill as requested by their Lordships.

Ordered, That the Committee be nominated by the Committee of Selection.

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

Ordered, That Three be the quorum of the Committee.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Patents, Designs, and Trade Marks, suant to Standing Order No. 3, it being then six minutes after Four of the clock, till Monday next.

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

Secretary Sir Austen Chamberlain presented, Treaty Series No. 69. by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Conven- tion 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. Mexico, 19th November 1926 (Ratifications exchanged at Mexico, 8th March 1928).
Secretary Sir William Joynson-Hicks presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Accounts of the Metropolitan Police Fund showing the Sums received and expended for the purposes of the Metropolitan Police and Police Courts between 1st April 1927 and 31st March 1928.

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

Secretary Sir John Gilmour presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Departmental Committee appointed to inquire into the treatment of Young Offenders, &c., in Scotland.

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

Mr. Bridges presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Memorandum on the proposed Financial Resolution on Naval Prize.

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

Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Ministry of Labour for the year 1927.

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

Mr. Bennett reported from the Select Committee on Estimates; That they had made Progress in the matter to them referred, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them, and Appendices.

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

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

(In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates, 1928.

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Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £7,242,509 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 1929 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Ministry of Labour and Subordinate Departments, including the Exchequer Contribution to the Unemployment Fund, Grants to Associations, Local Education Authorities, and others under the Unemployment Insurance, Labour Exchanges, and other Acts; Expenses of the Industrial Court; Contribution towards the Expenses of the International Labour Organisation (League of Nations); Expenses of Training; and sundry services, including services arising out of the war:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a sum not exceeding £7,242,409 be granted for the said Service.—(Mr. Shinwell.)

The Committee divided;

Tellers for the Yeas,  Mr. Charles Edwards,  Mr. Whiteley, 114.

Tellers for the Noes,  Captain Margesson,  Captain Wallace, 227.

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

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Original Question again proposed.

And it being after Eleven of the clock and objection being taken to further Proceeding, the Chairman left the Chair to make his report to the House.

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

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

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Consolidated Report from the Committee on Consolidated Fund [National Debt];

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Re-organisation of Offices (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 receiving Ways and Means of the 29th day of this instant April, Report.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Ways and Means of the 24th day of this instant April, Report.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Superannuation (Diplomatic Service) Bill;

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

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The Richmond Parish Charity Lands 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.—(Colonel Spender-Clay.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Representation of the People (University of Reading) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Dogs Act (Amendment) Bill;

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

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

Ordered, 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 Thursday next.

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Children and Young Persons (Employment and Protection) Bill;

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

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Small Landholders (Scotland) Acts (1886 to 1919) 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 Widows', Orphans', and Old Age Contributory Pensions Act (1925) 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 Illegal Trawling (Scotland) Penalties Bill;

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

And then the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
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House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

Falmouth Water Bill. The House proceeded to take into consideration the Falmouth Water Bill, as amended in the Committee. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ystradfellte Water Bill. The House proceeded to take into consideration the Ystradfellte Water Bill, as amended in the Committee. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ministry of Health Provisional Orders (No. 6) Bill. Mr. Chamberlain presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Minister of Health relating to Bognor Water and West Surrey Water: And the same was read the first time. Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

London Traffic Act, 1924. Colonel Ashley presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Provisional Regulations,—

(1) dated 23rd April 1928, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Amendment (Route No. 61) Provisional Regulations, 1928;
(2) dated 26th April 1928, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) General Amendment (No. 5) Provisional Regulations, 1928;
(3) dated 26th April 1928, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Amendment (Route No. 87) Provisional Regulations, 1928;
(4) dated 26th April 1928, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Amendment (Route No. 108n) Provisional Regulations, 1928.

Copy of Provisional Regulations, dated 26th April 1928, entitled the Road Vehicles Lighting (County Borough of Birkenhead) Exemption Provisional Regulations, 1928. Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Regent's Canal and Dock Company (Warwick Canals Purchase) Bill. The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on the Regent's Canal and Dock Company (Warwick Canals Purchase) 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.

Chairmen's Panel. Sir Edmund Turton reported from the Chairmen's Panel: That they had appointed him to act as Chairman of Standing Committee A (in respect of the Racecourse Betting Bill); Mr. James Brown of the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills (in respect of the Betting (Juvenile Messengers) (Scotland) Bill Vol. 183.

and also in respect of the Education (Scotland) Bill. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

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

The Lords have agreed to the Rating and Valuation Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Mid Kent Water Bill to acquire lands for the protection of their waterworks: for conferring further powers upon the company, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Mid Kent Water Bill [Lords] was read Mid Kent Water Bill 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 Shops Bill to restrict the opening of shops on Sunday: (Sunday Trading Restriction.) Nield, Sir Arthur Shirley Benn, Colonel Fremantle, Mr. Ammon, Mr. Robert Morrison, and Mr. Crawford, do prepare and bring it in.

Sir Frank Sanderson accordingly presented a Shops Bill to restrict the opening of shops on Sunday: (Sunday Trading Restriction) ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Bill 111.

Ordered, That a Motion be made, and the Question being Safeguarding of Industries proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Safeguarding of Industries Act, 1921.—(Mr. Dixey.) 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 (Major Braithwaite, Yeas, Mr. Smelley Crooke: } 159.

Tellers for the (Mr. Crawford, Noes, Sir Robert Hamilton : } 133.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative. Ordered, That Mr. Dixey, Major Holt, Captain Strangford, Major Braithwaite, Mr. Everard, Mr. Thompson, Sir Frank Sanderson, Mr. Smelley Crooke, Colonel Shaw, and Mr. Lloyd do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Mr. Dixey accordingly presented a Bill to Safeguarding amend the Safeguarding of Industries Act, of Industries (Amendment) 1921: And the same was read the first time and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Sir George Hennessy reported from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 24th April Report.
Continuation of Duty on Tea (Customs).

1. That the customs duty chargeable on tea until the first day of August, nineteen hundred and twenty-eight, shall continue to be charged on and after that date until the first day of August, nineteen hundred and twenty-nine, 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.

Hydrocarbon Oils.

2. That—

   (1) there shall, subject as hereinafter provided, be charged—

   (a) on all petroleum oils, coal tar, and oils produced from coal, shale, peat, or any other bituminous substance, and all liquid hydrocarbons imported into Great Britain or Northern Ireland on or after the twenty-fifth day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-eight, or so imported before that date but landed therein on or after that date, a customs duty at the rate of fourpence a gallon;

   (b) on all petroleum oils which on the twenty-fifth day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-eight, are in the ownership or possession of any person who holds more than ten thousand gallons thereof, but not including any such oils which are shown to the Commissioners of Customs and Excise to have been intended for use by the person in whose ownership or possession they were and not for sale, and to have been used by that person before the first day of May, nineteen hundred and twenty-eight, an excise duty at the rate of fourpence a gallon:

   Provided that a rebate at the rate of fourpence a gallon shall be allowed from the aforesaid duty of customs or excise, as the case may be, on the delivery for home consumption of any hydrocarbon oils other than oils of which forty per cent. or more by volume distils at a temperature not exceeding two hundred and thirty-five degrees centigrade;

   (2) in the case of any hydrocarbon oils in or removed to a refinery, the foregoing duties shall be charged on the delivery of any article from the refinery and duties shall be charged on the delivery for home consumption of any hydrocarbon oils which forty per cent. or more by volume distils at a temperature not exceeding two hundred and thirty-five degrees centigrade;

   (3) in the case of any hydrocarbon oils other than oils of which twenty-five per cent. or more by volume distils at a temperature not exceeding ninety-eight degrees shall be the preferential rate of customs duty chargeable on sugar of a polarisation not exceeding ninety-eight degrees there shall be charged the following reduced duties:—

   Sugar of a polarisation exceeding ninety-seven and not exceeding ninety-eight degrees - the cwt. 8 7

   Sugar of a polarisation not exceeding seventy-six degrees - the cwt. 4 6

   (b) In lieu of the rate now chargeable the preferential rate of customs duty chargeable in respect of sugar of a polarisation exceeding ninety-eight degrees shall be the full rate of customs duty for the time being in force reduced by the amounts following:—

   If the polarisation does not exceed ninety-nine degrees - the cwt. 6 10 8

   If the polarisation exceeds ninety-nine degrees - the cwt. 5 10

   (c) For the existing amounts of the reductions to be made for arriving at the preferential rates of duty chargeable in respect of molasses, glucose, and saccharin there shall be substituted the increased reductions following, that is to say:—

   Molasses (including all sugar and extracts from sugar which cannot be completely tested by the polariscope) if the sweetening matter contained therein—

   Amounts to 70 per cent. or upwards the cwt. 3 8

   Exceeds 50 per cent. but does not amount to 70 per cent. - the cwt. 2 8

   Does not exceed 50 per cent. - the cwt. 1 3 1

   Glucose - the cwt. 3 8

   Solid - the cwt. 2 8

   Liquid - the ounce 1 10

   Provided that in the application of this Resolution to any duty chargeable on manufactured or prepared goods under section seven of the Finance Act, 1901, the first day of July shall be substituted for the twenty-fifth day of 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.

Sugar (Drawbacks and Allowances).

4. That on and after the twenty-fifth day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-eight, (Drawbacks and Allowances.) shall be allowed and made in accordance with the following provisions in substitution for the
drawbacks and allowances which may now be allowed and made in the like cases.

Provided that—

(a) the reduction of the rates of any drawbacks and allowances shall not have effect in relation to any goods as respects which it is shown to the satisfaction of the Commissioners of Customs and Excise that duty was paid at the rates in force before the twenty-fifth day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-eight;

(b) the grant of a specified amount of drawback in respect of a specified weight of any article includes the grant of a proportionately less amount of drawback in respect of any less weight.

A. Drawbacks on Sugar.

In the case of duty-paid Sugar (including Sugar produced from duty-paid Sugar or Molasses) which has passed a refinery in Great Britain or Northern Ireland—

Drawback shall be allowed in accordance with the provisions of the following table:

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<td>Sugar produced from material on which the full duties of customs have been paid.</td>
<td>Of a polarisation exceeding 98°.</td>
<td>Where the rate of duty paid was 11s. 6d. the cwt., a drawback at the rate of 11s. 6d. the cwt. Where a rate of duty less than 11s. 6d. the cwt. was paid, a drawback at the rate of 9s. 6d. the cwt.</td>
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<td>Of a polarisation not exceeding 98°.</td>
<td>A drawback equal to the duty chargeable on sugar of the like polarisation.</td>
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<td>Sugar produced from material on which a preferential rate of customs duty or an excise duty has been paid.</td>
<td>Of a polarisation exceeding 99°.</td>
<td>Where the rate of duty paid was 5s. 10d. the cwt., a drawback at the rate of 5s. 10d. the cwt. Where a rate less than 5s. 10d. the cwt. has been paid, a drawback at the rate of 3s. 4d. the cwt.</td>
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<td>Of a polarisation not exceeding 99°.</td>
<td>A drawback equal to the duty chargeable on sugar of the like polarisation.</td>
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B. Drawbacks on Molasses.

1. In the case of Molasses (including Sugar and all extracts from Sugar which cannot be completely tested by the polariscope) produced in Great Britain or Northern Ireland—

Drawback shall be allowed in accordance with the provisions of the following table in respect of any such Molasses which—

(a) is exported or is shipped or deposited in a bonded warehouse for use as ships' stores;

(b) is delivered, subject to the regulations of the Commissioners of Customs and Excise, to a licensed dealer for use in the manufacture of spirits or yeast, or to a person for use in the manufacture of yeast in premises used solely for that purpose;

(c) is used in the brewing of beer deposited in a bonded warehouse for export.

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(d) appears to the satisfaction of the Treasury to have been used in the manufacture or preparation in Great Britain or Northern Ireland of goods, other than beer, which are exported or are shipped or deposited in a bonded warehouse for use as ships' stores.

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If containing not more than 50 per cent. of sweetening matter and weighing not less than 14 pounds to the gallon — the cwt. |

If containing more than 50 per cent. but not more than 60 per cent. of sweetening matter — the cwt. |

If containing more than 60 per cent. but not more than 70 per cent. of sweetening matter — the cwt. |

If containing more than 70 per cent. but not more than 80 per cent. of sweetening matter — the cwt. |

If containing more than 80 per cent. of sweetening matter — the cwt. |

An amount equal to the duty paid. |

2. In the case of Molasses (including Sugar and all extracts from Sugar which cannot be completely tested by the polariscope) on which duty has been paid on importation—

Drawback of an amount equal to the duty payable on the importation of the Molasses shall be allowed in respect of any quantity of such Molasses—

(a) which is used in the brewing of beer deposited in a bonded warehouse for export;

(b) which appears to the satisfaction of the Treasury to have been used in the manufacture or preparation in Great Britain or Northern Ireland of goods, other than beer, which are exported or are shipped or deposited in a bonded warehouse for use as ships' stores.

C. Allowances on Molasses.

An allowance shall be made in respect of Molasses produced in Great Britain or Northern Ireland and used solely for the purpose of food for stock in accordance with the following provisions:

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(1) Molasses produced from material on which the drawback payable which duty has been on the exportation of the like article.

(2) Molasses on which an amount equal to the duty paid.

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 Cinematograph Films.

5. That as from the twenty-eighth day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-eight, negative cinematograph films which are certified by the Board of Trade to satisfy the requirements of subsection (3) of section twenty-seven of the Cinematograph Films Act, 1927 (which prescribes what films shall be deemed to be British films for the purposes of that Act), and parts of any films so certified shall, for the purpose of duties of customs chargeable on cinematograph films, be treated as if they were blank film.

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 the rate of the duty of excise now chargeable on sweets shall, on and after the twenty-fifth day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-eight, be increased to one shilling and sixpence for every gallon.

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.

Mechanical Lighters (Customs):

7. That as from the twenty-eighth day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-eight, there shall be charged on the importation into Great Britain or Northern Ireland of any mechanical lighter or of any component part of any such lighter (other than a flint) a customs duty of sixpence.

In this Resolution the expression "mechanical lighter" means any mechanical or chemical contrivance which is portable and is intended for producing a spark or flame, whether by itself or when brought into contact with gas.

Mechanical Lighters (Excise).

8. That as from the twenty-eighth day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-eight, there shall be charged on every mechanical lighter manufactured in the United Kingdom which is complete or which could be made complete by the addition of a flint, and on every such lighter sent out in an incomplete state from the premises of a manufacturer of such lighters an excise duty of sixpence.

In this Resolution the expression "mechanical lighter" means any mechanical or chemical contrivance which is portable and is intended for producing a spark or flame, whether by itself or when brought into contact with gas.

Buttons.

9. That during a period of five years beginning on the twenty-eighth day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-eight, there shall be charged on the importation into Great Britain or Northern Ireland of buttons made of any material, and whether finished or unfinished, of a description commonly used for the fastening or decorating of wearing apparel or household linen, not being buttons forming part of any other article, a duty of customs of an amount equal to thirty-three and one-third per cent. of the value thereof.

Licence duty on Articulated Motor Vehicles.

10. That as from the first day of January, licence duty on a mechanically propelled vehicle used for drawing a trailer has the trailer attached to it by partial super-imposition, the vehicle and trailer shall, for the purpose of determining the rate of the licence duty chargeable under the Second Schedule to the Finance Act, 1920, be treated as if they were a single vehicle used for drawing a trailer.

INCOME TAX.

Income Tax.

Charge of Tax.

11. That—

(a) Income tax for the year 1928–29 shall be charged at the standard rate of four shillings in the pound, and in the case of an individual whose total income from all sources exceeds two thousand pounds, at the following rates in respect of the excess over two thousand pounds:—

For every pound of the excess

- Four shillings and ninepence.

For every pound of the excess

- Five shillings.

For every pound of the excess

- Five shillings.

For every pound of the excess

- Six shillings.

For every pound of the excess

- Seven shillings.

For every pound of the excess

- Seven shillings.

For every pound of the excess

- Eight shillings.

For every pound of the excess

- Eight shillings.

For every pound of the excess

- Nine shillings.

For every pound of the excess

- Nine shillings.

For every pound of the excess

- Ten shillings.
(b) The same super-tax shall be charged for the year 1928-29 as was charged for the year 1927-28.

c) All such enactments as had effect with respect to the income tax and super-tax charged for the year 1927-28, shall, subject to the provisions of any enactments which were expressed to come into operation on the sixth day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-eight, or to apply in relation to income tax or super-tax for the year beginning on that day, have effect with respect to income tax and super-tax charged for the year 1928-29.

d) the annual value of any property which has been adopted for the purpose of income tax under Schedules A and B for the year 1927-28 shall be taken as the annual value of that property for the same purpose for the year 1928-29:

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, 1918.

GENERAL.

Old Sinking Fund.

12. That the old Sinking Fund for the years ending respectively on the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-eight, and the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-nine, shall, instead of being issued to the National Debt Commissioners, be carried to a suspense account for the purpose of being subsequently applied in such manner as Parliament may hereafter determine.

Transfer to Exchequer of parts of Assets of Currency Note Redemption Account.

13. That such part of the assets belonging to the Currency Note Redemption Account as is, in the opinion of the Treasury, having regard to the market value of those assets, in excess of the requirements of the Account shall, as the Treasury determines, be realised and the proceeds thereof paid into the Exchequer.

The First Resolution being read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made thereto, in I. 5, by leaving out the word "fourpence," and inserting the words "one penny."—(Mr. Barr),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word "fourpence" stand part of the Resolution;

The House divided.

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

Tellers for the [Captain Bowyer,
Yea,
Captain Wallace ;
290.
]
Tellers for the [Mr. Charles Edwards,
No,,
Mr. Whiteley ;
144.
]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Resolution was agreed to.

The Second Resolution being read a second time;

The Resolution was amended, in I. 3, by leaving out the word "all."—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Resolution, in I. 8, by leaving out the word "fourpence," and inserting the words "one penny"—(Mr. William Graham),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word "fourpence" stand part of the Resolution;

The House divided.

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

Tellers for the [Viscount Curzon,
Yea,
Captain Wallace ;
258.
]
Tellers for the [Mr. Charles Edwards,
No.,
Mr. Whiteley ;
128.
]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Resolution, in I. 18, by inserting, after the word "be," the words "on all petroleum oils used for the purpose of treating leather in connection with the manufacture of gloves or"—(Major George Davies.)

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 [Viscount Curzon,
Yea,
Captain Wallace ;
262.
]
Tellers for the [Mr. Benjamin Smith,
No.,
Mr. Whiteley ;
129.
]

So it passed in the Negative.

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

The House divided.

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

Tellers for the [Mr. Charles Edwards,
Yea,
Mr. Whiteley;
137.
]
Tellers for the [Captain Margeson,
No.,
Mr. Penny ;
263.
]

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Resolution, in I. 18, by inserting, after the word "be," the words "on all turpentine and white spirit used in the manufacture of paints and varnishes."—(Lieutenant-Commander Kenworthy.)

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

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The Resolution was further amended, in l. 19, by leaving out from the word "than" to the end of l. 21, and inserting the words "hydrocarbon oils or mixtures containing hydrocarbon oils of which oils or mixtures not less than fifty per cent. by volume distils at a temperature not exceeding one hundred and eighty-five degrees centigrade, or of which not less than ninety-five per cent. by volume distils at a temperature not exceeding two hundred and forty degrees centigrade, or which give off an inflammable vapour at a temperature of less than 22.8 degrees centigrade when tested in manner prescribed by the Acts relating to petroleum."—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer).—instead thereof, and so amended, was agreed to.

Ordered, That consideration of the remaining Resolutions be now adjourned.——(Mr. Snowden.)

Ordered, That the Third 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 26th day of April last:
Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee on Consolidated Fund (National Debt):
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 resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 21st day of February last, That the Rabbits 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 Re-organisation of Offices (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 taking into consideration the Representation of the People (Equal Franchise) 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 Superannuation (Diplomatic Service) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for 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 False Oaths (Scotland) 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 part of the Rural District of Thirsk, in the North Riding of the County of York, and part of the Rural District of Great Ouseburn, in the West Riding of the County of York, which was presented on the 13th day of March 1928, be approved.—(Colonel Ashley.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Motor Vehicles Insurance Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Housing Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Dog Racing Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Leasehold Enfranchisement Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Representation of the People (University of Reading) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Dogs Act Committee on the Dogs Act (Amendment) Bill:
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.
A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that the Regulations, dated 3rd April 1928, entitled the Unemployment Insurance (Courts of Referees) Regulations, 1928, be annulled.—[Mr. Buchanan.]

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning;

Wednesday, 2nd May 1928:

And the Question being put;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas;

Mr. Thomas Henderson, Mr. Buchanan: 27.

Tellers for the Noes;

Sir Victor Warrender, Captain Wallace: 93.

So it passed in the Negative.

And it being after half-past Eleven of the clock on Tuesday evening, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then half an hour after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning, till this day.

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Wednesday, 2nd May 1928.

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 Order (Peterborough Extension) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Torquay Extension) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Godalming Extension) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Orders (No. 4) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

Mr. Chamberlain presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order of the Minister of Health relating to Richmond (Surrey): 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 John Gilmour presented a London, Midland, and Scottish Railway Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Act of 1899, relating to the London, Midland, and Scottish Railway: And the same was ordered to be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Lord Eustace Percy presented, by His Board of Education, a Bill, relating to the Ministry of Education, and confirmed.

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

Colonel Ashley presented, pursuant to the Caledonian directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of Report of the Minister of Transport upon the Caledonian and Crinan Canals for the year ended 31st March 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 one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords concur with the Commons in South Suburban Gas (Consolidation) Bill.

Ordered, That the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, confirmed.

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, confirmed, with Amendments, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

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

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported the Rickmansworth and Uxbridge Valley Water Bill, with Amendments.

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

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported Cohe Valley Water Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true, and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments therunto; and had amended the Title as followeth—A Bill [Title amended.]

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

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported Colne Valley Water Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true, and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments therunto; and had amended the Title as followeth—A Bill [Title amended.]
Bournemouth Swanage Motor Road and Ferry Bill [Lords].

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

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported the Bournemouth-Swanage Motor Road and Ferry Bill [Lords], with Amendments.

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

Zeological Society of London Bill.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Zoological Society of London 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 having gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

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

South West Suburban Water Bill.

The Deputy Chairman reported the South West Suburban Water Bill, with Amendments.

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

Strait Settlements and Johore Territorial Waters (Agreement) Bill [Lords].

The Straits Settlements and Johore Territorial Waters (Agreement) 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 Amendment made by the Lords to the Rating and Valuation Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Bankers (Northern Ireland) Bill.

Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel, supported by Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, presented a Bill to reduce and re-appoint the aggregate amount of the fiduciary bank note issues of banks in Northern Ireland, and to restrict the circulation in Northern Ireland of notes issued outside the United Kingdom, and otherwise to amend the Bankers (Ireland) Act, 1845, in its application to Northern Ireland : And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel, supported by Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, presented a Bill to amend the law relating to the issue of bank notes by the Bank of England and by banks in Scotland and Northern Ireland, and to provide for the transfer to the Bank of England of the currency notes issue and of the assets appropriated for the redemption thereof, and to make certain provisions with respect to gold reserves and otherwise in connection with the matters aforesaid, and to prevent the defacement of bank notes: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Currency and Bank Notes Bill.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to extend the hours of polling at local government elections: And that Mr. Scour, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Tinker, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Thurlby, and Mr. Batey do prepare and bring in it.

Extension of Polling Hours Bill.

Mr. Scour accordingly presented a Bill to extend the hours of polling at local government elections: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday next; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Ways and Means into consideration the Third and subsequent Resolutions which, upon the 1st day of this instant May were reported from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 24th day of April last;

And the Third Resolution being read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made thereto, in l. 3, by leaving out the words "of a polarisation not exceeding ninety-eight degrees."

—(Mr. Albert Alexander.)

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

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the

Sir George Heneage, 236.

The Marquess of Titchfield;

Mr. Whiteley,

Mr. Barnes;

115.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Resolution, in l. 5, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words,—

"Sugar, which when tested by the polariscope indicates a polarisation exceeding ninety-eight degrees the cwt. £s. od. and proportionately lower duties for sugars of lower polarisation."—(Mr. Albert Alexander.)

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

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the

Mr. Charles Edwards,

Mr. Barnes;

120.

Tellers for the

The Marquess of Titchfield,

Sir Victor Warrender;

239.

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

Captain Bower;

Captain Wallace;

253.

Tellers for the

Mr. Charles Edwards,

Mr. Barnes;

105.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Fourth Resolution, being read a second time, was amended, in l. 50, by leaving out the word "dealer," and inserting the word "distiller"—(Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel),—instead thereof, and, so amended, was agreed to.

Then the Fifth and Sixth Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.
The Seventh Resolution being read a second time;
An Amendment was proposed to be made thereto, in l. 6, by leaving out the word “or,” and inserting the word “and”—(Mr. Craufurd),—instead thereof.
And the Question being put, That the word “or” stand part of the Resolution;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the Yeas, {Mr. Penny : 238,

Tellers for the Noes, {Mr. Fenby : 133.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
And the Resolution was agreed to.

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 George Hennessey : 247,

Tellers for the Noes, {Mr. Charles Edwards : 142,

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
And the Question being accordingly put, That the Debate be now adjourned.—
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 be now put;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the Yeas, {Captain Margesson : 247,

Tellers for the Noes, {Mr. Benjamin Smith : 142.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Amendment was proposed to be made thereto, in l. 5, by leaving out the word “sixpence,” and inserting the word “threepence”—(Mr. Ramsden),—instead thereof.
And the Question being proposed, That the word “sixpence” stand part of the Resolution:
A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Debate be now adjourned.—
(Mr. Hardie) —And a Debate arising thereupon;

An Amendment was proposed to be made thereto, in l. 6, by leaving out the words “‘five years” and inserting the words “one year”—(Mr. Dalton),—instead thereof.
And the Question being proposed, That the words “five years” stand part of the Resolution:
Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.—
(Mr. Snowden.)

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Tenth 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 26th day of April last;
Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee on Consolidated Fund [National Debt];
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 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 Rabbits Bill:
the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 21st day of February last, That the Rabbits 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 Re-organisation into consideration the Re-organisation of Offices (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 taking Re-organisation into consideration the Representation of the People (Equal Franchise) 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 Superannuation (Diplomatic Service) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the 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 False Oaths (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 Rag Flock (1911) Amendment Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Housing 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 Second Reading of the Employment of Disabled Ex-service Men 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 Industrial and Provident Societies (Employees) 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 Bridges 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 Third Party Indemnity Insurance 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 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 Exportation of Horses Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Hours of Industrial 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 Capital Punishment Bill;

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

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

Resolved, That in accordance with the Ecclesiastical Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act, 1919, this House do direct that the Ecclesiastical Commissioners (Provision for Unbeneficed Clergy) Measure, 1928, be presented to His Majesty for Royal Assent.—(Colonel Ruggles-Brise.)

And then the House, having continued to sit till twenty-five minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
the Standing Orders have not been complied with, viz.:—

Morecambe Corporation [Lords].

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

Ministry of Health Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Ministry of Health Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

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

London, Midland, and Scottish Railway Order Confirmation Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the London, Midland, and Scottish Railway Order Confirmation Bill.

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

Colonel Ashley presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Rules, dated 25th April 1928, entitled the Electricity Commissioners Special Orders, &c., Rules, 1928.

Copies of Provisional Regulations, dated 1st May 1928.—

(1) entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) General Amendment (No. 6) Provisional Regulations, 1928;
(2) entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) General Amendment (No. 7) Provisional Regulations, 1928;
(3) entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Amendment (Route No. 42a) Provisional Regulations, 1928.

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

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

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 1927.

The Order for reading a second time upon Monday next the Shops (Sunday Trading Restriction) Bill was read, and discharged.

Sir John Ganzoni reported from the Committee on the Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Worthing Extension) Bill; That they had considered the Order therein contained; that the said Order ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, with an Amendment, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

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

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

The Lords have agreed to the Marriages Provisional Orders Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to authorise the South Essex Waterworks Company to construct new works and to raise additional capital; to extend the limits of supply of the company, and for other purposes: to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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

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

Colonel Gretton reported from the Committee on the Dover Gas Bill [Lords]; That they had nominated the following Five Members to serve on the Joint Committee of Lords and Commons on the Committee:

Mr. Hugh Edwards, Mr. Maitland, Captain Cunningham Reid, Mr. W. Wallhead, and Sir Francis Watson.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That so much of the Lords' Message Dover Gas of the 26th day of April last as relates to the Bill [Lords] time and place of meeting of the Committee on the Dover Gas Bill [Lords] be now taken into consideration.—(Sir George Hennessy.)

The House accordingly proceeded to take so much of the Lords' Message into consideration.

Ordered, That the Committee appointed by this House do meet the Lords' Committee as proposed by their Lordships.—(Sir George Hennessy.)

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to acquaint them therewith: And that the Clerk do carry the said Message.

Colonel Gretton reported from the Committee on the Dover Gas Bill [Lords]; That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee A:—Mr. Guinness; and had appointed in Committee A, substitution: Mr. Solicitor General.

Colonel Gretton further reported from the Standing Committee; That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee A (added in respect of the Racecourse Betting Bill):—Sir Leonard Brassey and Lord Stanley; and had appointed in substitution: Rear-Admiral Beaumarchais and Captain Crookshank.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

The Right Honourable Sir James Renouf the New Member, Mr. Guinness, supported by Mr. Attorney General and Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel, Credits Bill. presented a Bill to secure, by means of the formation of a company and the assistance of the Borough of St. Marylebone, was sworn.

Mr. Guinness, by Mr. Attorney General and Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel, Credits Bill. presented a Bill to secure, by means of the formation of a company and the assistance of the Borough of St. Marylebone, was sworn.
thereof out of public funds, the making of loans for agricultural purposes on favourable terms, and to facilitate the borrowing of money on the security of farming stock and other agricultural assets, and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Snell, supported by Miss Bondfield, Mr. Walter Baker, Mr. Gillett, Mr. Barnes, and Mr. Rosslyn Mitchell, presented a Bill to provide for courts of domestic relations to deal with matrimonial cases of the poor: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 11th day of this instant May; and to be printed.

Ordered, That the Proceedings upon the Reports of the Committee of Ways and Means of 24th April last and 26th April last and upon the Consolidated Fund [National Debt] 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 2nd day of this instant May, was proposed to be made to the Ninth of the Resolutions which, upon the 1st day of this instant May, were reported from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 24th day of April last;

Which Resolution was—

Buttons.

That during a period of five years beginning on the twenty-eighth day of April, nineteen hundred and eighty-nine, there shall be charged on the importation into Great Britain or Northern Ireland of buttons made of any material, and whether finished or unfinished, of a description commonly used for the fastening or decorating of wearing apparel or household linen, not being buttons forming part of any other article, a duty of customs of an amount equal to thirty-three and one-third of any other article, a duty of customs of an amount equal to thirty-three and one-third of the value thereof.

And which Amendment was, in 1. 1, by leaving out the word "years," and inserting the words "one year,"—instead thereof.

And the Question being again proposed, That the words " five years, " stand part of the Resolution;—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.

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And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution:

The House divided.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Tenth and subsequent Resolutions which, upon the 1st day of this instant May, were reported from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 24th day of April last.

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

The Eleventh Resolution being read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made thereto, in l. 3, by leaving out from the word " pound " to the end of line 26.—(Mr. Dennis Herbert.)

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

And the Resolution was agreed to.

The Twelfth Resolution being read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made thereto, in l. 1, by leaving out the word " years," and inserting the word " year "—(Mr. Lees Smith),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word " years " stand part of the Resolution;—The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

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So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

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So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Thirteenth Resolution being read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made thereto, in l. 4, by leaving out the words " into the Exchequer," and inserting the words " to the National Debt Commissioners for the redemption of debt "—(Mr. Runciman),—instead thereof.
And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Resolution;

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the "Captain Wallace, Yeas, (Sir Victor Warrender: 216.

Tellers for the "Sir Robert Hutchinson, Noes, (Major Owen: 116.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Resolution was agreed to.


Amendment of Law.

1. 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.


2. That an agreement making such alterations in the agreement made the fourteenth day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-six, between the British Government and the Government of the Irish Free State in respect of double income tax as may be necessary in consequence of the alterations in the British Income Tax Acts effected by the British Finance Act, 1927, and of the alterations contemplated in the Irish Free State Income Tax Acts be confirmed.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were 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 on the 26th day of April last, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Amendment of Law.

1. 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.


2. That an agreement making such alterations in the agreement made the fourteenth day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-six, between the British Government and the Government of the Irish Free State in respect of double income tax as may be necessary in consequence of the alterations in the British Income Tax Acts effected by the British Finance Act, 1927, and of the alterations contemplated in the Irish Free State Income Tax Acts be confirmed.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were 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 on the 1st day of this instant May, and agreed to by the House on that day and on the 2nd day of this instant May: And that the Chairman of Ways and Means, Mr. Michael Samuel, do prepare and bring it in.


Captain Wallace reported from the Committee on Consolidated Fund [National Debt] a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That for the purposes 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—

(a) in substitution for the existing provisions with respect to the New Sinking Fund and the other annual sums for the National Debt now charged on the Consolidated Fund—

(i) to authorise the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of the following sums that is to say:

In the financial year ending on the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-nine, the sum of three hundred and fifty-five million pounds:

(b) to authorise the Treasury to borrow, in such manner as they think fit, on the security of the Consolidated Fund any sums required for meeting the interest from time to time becoming payable in respect of national savings certificates.

The said Resolution being read a second time:

An Amendment was proposed to be made thereto by leaving out ll. 12 to 14, inclusive. (Mr. Snowden.)

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

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the "Sir George Hennessy, Yeas, (Viscount Curzon: } 335.

Tellers for the "Mr. Barnes, Noes, (Mr. Benjamin Smith: } 102.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Resolution was agreed to.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Gentlemen appointed to prepare and bring in the Finance Bill that they do make provision therein pursuant to this Resolution.

Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel presented a Bill Finance Bill to grant certain duties of Customs and Inland Revenue (including Excise), to alter other duties, and to amend the Law relating to Customs and Inland Revenue (including Excise), and the National Debt, and to make further provision in connection with Finance: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the 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 House, according to Order, proceeded Rating and Valuation made by the Lords to the Rating and Valuation Bill.
And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till nine minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE Falmouth Water Bill was read a third time and passed.

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

The Ystradfellte Water Bill was read a 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 Caerphilly Urban District Council Bill, 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 Bermondsey Borough Council (St. Olave's Garden) Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time, upon Tuesday next, at half an hour after Seven of the clock.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time and passed.

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

The London, Midland, and Scottish Railway London, Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read the third time and passed.

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded Ministry to take into consideration the Ministry of Health Provisional Health Provisional Order (Worthing Extension) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

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

Colonel Gretton reported from the Committee Selection of Selection: That they had discharged the (Standing Standing following Member from Standing Committee A. Standing Committees.) Committee A. (submitted in respect of the Racecourse Betting Committee A. Bill) Mr. Ammon and had appointed in substitution Mr. Rhys Davies.

Ordered, That the Report to lie upon the Table.
The House proceeded to take into considera-

tion the Scottish Insurance Companies (Super-
ammation Fund) Bill, as amended in the Com-
mittee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third
time.

The Lancashire Quarter Sessions Bill [Lords]
was read a second time, and committed.

The Port of London Bill [Lords] was read a
second time, and committed.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Order
(Worthing Extension) Bill was, according to
Order, read the third time and passed.

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

Secretary Sir Austen Chamberlain presented, Egypt
by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Papers (No. 2, 1928.)
respecting the proposed Egyptian Law regu-
larizing Public Meetings and Demonstrations.

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

Secretary Sir William Joynson-Hicks pre-

sented, pursuant to the directions of an Act
of Parliament,—Copy of Order made by the
Council of the undermentioned Local Authority,
under the Shops Act, 1912, and confirmed by
the Secretary of State for the Home Depart-
ment:—

Borough of Aylesbury.

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

Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland presented, pursuant Unemploy-
to the directions of an Act, 1920.

Insurance Copy of Regulations, dated 5th May 1928, Insu-
ance Act, 1920.

entitled the Unemployment Insurance (Insu-
ance Year) Regulations, 1928.

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

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister presented, by His Industry
Major's Command,—Copy of Survey of Metal and Trade,
Industries : Iron and Steel, Engineering, Elec-
trical Manufacturing, and Shipbuilding, with
a chapter on the Coal Industry, being Part IV.
of a Survey of Industries by the Committee on
Industry and Trade.

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister also presented, Gas
pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parlia-
ment,—Copy of Draft of a Special Order, Act, 1920.
proposed to be made under the Gas Regulation
Act, 1920, on the application of the Dursley
Gas Light and Coke Company, Limited.

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

The Order for reading a second time to-
morrow the Dog Racing Bill was read, and
discharged.

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

Sir Robert Hamilton, supported by Brigadier-
General Charteris, Colonel Thom, and Major
General Sir Robert Hutchison, presented a Bill to
provide for the better protection of fresh-
water fish in Scotland, and for other purposes
relating thereto: And the same was ordered.

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Protection of Animals Bill. (Bill 123.)

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Representation of the People (Equal Franchise) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 4, l. 26, by inserting, after the word "residence," the words "or a business premises."—(Mr. Snowden.)

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

The Yeas divided.

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

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Barnes; Mr. Wilfrid Paling: 78.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Frederick Thomson; The Marquess of Titchfield: 216.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 4, l. 33, by inserting at the end thereof the words "and as if for the word "fivepence" there were substituted the words "four and a-half pence.""—(Mr. Thomas Kennedy.)

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. Barnes; Mr. Whiteley: 100.

Tellers for the Noes, Captain Bowyer; Sir Victor Warrender: 214.

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.

Rabbits Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 21st day of February last, That the Rabbits 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.

7th May. 1928.

Secretary Sir John Gilmour, by His Majesty’s Naval Prize Command, acquainted the House that His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Naval Prize [Transfer of 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.)

Motion made, and Question proposed, That it is expedient to make provision for the winding-up of the Naval Prize Fund and the dissolution of the Tribunal established under the Naval Prize Act, 1918, and that for that purpose there should be transferred from the Naval Prize Fund to the Exchequer——

(a) the right to receive any sums which otherwise would be payable into the Naval Prize Fund under Part I. of the Schedule to the said Act;

(b) the liability for all such costs, charges, expenses and claims as are mentioned in Part II. of the said Schedule, and as would otherwise be chargeable on the Naval Prize Fund;

and that the sums required for the payment of the costs, charges, expenses, and claims, liability for which is so transferred, should be charged on and be payable out of the Consolidated Fund or the growing produce thereof, and that in consideration for such transfer there should be paid out of the Naval Prize Fund to the Exchequer the sum of one hundred and twenty-six thousand five hundred pounds.——(Colonel Headlam.)

Amendment proposed, at the end, to add the words "to be held in trust on Admiralty account."——(Lieutenant-Commander Kennedy.)

Question proposed, That those words be there added:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Neil Maclean.)—put, and negatived.

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

Main Question again proposed:

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

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Superannuation (Diplomatic Service) Bill;

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

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

Finance Bill.

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

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.

Bankers (Northern Ireland) Bill.

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

Currency and Bank Notes Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Currency and Bank Notes 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 taking into consideration the Re-organisation of Offices (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

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.

False Oaths (Scotland) Bill (Lords).

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the False Oaths (Scotland) Bill (Lords);
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Gas Regulation Act, 1920.

Resolved, That the draft of a Special Order proposed to be made by the Board of Trade under Section 10 of the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of the Hemel Hempstead District Gas Company, which was presented on the 27th March and published, be approved. 
(Mr. Herbert Williams.)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.

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

[No. 59.]

Tuesday, 8th May 1928.

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

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report Private Bills [Lords] (Standing Orders not previously inquired into which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz. :—
South Essex Waterworks Bill [Lords].
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Caerphilly Urban District Council Bill Caerphilly Urban District Council Bill was read the third time and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Rickmansworth and Uxbridge Valley Water Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Zoological Society of London Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The London County Council (Money) Bill London County Council (Money) Bill was read a second time, and committed.

The Resolution of the House of the 25th day of April last relative to the South Suburban Gas (Consolidation) Bill, which VO. 183. 147
was ordered to be communicated to the Lords, and the Message from the Lords of the 2nd day of this instant May, signifying their concurrence in the said Resolution, were read:

Ordered, That the Order made upon the 23rd day of February last relating to the committal of the South Suburban Gas (Consolidation) Bill be read and discharged, and that the Bill be committed to the Joint Committee appointed for the consideration of the Dover Gas Bill (Lords).

Ordered, That all Petitions in favour of or against the Bill, presented three clear days before the meeting of the Committee, be referred to the Committee.

Ordered, That the Petitioners praying to be heard against the Bill, by themselves, their Counsel, Agents, or witnesses be heard, and Counsel be heard in support of the Bill.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Secretary Sir John Gilmour presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Sixteenth Report of the Scottish Land Court for the year 1927.

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 under the Electricity (Supply) Acts in respect of part of the Urban District of Walsoken, in the County of Norfolk.

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 Handkerchiefs and Household Linen Goods.

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

Secretary Sir A. Austin Chamberlain presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Agreement between His Majesty's Government in Great Britain and the Icelandic Government for the exemption of Shipping Profits from Double Taxation. London, 27th April 1928.

Copy of Agreement concerning the manufacture of, the Internal Trade in, and the Use of Prepared Opium, with Protocol and Final Act. Signed at Geneva, 11th February 1925. (British Ratification deposited 17th February 1926.)

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

Mr. James Brown reported from the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills, to whom the Betting (Juvenile Messengers) (Scotland) 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, not amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Tuesday next.

Mr. James Brown reported from the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills, to whom the Education (Scotland) 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 Tuesday next.

Mr. Leader, supported by Colonel Hensage, Advertisement, Vernon Davies, and Mr. Thomas Williams, presented a Bill to amend the Law with respect to the regulation of advertisements : And the Bill, same was ordered to be read a second time Bill 124, upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Reconstituted Cream Bill to control the production, distribution, and sale of reconstituted and synthetic cream:

And that Mr. Everard, Colonel Acland-Troyte, Brigadier-General Clifton Brown, Dr. Vernon Davies, Captain Robert Henderson, Mr. Lamb, Mr. Riley, Mr. Smith-Carvington, and Mr. Alfred Williams, do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Everard accordingly presented a Bill to Reconstituted Cream, and Synthetic Cream Bill.

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

(In the Committee.)

Civil Service Estimates, 1928.

Class IV.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £3,353,616 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 1929 for Public Education in Scotland, and for the Royal Scottish Museum, Edinburgh, including a Grant in Aid.

Mr. James Brown moved, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again; but the Chairman, being of opinion that the Motion was an abuse of the Rules of the House, put the Question thereupon forthwith.

Question agreed to.

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 Naval Prize [Transfer of Fund]:
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 Superannuation (Diplomatic Service) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Straits Settlements and Johore Territorial Waters (Agreement) 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 Agricultural Credits 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 Finance 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 Bankers (Northern Ireland) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Currency and Bank Notes Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Re-organisation of Offices (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 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 False Oaths (Scotland) Bill [Lords]:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

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

The House divided.

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

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STANDING COMMITTEES.

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

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[No. 60.]

Wednesday, 9th May 1928.

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

P R A Y E R S.

THE Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bermondsey Borough Council (St. Olave's Garden) Bill [Lords]:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Colonel Gretton reported from the Committee Selection of Selection; That they had added the following Twenty Members to Standing Committee C (in respect of the Agricultural Produce (Grading and Marking) Bill [Lords]):—Mr. Albert Alexander, Mr. Barnes, Captain Briscoe, Sir George Courthope, Brigadier-General Sir Henry Page Croft, Major George Davies, Sir Thomas Davies, Mr. Guinness, Captain Gunston, Captain D'Arcy Hall, Mr. Harris, Mr. Hollins, Colonel Jones, Mr. Lamb, Mr. Lawson, Sir Robert Lynn, Brigadier-General Makins, Mr. Robert Morrison, Major Price, and Mr. Steelton.

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 the Lords, by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Newquay Newquay Water Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Water Bill, Lords desire the concurrence of this House.
South Metropolitan Gas Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the South Metropolitan Gas Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Hastings Corporation Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Hastings Corporation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Leeds and Liverpool Canal Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Leeds and Liverpool Canal Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Dartmouth Corporation Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Dartmouth Corporation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Administration of Justice Bill (Lords.)

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to amend the provisions of the Supreme Court of Judicature (Consolidation) Act, 1925, relating to probate registrars and registries, and certain other matters, and to amend the law with respect to the constitution of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, and otherwise with respect to the administration of justice and matters connected therewith; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Stretford and District Electricity Board Bill (Lords.)

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to constitute and incorporate a Joint Board consisting of representatives of the Urban District Councils of Stretford and Urmston and the Rural District Council of Barton-upon-Irwell, and to vest in such Board the electricity undertaking of the Stretford Urban District Council and the undertaking of the Barton and Urmston Electricity Board, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Sandown Urban District Council Bill (Lords.)

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to provide for the transfer of the undertaking of the Isle of Wight Waterworks Company to the Urban District Council of Sandown; to authorise that Council to supply water and in the neighbourhood of their district; to provide for the transfer of parts of the said undertaking when acquired by the said Council to the Shanklin Urban District Council and the Isle of Wight Rural District Council, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Weald Electricity Supply Bill (Lords.)

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to authorise the Weald Electricity Supply Company, Limited, to purchase, and the Crowborough District Gas and Electricity Company to sell, the electricity part of the undertaking of that Company; to extend the area of supply of the Weald Electricity Supply Company, Limited, and to confer further powers on that Company with regard to the supply of electricity; to empower the Crowborough District Gas and Electricity Company to raise further capital, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Wey Valley Water Bill (Lords.)

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to empower the Wey Valley Water Company to construct further works; to extend their limits for the supply of water; to empower them to raise further capital; to confer additional powers upon the Company, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Tramways Company Bill to authorise the Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Tramways Company to run trolley vehicles in substitution for their tramway (Trolley services) and to provide and use omnibuses; to change the name of the Company, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An York Town and Blackwater Gas Company Bill to authorise the York Town and Blackwater Gas Company to consolidate and convert the existing capital of the company and to raise additional capital; to change the name of the Company, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Greenock Tramways Company Bill to authorise the Corporation of Greenock and Port Glasgow Tramway Company to authorise the company to run omnibuses in substitution for tramcars on the routes of the said tramways and otherwise to enlarge their powers of running omnibuses; to change the name of the company; to reduce the existing capital of the company and to 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 Sheffield Tramways Company Bill to authorise the Corporation of Sheffield; to authorise the Corporation of that City to construct street improvements and additional tramways; to confer further powers upon them with respect to their tramways, waterworks, electricity, and markets undertakings; to make better provision for the health, local government, and finance of the City, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Greenock and Port Glasgow Tramways Company Bill to authorise the company to run omnibuses in substitution for tramcars on the routes of the said tramways and otherwise to enlarge their powers of running omnibuses; to change the name of the company; to reduce the existing capital of the company and to authorise them to raise additional capital, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Stretford and District Electricity Board Stretford and District Electricity Board Bill (Lords.) was read the first time. Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Sandown Urban District Council Bill (Lords.) was read the first time. Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Weald Electricity Supply Bill (Lords.) was read the first time. Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Wey Valley Water Bill (Lords.) was read the first time.
Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Tramways (Trolley Vehicles, &c.) Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

The York Town and Blackwater Gas and Electricity Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

The Bethlem Hospital Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

The Sheffield Corporation Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

The Greenock and Port Glasgow Tramways 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 West Harlespool (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Confirmation Bill, That they had considered the Order therein contained; that the said Order ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

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

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the West Harlespool (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Confirmation 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 Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Order, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Peterborough Extension) Bill; That they had considered the Order therein contained; that the said Order ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

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

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Ministry of Health Provisional Orders (No. 4) 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.

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

A Motion was made, and the Question was put, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House)—(The Prime Minister); and the House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas—Sir George Hennessy, 227; Major Cave.

Tellers for the Noes—Mr. Charles Edwards, 125; Mr. Hayes.

So it was resolved in the A affirmative.

A Motion was made, and the Question was put, That the Motion in respect to the presentation to benefices being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to extend the rights of parishioners' Rights (Lieutenant-Commander Aboyne.)

And the Motion being opposed, after a Mr. Speaker 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 proceeded to a Division.

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Lieutenant-Commander Astbury and Lieutenant-Commander Kenworthy were nominated Tellers for the Ayes, but there being no Members willing to act as Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Speaker declared that the Ayes had it.

Ordered, That Lieutenant-Commander Astbury, Sir Herbert Cundiff, Sir Martin Conway, Sir Malcolm Macnaghten, Mr. Gerald Hurst, Dr. Watts, Mr. Crawfurd, Lieutenant-Commander Kenworthy, Dr. Vernon Davies, and Captain Streatfeild do prepare and bring in the Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Agricultural Credits 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 sympathetic to all sound schemes for the encouragement of British agriculture, cannot assent to the Second Reading of a Bill which, in its financial provisions, involves further subsidy from the taxpayers without ascertaining, in terms of ordinary income tax return, the precise economic position of agriculturalists, establishes unnecessary machinery for dealing with the problem of credit, enforces conditions which many of the most necessitous applicants would not be able to fulfill, and otherwise is quite inadequate for the objects which are in view"—(Mr. Albert Alexander), instead thereof.

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

The House divided.

And the same was read the first time;

The Yeas to the Right;

Tellers for the yeas, Captain Margesson, Mr. Whiteley : 223.

The Marquess of Titchfield ; 106.

The Noes to the Left;

Tellers for the noes, Mr. Charles Edwards, Mr. Whiteley ;

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

Mr. Guinness, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Agricultural Credits (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. 116, resolved itself into Committee.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That for the purpose of any Act of the present Session to secure, by means of the formation of a company and the assistance thereof out of public funds, the making of loans for agricultural purposes on favourable terms, and to facilitate the borrowing of money on the security of farming stock and other agricultural assets, and for purposes connected therewith, it is expedient—

(a) to authorise the payment out of the Consolidated Fund, or the growing produce thereof, of such sums not exceeding eight hundred and twelve thousand five hundred pounds as may be required for making advances to the company to be formed under the said Act, and for procuring the under-writing of debentures or debenture stock to be issued by such company as aforesaid for raising sums not exceeding five million pounds;

(b) to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of sums not exceeding ten thousand pounds a year for ten years as contributions towards the cost of administration of the said company;

(c) to authorise the payment into the Exchequer of sums paid by the said company by way of repayment of or interest on such advances as aforesaid.—(Mr. Guinness.)

Amendment proposed, in l. 10, after the word "company," to insert the words "of which one third of the directors shall be appointed by the Treasury."—(Mr. Crawfurd.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.

Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, at the end, to add the words "of which one shall be a member of the Farmers' Union."—(Mr. Albery.)

Question proposed, That those words be there added to the proposed Amendment.

Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment to the proposed Amendment, at the end, to add the words "and one a representative of the agricultural workers."—(Mr. Neil Maclean.)

Question, That those words be there added to the proposed Amendment.

Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, at the end, to add the words "of which one shall be a member of the Farmers' Union" be added at the end of the proposed Amendment.—Amendment to the proposed Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Question put, That the words "of which one-third of the directors shall be appointed by the Treasury" be inserted, in l. 10, after the word "company."

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the yeas, Mr. Charles Edwards, Mr. Whiteley ;

Mr. Guinness, 99.

Tellers for the noes, Viscount Curzon, Mr. Whiteley ;

The Marquess of Titchfield ;

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Another Amendment proposed, in l. 15, at the end, to insert the words "subject to the presentation to Parliament of an annual balance sheet of the Corporation."—(Mr. Shinwell.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the 
Mr. Charles Edwards, Yeas, 
Mr. Wilfred Paling: 
93.

Tellers for the 
'Captain Wallace, Noes, 
The Marquess of Titchfield: 
199.

Main Question put.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the 
'Mr. Captain Margssean, Noes, 
Captain Bowyer : 
239.

Tellers for the 
Mr. Manton, Noes, 
Mr. Thurtle: 
11.

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 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.

Naval Prize [Transfer of Fund.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Naval Prize [Transfer of Fund];

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

Supperannuation (Diplomatic Service) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Supperannuation (Diplomatic Service) Bill;

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

Straits Settlements and Johore Territorial Waters (Agreement) Bill [Lords];

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

Finance Bill.

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

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

Bankers (Northern Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bankers (Northern Ireland) Bill;

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

Currency and Bank Notes Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Currency and Bank Notes Bill; Vol. 183.

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Re-organisation of Offices (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 Police (Scotland) Bill [Lords];

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

The Order of the day being read, for the False Oaths (Scotland) Bill [Lords];

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

Resolved, That the draft of a Special Order Gas proposed to be made by the Board of Trade Regulation and under Section 10 of the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of the Cockermorn Urban District Council, which was presented on the 2nd April and published, be approved.—(Mr. Herbert Williams.)

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 Birmingham Corporation, which was presented on the 19th April and published, be approved.—(Mr. Herbert Williams.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Extension of Hours Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Employment of Disabled Ex-service Men Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Industrial Provident Societies (Employees) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Bridges Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Fresh-water Fish (Scotland) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Protection of Animals Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 3rd day of July next.
The Order of the day being read, for the Leasehold Enfranchisement Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Housing Act (1925) Amendment Bill;  
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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Shops (Sunday Trading Restriction) (No. 2) Bill;  
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Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Richmond Parish Charity Lands Bill;  
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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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 Safeguarding of Industries (Amendment) Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Motor Vehicles Insurance Bill;  
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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Housing Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Rag Flock Act (1911) Amendment Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

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

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

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Exportation of Horses Bill.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Hours of Employment Bill.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Agencies and Registries Bill.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Seditious and Blasphemous Teaching to Children Bill.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Blind Persons Bill.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Public Meeting Act (1908) Amendment Bill.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Small Landholders’ Acts (Scotland) Acts (1886 to 1919) Amendment Bill.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Illegal Trawling (Scotland) Penalties Bill.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Slaughter of Animals Bill.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the 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 Licensing (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 Home-Grown Wheat Milling 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 Monmouthshire (Licensing 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 Factories 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 Government of 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 Children and Young Persons (Employment and Protection) 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 Prevention of Unemployment 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 Widows', Orphans', and Old Age Contributory Pensions Act (1925) Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

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

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

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

[No. 61.]

Thursday, 10th May 1928.

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

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Private Bills (Lords) for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords, and previously referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:

Mid Kent Water Bill [Lords].
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Provisional Order Bills (Standing Orders not previously inquired into which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.):

Ministry of Health Provisional Orders (No. 6) Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Bournemouth–Swanage Motor Road and Ferry 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 Scottish Insurance Companies (Supernumery Fund) 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 Order (Peterborough Extension) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time and passed.

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

The Ministry of Health Provisional Orders (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 West Hartlepool Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read the third time and passed.

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Land Drainage Provisional Order Bill, 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 (Torquay Extension) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

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

Colonel Ashley presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order made by the Minister of Transport under the Chesterfield Corporation Act, 1923, relating to Chesterfield 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.

Colonel Ashley presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Special Order made under the Electricity (Supply) Acts in respect of the Urban Districts of Long Sutton and Sutton Bridge, the Rural District of East Elloe, and part of the Rural District of Boston, in the parts of Holland, in the County of Lincoln.

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

Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report from the Sub-Committee of the Committee of Civil Research on the British Pharmacopoeia.

Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Treasury Warrant, dated 7th May 1928, under Section 1 of the Superannuation Act, 1887, and Section 5 of the Superannuation Act, 1909.

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

Sir Robert Sanders reported from Standing Committee C, to whom the National Health Insurance 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, the 21st day of this instant May; and be printed.

Major-General Sir Newton Moore reported Standing Committee's Report on the Ministry of Health Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

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

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

The Lords have agreed to the Ministry of Health Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Ministry of Health Provisional Order (No. 2) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Ealing Extension) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Luton Extension) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Bournemouth—Swanage Motor Road and Ferry Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Order for reading a second time, Courts of to-morrow, the Courts of Domestic Relations Bill, was read, and discharged.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Chairmen's Panel; That they had appointed Panel.

Major Sir Richard Barnett to act as Chairman of Standing Committee C (in respect of the Agricultural Produce (Grading and Marking) Bill [Lords]).

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 the Joint Committee of Lords and Commons on the Dover Gas Bill [Lords]:—Captain Cunningham.
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates, 1928.

Class II.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £116,700 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 1929 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of His Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs:

Whereupon the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod being come with a Message, the Chairman left the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

Mr. Speaker,

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

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

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

1. Rating and Valuation Act, 1928.
3. Provisional Orders (Marriages) Confirmation Act, 1928.
4. Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Act, 1928.
5. Ministry of Health Provisional Order Confirmation (No. 2) Act, 1928.
7. Ministry of Health Provisional Order Confirmation (Luton Extension) Act, 1928.

Then the House again resolved itself into the Supply Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Question again proposed, That a sum not exceeding £116,700 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 1929 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of His Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs:

And it being half-past Seven 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.

Ordered, That so much of the Lords' Message Private Bills of the 27th day of March last as relates to the Resolutions, That it is expedient that in the present Session all Private Bills for the exclusive purpose of consolidating the provisions of existing Private Acts of Parliament be referred to a Joint Committee of both Houses of Parliament: That the Joint Committee shall not take into consideration any Petition against any such Bill which seeks to alter the existing law, be now taken into consideration.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

The House accordingly proceeded to take so much of the said Message into consideration.

Resolved, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Resolution.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to acquaint them therewith: And that the Clerk do carry the said Message.

Postponed Proceeding on Question, That a Supply sum not exceeding £116,700 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 1929 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of His Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, resumed:

Question again proposed:

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.
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.

Agricultural Credits (Money).

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee on Agricultural Credits (Money);
Ordered, that the Report be received upon Monday next.

Naval Prize (Transfer of Fund).

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Naval Prize (Transfer of Fund);
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Superannuation (Diplomatic Service) Bill.

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

Straits Settlements and Johore Territorial Waters (Agreement) Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Straits Settlements and Johore Territorial Waters (Agreement) Bill [Lords.];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Finance Bill.

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

Bankers (Northern Ireland) Bill.

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

Currency and Bank Notes Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Currency and Bank Notes Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Re-organisation of Offices (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Re-organisation of Offices (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday 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 Monday next.

False Oaths (Scotland) Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the False Oaths (Scotland) Bill [Lords.];
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-eight minutes before Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

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

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[No. 62.]

Friday, 11th May 1928.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

The Clerk at the Table informed the House Mr. Speaker’s of the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker Absence, from this day’s Sitting:—Whereupon Mr. Hope, the Chairman of Ways and Means, proceeded to the Table, and, after Prayers, took the Chair Prayers, as Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Standing Order.

The Regent’s Canal and Dock Company (Warwick Canals Purchase) Bill, was read the third time and passed.

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

The Rickmansworth and Uxbridge Valley 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 Zoological Society of London 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 Colne Valley Water Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the South West Suburban Water Bill, as amended in the Committee, and an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Order of the day being read, for the Bermondsey Borough Council (St. Olave’s Garden) Bill [Lords.];
Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time upon Monday next, at half an hour after Seven of the clock.
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The Land Drainage Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read the third time and passed.

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

The Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Torquay Extension) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time and passed.

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

The Ministry of Health Provisional Orders (No. 6) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed.

Lord Eustace Percy presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Memorandum on the Board of Education Estimates, 1928.

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

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, that He will be graciously pleased to give directions that there be laid before this House a Return showing (1) Particulars of all Aliens to whom Certificates of Naturalisation have been issued and whose Oaths of Allegiance have, during the year ended the 31st day of December 1927, been registered at the Home Office; (2) Information as to any Aliens who have during the same period obtained Acts of Naturalisation from the Legislature; and (3) Particulars of cases in which Certificates of Naturalisation have been revoked within the same period (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper No. 66, of Session 1927).—(Sir Vivian Henderson.)

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Committee of Selection; that they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee C:—Mr. Barker; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Lee.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from the Committee: That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee C (added in respect of the Agricultural Produce (Grading and Marking) Bill (Lords)):—Mr. Albert Alexander; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Johnston.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

Sir Walter Baine reported from the Local Legislation Committee (Section B); that, in the case of the Stoke-on-Trent 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 Citizens of the City of Stoke-on-Trent with respect to lands and their electricity undertaking; with respect to the establishment of an Insurance Fund; to make better provision for the control of traffic within, and the health local government and improvement of, the City, and for other purposes.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Dog Racing Second Reading of the Dog Racing Bill; and a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

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

—(Sir Frank Meyer.)

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 George Hamilton, Yeas, Mr. Compton: 222.


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 Select Committee—(Viscount Sandon);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Viscount Sandon, Yeas, Major Carver: 36.

Tellers for the Sir George Hamilton, Noes, Mr. Compton: 185.

So it passed in the Negative.

The Bill was committed to a Standing Committee.

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

Resolved, That this House will, 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.

The Order of the day being read, for the Fresh Water Second Reading of the Fresh Water Fish (Scotland) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Richmond Committee on the Richmond Parish Charity Lands Bill;

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

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 upon Monday the 21st day of this instant May.
Whereupon Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House, without Question put, pursuant to Standing Order No. 3, it being then sixteen minutes after Four of the clock, till Monday next.

**[No. 63.]**

**Monday, 14th May 1928.**

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

**PRAYERS.**

**Dartmouth Corporation Bill.**

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Dartmouth 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.

**Hastings Corporation Bill.**

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Hastings 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.

**Leeds and Liverpool Canal Bill.**

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Leeds and Liverpool Canal Bill: And the same were twice read, and agreed to.

**Ordered,** That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

**Newquay Water Bill.**

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Newquay Water 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.

**South Metropolitan Gas Bill.**

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the South Metropolitan Gas 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.

**South Essex Waterworks Bill (Lords).**

**Ordered,** That the South Essex Waterworks Bill (Lords) be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

**St. Helens County Borough Police Force.**

Secretary Sir William Joynson-Hicks presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Reports to the Secretary of State for the Home Department on the St. Helens County Borough Police Force.

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

**Mr. Attorney General presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Report of the Committee on Arrestment.**

**Copy of Report of the Committee on Trustee Securities.**

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

Secretary Sir Austen Chamberlain presented, Treaty Series (No.14, 1928) by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Notes exchanged between His Majesty’s Government in Great Britain and the Austrian Government respecting the reciprocal protection of Trade Marks in Austria and Palestine, London, 2nd December 1927 to 13th April 1928.


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

**Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Selection Committee on Arrestment.**

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

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Chairmen’s Panel; That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee C (added in respect of the Agricultural Produce (Grading and Marking) Bill) as Panel.

Mr. Robert Sanders to act as Chairman of Standing Committee C (in respect of the Rabbits Bill).

**Ordered,** That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Chairmen’s Panel; That they had appointed Mr. Dean and Mr. Hugh Morrison.

**Ordered,** That the Report do lie upon the Table.

**The Administration of Justice Bill (Lords) Administration was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday next; (Lords.)**

Bill 129.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on the Currency and Bank Notes Bill and on the Bankers (Northern Ireland) Bill be exempted, at this day’s Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Orders (Sittings of the House).—(The Prime Minister);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Nays to the Left.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Currency and Bank Notes Bill:

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

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, and adding the words "this House cannot assent to the Second Reading of a Bill amending the Law relating to currency and bank notes and transferring to the Bank of England the issue of currency notes in the absence of any policy for putting into operation the resolutions of the International Conference held at Genoa in 1922, and until an investigation has been made into the constitution, powers, and policy of the Bank of England in the light of modern developments in finance and industry"—(Mr. Snowden), instead thereof.

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

And it being half an hour after Seven 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.

Bermudez Borough Council (St. Olave's Garden) Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bermudez Borough Council (St. Olave's Garden) Bill [Lords.];

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

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

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

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, 

[Mr. Frederick Thomson:] 294.

Tellers for the Noes, 

[Mr. Whiteley:] 94.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Tellers for the 

[Major Cope, Captain Wallace:] 229.

Tellers for the 

[Mr. Whiteley, Mr. Wilfrid Paling:] 101.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for to-morrow.—(Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel.)

The Bankers (Northern Ireland) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for to-morrow.—(Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel.)

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee on Agricultural Credits [Money];

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Naval Prize Committee on Naval Prize [Transfer of Fund];

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Superannuation-Second Reading of the Superannuation (Diplomatic Service) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Straits Settlements and Johore Territorial Waters (Agreement) Bill [Lords];

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

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking Re-organisation of Offices (Scotland) 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 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 False Oaths Second Reading of the False Oaths (Scotland) 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, 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.

Advertisements Regulation (Amendment) Bill:

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

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

Extension of Polling Hours Bill:

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Extension of Polling Hours Bill;

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

Capital Punishment Bill:

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

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

Shops (Sunday Trading Restriction) (No. 2) Bill:

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Shops (Sunday Trading Restriction) (No. 2) Bill;

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

Firearms Bill:

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

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

Safeguarding of Industries (Amendment) Bill:

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Safeguarding of Industries (Amendment) Bill;

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

Motor Vehicles Insurance Bill:

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

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

Rag Flock Act (1911) Amendment Bill:

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Rag Flock Act (1911) Amendment Bill;

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

Offices Regulation Bill:

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.

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 Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Exportation of Horses Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Hours of Industrial Employment Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Agencies and Registries Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Small Landholders (Scotland) Acts (1886 to 1919) Amendment Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Auctioneers Bill;

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

The Representation of the People (University of Reading) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Dogs Act Committee on the Dogs Act (Amendment) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Richmond Parish Charity Lands Bill;

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

And it being after half-past Eleven of the clock, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then twelve minutes before Twelve of the clock, till to-morrow.
The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

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.:—

Wey Valley Water Bill [Lords].
Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Tramways (Trolley Vehicles, &c.) Bill [Lords].
Sheffield Corporation Bill [Lords].
Stretford and District Electricity Board Bill [Lords].
York Town and Blackwater Gas and Electricity Bill [Lords].
Bethlem Hospital Bill [Lords].
Greenock and Port Glasgow Tramways Company Bill [Lords].
Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Windermere Gas and Water Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Mid Kent Water Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

Mr. Guinness presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries Act, 1923, relating to the Rivers Witham, Welland, Trent, and other waters: 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, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Draft of a Special Order proposed to be made under the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of the Ormskirk District Gas Company.

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Courts of Domestic Relations Bill.

The Order for reading a second time, to-morrow, the Courts of Domestic Relations Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 7th day of June next.

Sir Thomas Robinson reported from the Local Legislation Committee (Section A); That in the case of the Wolverhampton Corporation Bill, in pursuance of the Resolution of the House of the 30th day of March last, the Committee had considered the additional provision referred to in the said Resolution and had inserted it in the Bill.

Sir Thomas Robinson further reported from the Committee; That they had examined the allegations of the Bill, and found the same to be true; and that gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

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

Mr. Hannon, supported by Sir Evelyn Cecil, Sir Francis Lowes, Commander Oliver Locker-Lampson, Sir Edward Highe, Mr. Burnham, Mr. Smelridge Cooke, Mr. Jephcott, and Sir Philip Daceon, presented a Bill to amend the Merchandise Marks Acts, 1897 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 Tuesday next; and to be printed.

British Legion Poppies.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to prohibit the importation into Great Britain and Northern Ireland of spurious British Legion Poppies: And that Sir Cooper Rawson, Captain Crookshank, Captain Garro Jones, Mr. Hore-Belisha, Brigadier-General Makins, Lieutenant-Commander Kenworthy, and Major Attlee do prepare and bring it in.

Ordered, That Cooper Rawson accordingly presented a Bill to prohibit the importation into Great Britain and Northern Ireland of spurious British Legion Poppies: And the same was read the first time and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next; and to be printed.

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

(In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates, 1928.

Class V.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £13,774,025 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 1929 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 put, That a sum not exceeding £13,773,925 be granted for the said Service.—(Mr. Groves.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Whiteley,]


Tellers for the [Mr. Frederick Thom-

Noes, son,]

Captain Margesson : ] 209.

Original Question again proposed.

And it being after Eleven of the clock, and objection being taken to further Proceeding, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

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

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

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

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

Secretary Sir John Gilmour reported from Agricultural Committee on Agricultural Credits [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That for the purpose of any Act of the present Session to secure, by means of the formation of a company and the assistance thereof out of public funds, the making of loans for agricultural purposes on favourable terms, and to facilitate the borrowing of money on the security of farming stock and other agricultural assets, and for purposes connected therewith, it is expedient—

(a) to authorise the payment out of the Consolidated Fund, or the growing produce thereof, of such sums not exceeding eight hundred and twelve thousand five hundred pounds as may be required for making advances to the company to be formed under the said Act, and for procuring the underwriting of debentures or debenture stock to be issued by such company as aforesaid for raising sums not exceeding five million pounds;

(b) to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of sums not exceeding ten thousand pounds a year for ten years as contributions towards the cost of administration of the said company;

(c) to authorise the payment into the exchequer of sums paid by the said company by way of repayment of or interest on such advances as aforesaid.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Currency and Committee on the Currency and Bank Notes 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 Housing Act (1925) 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 Third Party Indemnity Insurance Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Housing Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 7th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Seditious and Blasphemous Teaching to Children Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Meeting Act (1908) 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 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 Licensing Second Reading of the Licensable (Amendment) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Home-Grown Wheat Milling 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' Pension Amendment) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.
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The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

A MOTION being made, That the South West Suburban Water Bill be now read a second 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 Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the South Essex Waterworks Bill [Lords];

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

Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel presented, by Staffs His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Statement employed in showing the Civil Staffs of Government Departments on 1st April 1928, compiled from Returns furnished to the Treasury.

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

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported Lancashire Quarter Sessions 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 London the London County Council (Money) Bill, County Council (Money) Bill.

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

Mr. Thomas Williams, supported by Mr. Housing Thomas Kennedy, Mr. Wilfrid Paling, Mr. (Agricultural Workers) Riley, Mr. David Gresfell, Mr. George Hall, and Mr. Mackinder, presented a Bill to amend the Law with respect to the recovery of possession in certain cases of dwelling-houses in the occupation of agricultural workers: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make better provision for regulating the employment of young persons in particular occupations, and for other purposes connected therewith: And that Lord Henry Cavendish-Bentinck, Mr. Ammon, Mr. Briant, Mr. Harris, Sir Robert Newman, Sir Wilfrid Sugden, and Mr. Snell do prepare and bring it in.
LORD HENRY CAVENDISH-BENTINCK accordingly 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 read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

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

(The Committee.)

Civil Estimates, 1928.

Class IV.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £26,215,828 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 1929 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Board of Education, and of the various Establishments connected therewith, including sundry Grants in Aid:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a sum not exceeding £26,215,728 be granted for the said Service.—(Mr. Trevelyan.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the 'Mr. Charles Edwards, Yeas,' 121,

Tellers for the 'Viscount Curzon, Noes,' 228,

The Marquess of Titchfield:

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.

Ways and Means.

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

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

Administration of Justice Bill [Lords].

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Administration of Justice Bill [Lords];

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

Currency and Bank Notes Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Currency and Bank Notes Bill;

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

Bankers (Northern Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Bankers (Northern Ireland) Bill;

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

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Thursday, 17th May 1928.

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

M. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Orders are applicable, viz.:

Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Richmond) (Surrey) Bill.

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

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 Gott Bay and Truro: 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.

Lord Eustace Percy presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Order in Council, dated 7th May 1928, entitling the Berne Copyright Convention (Finland) Order, 1928.

Copy of Order in Council, dated 7th May 1928, relating to the dockyard Port of Portsmouth.

Copy of Order in Council, dated 7th May 1928, entitling the Relief from Double Income Tax on Shipping Profits (Germany) Declaration, 1928.

Copy of Order in Council, dated 7th May 1928, entitling the Persia Order in Council, 1928.

Copy of Order in Council, dated 7th May 1928, approving an Admiralty Memorial under the Greenwich Hospital Acts.

Copy of two Orders in Council, dated 7th May 1928, relating to the Dockyard Port of Portsmouth.

Copy of Order in Council, dated 14th May 1928, entitled the Berne Copyright Convention (France) Order, 1928.

Copy of Order in Council, dated 7th May 1928, entitling the Persia Order in Council, 1928.

Copy of Order in Council, dated 7th May 1928, approving an Admiralty Memorial under the Greenwich Hospital Acts.

Copy of two Orders in Council, dated 7th May 1928, approving Admiralty Memorials under the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865.

Lord Eustace Percy also presented, pursuant to the provisions of the Diocese of Southwark (Division) Measure, 1923,—Copy of Order in Council, dated 7th May 1928, approving a Scheme with respect to the Constitution of the Bishopric of Derby.

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

Secretary Sir William Joynson-Hicks presented,—Return to an Address to His Majesty, dated the 11th day of this instant May, for a Return relative to Aliens (Naturalisation).

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

Mr. Chamberlain presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Provisional Regulations, dated 25th April 1928, entitled the Contributory Pensions (Claims and Payment) Amendment Regulations, 1928.

Copy of Regulations, dated 14th May 1928, entitled the National Health Insurance (Reserve and Transfer Values) Regulations, 1928.

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

Major-General Sir Newton Moore reported Standing from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That in the case of the Morecambe Corporation [Lords], Petition for Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.

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

Mr. Johnston, Member for Dundee, rose in his place and asked leave to move the Adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., the circumstances in which the Metropolitan police conveyed a young woman, Miss Savidge, to Scotland Yard and, without giving her the opportunity to communicate with her friends or legal adviser, subjected her to close and persistent examination regarding a case already tried and dealt with in court; and the pleasure of the House having been signified, the Motion stood over, under Standing Order No. 16, until half an hour after Seven of the clock this evening.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on the Currency and the House Bank Notes Bill and the Bankers (Northern Ireland) 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.

Tellers for the Yeas, 242.

Tellers for the Noes, 127.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on the Currency and the House Bank Notes Bill and the Bankers (Northern Ireland) Bill be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sitting of the House)—(The Prime Minister);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, 244.

Tellers for the Noes, 133.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, resolved for itself into a Committee on the Currency and Bank Notes Bill.
Bank Notes
Currency and Yard.)
Scotland of a person at (Examination Standing (under Adjournment Order No. 10) Johnston) :It passed in the Negative.

powers of Bank of England to issue bank notes).
part of the Clause.
insert the word to leave out the word " sixty," in order to insert the word " may. " (Mr. Lees Smith.)
out the word " shall," in order to insert the word " shall."
Note issue).
the end, to add the words,
Bank Notes Bill resumed.
A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Johnston) —It passed in the Negative.
Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:
" (3) Any minute of the Treasury directing a reduction of the amount of the fiduciary note issue shall be laid forthwith before both Houses of Parliament."—(Mr. Pethick-Lawrence.)
Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.
The Committee divided.
Postponed Proceeding on the Currency and Bank Notes Bill resumed.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 9, at the end, to add the words,—
" (3) Any minute of the Treasury directing a reduction of the amount of the fiduciary note issue shall be laid forthwith before both Houses of Parliament."—(Mr. Pethick-Lawrence.)
Question, That those words be there added, put, and negatived.
Clause agreed to.
Question proposed, That the Clause stand part of the Bill:
Whereupon Motion made, and Question put,
That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Snowden.)
The Committee divided.
Original Question put, and agreed to.
Friday, 18th May 1928:
Clause No. 10 (Amendment of s. 6 of 7 & 8 Vict. c. 32).
Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 4, to leave out the words " with the concurrence of the Bank."—(Mr. Lees Smith.)
Question put, That those words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause;
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the 
Mr. Frederick Thom-
sen 168.
Yea, 
Sir Victor Warrender ;
Nees, 
Mr. Charles Edwards ;
Mr. Hayes: 72.

Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill;
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the 
Captain Wallace,
Yea, 
Sir Victor Warrender ;
Nees, 
Mr. Hayes ;
Mr. Whiteley:
Clause No. 11 (Power of Bank of England to require persons to make returns of and to sell gold).
Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 12, after the word "person," to insert the words "in the United Kingdom."(Secretary Sir Laming Worthington-Evans.)
Question put, That those words be there inserted;
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the 
Captain Wallace,
Yea, 
Sir Victor Warrender ;
Nees, 
Mr. Hayes ;
Mr. Whiteley:
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 23, to leave out the words "four of the Bank Charter Act, 1844," in order to insert the words "one, subsection (2), of the Gold Standard Act, 1925."(Sir Frank Nelson.)
Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clause No. 12 agreed to.
Clause No. 13 (Short title, interpretation and repeal).
Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill;
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the 
Captain Bowyer,
Yea, 
Sir Victor Warrender ;
Mr. Thomas Henderson;
Mr. Wilfrid Paling :
58.

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, be now taken into consideration:
The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.
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 
Captain Bowyer,
Yea, 
Captain Wallace ;
Mr. Hayes, 
Mr. Wilfrid Paling :
147.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Finance Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Re-organisation into consideration the Re-organisation of Offices (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee,
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Administration of Justice 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 Land Values Rating 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 Advertisements Regulation (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 Capital Punishment 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 Firearms 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 Safeguarding of Industries (Amendment) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Motor Vehicles Insurance 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 Rag Flock Act (1911) Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the 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 Hairdressers' and 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 Second Reading of the Exportation of Horses 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 Agencies and Registries (University of Reading) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the South Essex Waterworks Bill;
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and desire them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The Windermere Gas and 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 the South Essex Waterworks Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next at half an hour after Seven of the clock.
The Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Richmond) (Surrey) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

Secretary Sir Austen Chamberlain presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Correspondence with the United States Ambassador respecting the United States proposal for the Renunciation of War.

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

The Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Richmond) (Surrey) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Currency into consideration the Currency and Bank Notes Bill, as amended in the Committee;

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

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

Sir Francis Watson reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on the Dover Gas Bill [Lords] to which the South Suburban Gas (Consolidation) Bill was committed; That in the case of the South Suburban Gas (Consolidation) Bill, 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 said Papers do lie upon the Table.

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

Sir Francis Watson reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on the Dover Gas Bill [Lords]; That in the case of the Dover Gas Bill [Lords], now pending in the House of Lords, the Committee had agreed to report the same, without Amendment.

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Contract, dated the 2nd and 11th days of April 1928, between the Postmaster-General and David MacBrayne, Limited, for the maintenance of certain cargo and passenger sea services in the Western Highlands and Islands of Scotland, and for the conveyance of mails by certain of the vessels so employed, be referred to a Select Committee for consideration prior to approval.

The Question was amended, in l. 5, by leaving out the word “approved,” and adding the words “referred to a Select Committee for consideration prior to approval;”—(Captain Fanshawe)—instead thereof.

And the Question, so amended, being put;

Ordered, That the Contract, dated the 2nd and 11th days of April 1928, between the Postmaster-General and David MacBrayne, Limited, for the maintenance of certain cargo and passenger sea services in the Western Highlands and Islands of Scotland, and for the conveyance of mails by certain of the vessels so employed, be referred to a Select Committee for consideration prior to approval.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Currency into consideration the Currency and Bank Notes Bill, as amended in the Committee;

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

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

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.

The Order of the day being read for the Administration Second Reading of the Administration of Justice Bill [Lords];

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Fresh-water Second Reading of the Fresh-water Fish (Scotland) Bill;

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

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

[No. 68.]

Monday, 21st May 1928.

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

PRAYERS.

The Lancashire Quarter Sessions Bill [Lords] was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill Bill [Lords.]

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Bethlem Hospital Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

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

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

The Question was amended, in l. 5, by leaving out the word “approved,” and adding the words “referred to a Select Committee for consideration prior to approval;”—(Captain Fanshawe)—instead thereof.

And the Question, so amended, being put;

Ordered, That the Contract, dated the 2nd and 11th days of April 1928, between the Postmaster-General and David MacBrayne, Limited, for the maintenance of certain cargo and passenger sea services in the Western Highlands and Islands of Scotland, and for the conveyance of mails by certain of the vessels so employed, be referred to a Select Committee for consideration prior to approval.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Currency into consideration the Currency and Bank Notes Bill, as amended in the Committee;

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

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

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.

The Order of the day being read for the Administration Second Reading of the Administration of Justice Bill [Lords];

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Fresh-water Second Reading of the Fresh-water Fish (Scotland) Bill;

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

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Bethlem Hospital Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Question was amended, in l. 5, by leaving out the word “approved,” and adding the words “referred to a Select Committee for consideration prior to approval;”—(Captain Fanshawe)—instead thereof.

And the Question, so amended, being put;

Ordered, That the Contract, dated the 2nd and 11th days of April 1928, between the Postmaster-General and David MacBrayne, Limited, for the maintenance of certain cargo and passenger sea services in the Western Highlands and Islands of Scotland, and for the conveyance of mails by certain of the vessels so employed, be referred to a Select Committee for consideration prior to approval.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Currency into consideration the Currency and Bank Notes Bill, as amended in the Committee;

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

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

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.

The Order of the day being read for the Administration Second Reading of the Administration of Justice Bill [Lords];

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Fresh-water Second Reading of the Fresh-water Fish (Scotland) Bill;

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

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Bethlem Hospital Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Question was amended, in l. 5, by leaving out the word “approved,” and adding the words “referred to a Select Committee for consideration prior to approval;”—(Captain Fanshawe)—instead thereof.

And the Question, so amended, being put;
The Greenock and Port Glasgow Tramways Company Bill [Lords.] was read a second time, and committed.

Ordered, That the Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Tramways (Trolley Vehicles, &c.) Bill [Lords.] be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Ordered, That the Sheffield Corporation Bill [Lords.] be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Ordered, That the Stretford and District Electricity Board Bill [Lords.] was read a second time, and committed.

The Wey Valley Water Bill [Lords.] was read a second time, and committed.

The York Town and Blackwater Gas and Electricity Bill [Lords.] was read a second time, and committed.

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister presented, by His Majesty's Command, Copy of Drafts of Special Orders proposed to be made under the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of the—

(1) Weston-super-Mare Gaslight Company;
(2) Southend-on-Sea and District Gas Company.

Accounts of the General Lighthouse Fund for the year ended 31st March 1927.

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

Mr. Attorney General presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Drafts of Special Orders proposed to be made under the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of the—

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Committee on the Bill.

Coal Mines (Protection of Animals) Bill. Bill 137.

Sir Robert Gourier, supported by Colonel Moore, Mr. Watts, Sir George Jones, Mr. Couper, Mr. Ritson, Mr. Batey, Mr. Charlton, Mr. Thurtle, Mr. Bromley, and Dr. Shiels, presented a Bill to amend certain provisions of the Coal Mines Act, 1911, relating to the protection of horses and other animals used in mines: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday the 7th day of June next; and to be printed.


Sir Robert Gourier, supported by Colonel Moore, Mr. James Henry Thomas, Mr. Hall Caine, Major Kenyon-Slaney, Mr. Bromley, Mr. Ernest Evans, Captain Holt, Dr. Watts, Mr. Fergus Graham, Mr. James Hudson, and Mr. Couper, presented a Bill to facilitate the recovery of lost dogs and cats: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday the 7th day of June next; and to be printed.

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The House, according to Order, resolved Supply [10th allotted Day.]

(In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates, 1928.

Class III.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £473,869 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 1929 for the Expenses of the Prisons in England and Wales:—

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

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That a sum not exceeding £473,869 be granted for the said Service—(Mr. Rhys Davies),—put, and negatived.

Original Question again proposed.

And it being after Eleven of the clock, and objection being taken to further Proceeding, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the 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 into consideration the National Health Insurance 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 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 False Oaths (Scotland) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.
Naval Prize (Transfer of Fund.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Naval Prize [Transfer of Fund];
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Supenannuation (Diplomatic Service) Bill.

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

Strait Settlements and Johore Territorial Waters (Agreement) Bill [Lords];

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

Finance Bill.

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

Re-organisation of Offices (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Re-organisation of Offices (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Currency and Bank Notes Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Currency and Bank Notes Bill, as amended in the Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Administration of Justice Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Administration of Justice Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

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 Billesdon, Blaby, and Market Harborough, in the County of Leicesterc, which was presented on the 17th day of April 1928, 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 Portland, in the County of Dorset, which was presented on the 2nd day of April 1928, be approved.—(Colonel Ashley.)

The Order of the day being read, for the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed of Dogs Bill, upon the 20th day of April last, That the Protection of Dogs Bill be now read a second time;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday the 7th day of June next.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Solicitors Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday, the 6th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Blind Persons Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday, the 6th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Public Meeting Act (1908) Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday, the 6th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Candidates Second Reading of the Candidates (Local Government) Election Deposit Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday, the 6th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Slaughter of Animals Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday, the 6th day of June 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 Wednesday, the 6th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Police (Widows' Pension) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday, the 6th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Factories Bill, Second Reading of the Factories Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday, the 6th day of June next.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Children and Young Persons (Employment and Protection) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday, the 6th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Children and Young Persons (Employment and Protection) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday, the 6th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Children and Young Persons (Particular Occupations) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday, the 6th day of June next.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday, the 6th day of June 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 Wednesday, the 6th day of June 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 Wednesday, the 6th day of June next.

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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.

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Mr. Bridgeman presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account of Deposits in Naval Savings Banks, and the payments thereof and the interest thereon, &c., during the financial year 1926-27.

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


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

Standing Committee C, to whom the Agricultural Produce (Grading and Marking) Bill [Lords] was referred; That they had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

No. 78.

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

No. 78.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Standing Committee be printed.

Bill 141.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Tuesday the 5th day of June next; and be printed.

Sir Henry Jackson reported from the Committee on the Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Godalming Extension) Bill; That they had considered the Order therein contained; that the said Order ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, 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.

Sir Henry Jackson reported from the Committee on Group D of Private Bills; That, for the convenience of parties, the Committee had adjourned till Tuesday 5th June, at Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee C:—Sir Herbert Cayzer, Countess of Ivecagh, Sir Charles Oman, and Major Yerburgh; and had appointed in substitution:—Mr. Christie, Mr. Hanbury, Mr. Haslam, and Major Alan McLean.

Standing Committee C, to whom the following Fifteen Members to Standing Committee C (in respect of the Rabbits Bill):—Colonel Acland-Troyte, Captain Briscoe, Mr. Buxton, Mr. Grotrian, Mr. Guinness, Mr. Hardie, Sir Gerald Hobler, Mr. Lamb, Mr. MacKenzie Livingstone, Sir Basil Peto, Major Price, Mr. Tinker, Mr. David Williams, Sir Charles Wilson, and Colonel Windsor-Olive.

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 Rotherham Corporation Bill in pursuance of the Resolution of the House of the 30th day of March last, the Committee had inserted in the Bill the additional provision referred to in the said Resolution.

Sir Walter Raine 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.

A Motion was made, and the Question Business of being put, That the Proceedings on the Currency and Bank Notes 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 George Hennessy, Major Cope: ] 

220.

Tellers for the [Mr. Charles Edwards, Mr. Whitley: ] 

130.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Currency and Bank Notes Bill, as amended in the Committee.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 41, by leaving out the word "the," and inserting the word "an"—(Captain Loder)—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. 2, l. 43, by inserting after the word "section" the words "and may at any time issue an additional amount of fifteen million pounds."—(Mr. Les Smit).

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, Mr. Benjamin Smith: ] 

129.

Tellers for the [Mr. Frederick Tinker, Sir Victor Warrender: ] 

199.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 6, by inserting, after the word "period," the words "not exceeding six months."—(Mr. Pethick-Lawrence).

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

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

Tellers for the Mr. Parkinson,
Yea, treated. 22nd May. 115.
Mr. Charles Edwards

Tellers for the Captain Wallace,
Noes, treated. The Marquess of 249.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 6, l. 40, by inserting, after the third word "day," the words "not being earlier than the first day of January, nineteen hundred and twenty-nine."—(Mr. Pethick-Lawrence.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Mr. Thomas Harris,
Yea, son, treated. 256.
Mr. Whiteley

Tellers for the Captain Bourger,
Noes, Captain Wallace

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 5, l. 23, by leaving out from the word "aforesaid" to the end of the subsection.—(Mr. Gillett.)

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 Bourger,
Yea, Sir Victor Warrender

Tellers for the Mr. Thomas Hender-
Noes, son, Mr. Whiteley

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 5, by leaving out ll. 28 to 33, inclusive.—(Mr. Gillett.)

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 Bourger,
Yea, treated. 277.
Captain Wallace

Tellers for the Mr. Thomas Hender-
Noes, son, Mr. Whiteley

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

Superannuation (Diplomatic Service) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Superannuation (Diplomatic Service) Bill;

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

Strait's Settlements and Johore Territorial Waters (Agreement) Bill [Lords].

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Straits Settlements and Johore Territorial Waters (Agreement) Bill [Lords];

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.

National Health Insurance Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the National Health Insurance Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

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

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.

False Oaths (Scotland) Bill [Lords].

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the False Oaths (Scotland) Bill [Lords];

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

Naval Prize (Transfer of Fund.) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Naval Prize (Transfer of Fund);

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

Finance Bill.

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

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

Re-organisation of Offices (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Re-organisation of Offices (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration 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 upon Tuesday the 5th day of June next.

The British Legion Poppies Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed to a Standing Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Betting (Juvenile Messengers) (Scotland) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Friday the 22nd day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Reconstituted Synthetic Cream Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 5th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Parliaments' Second Reading of the Parliaments' Rights Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 6th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Bridges Bill;

Second Reading of the Bridges Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 6th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Housing Act (1928) Bill;

Ordered, That this House will, to-morrow, take into consideration the Housing Act (1928) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 7th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Home-Grown Wheat Milling Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 5th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Shops (Sunday Trading Restriction) (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 19th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Employment of Disabled Ex-service Men Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon the 5th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Industrial and Provident Societies (Employees) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 6th day of June next.
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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Monmouthshire (Licensing Amendment) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 22nd day of June next.

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 Thursday the 7th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Land Values Rating Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 5th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Advertisements Regulation (Amendment) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 7th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Extension of Polling Hours Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 5th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Capital Punishment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 5th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Rag Flock Act (1911) Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 5th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Shops (Hours of Employment) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 5th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Shops (Hours of Employment) (Amendment) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 5th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Shops (Sunday Closing) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 5th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Hairdressers’ and Barbers’ Shops (Sunday Closing) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 5th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Exportation of Horses Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 5th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Licensees Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 5th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Agencys and Registries Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 5th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Shops Order Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 5th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Fresh-water Fish (Scotland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 7th day of June 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.

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

[No. 70.]

Wednesday, 23rd May 1928.

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

Prayers.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Stoke-on-Trent Corporation Bill as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Order Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Godalming Extension) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do convey the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Chesterfield Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

Mr. Guinness presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Fishery Harbours Act, 1915, relating to Bridlington Harbour: 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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Act, 1917.

Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Order of 25th July 1924, as amended by subsequent Orders, and included in a volume entitled The King's Regulations and Air Council Instructions for the Royal Air Force,

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

Mr. Guinness presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Order of 5th March 1928, relating to Honey and Fresh Apples.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel presented, by His Majesty's Command, Order of 1st April 1928, relating to the employment of Ex-Service Men in Government Offices on 1st April 1928.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, Orders of 31st March 1928, altering certain Rules of Court of the Supreme Court of Northern Ireland, relating to the transactions in reserve funds, and traffic expenditure, net receipts, and appropriations, the transactions in reserve funds, and traffic

Merchandise Marks Act, 1926.

Supreme Court (Northern Ireland) Rules.

Ex-Service Men employed in Government Offices.

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Superannuation Act, 1887.

Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 19th May 1887, granting a Retired Allowance to Mr. Herbert Chapman, Skilled Workman, Class II., Engineering Department, General Post Office, under Section 2 of the Superannuation Act, 1887.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the said Account be printed.

Sir Philip Cowdiffe-Lister presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Order of 25th July 1924, as amended by subsequent Orders, and included in a volume entitled The King's Regulations and Air Council Instructions for the Royal Air Force,

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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, at the end of the financial year 1927-28 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 17th day of May 1927); also similar particulars relating to Trackless Trolley Undertakings. (Colonel Ashby.)

The Order made upon the 18th day of this instant May that the Minutes of Evidence of the Select Committee on the South Suburban Gas Bill be printed, was read and discharged.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported the Bermondsey Borough Council (St. Olave's Garden) 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.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported the Mid-Kent Water Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Sir Walter Raissé reported from the Local Legislation Committee (Section B); That in the case of the Warwick Corporation Bill [Lords], Mr. Guinness examined the allegations of the Bill, and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereof.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords, one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Teachers (Superannuation) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Post Office Post Office (Sites) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Cleveland and Durham County Electric Power Company with Electric reference to the supply of electricity in parts of the East, North, and West Ridings of York, and in the City of York, and part of the County of Durham, and further powers with reference to such supply in their existing area of supply, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Wessex Electricity Company Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

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The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to confer further powers upon the Staffordshire Potteries Water Board; to empower the Board to construct a further waterwork and to acquire lands; to revive the powers for the construction of certain waterworks by the Board; to make provision for the preservation and protection of the Board's sources of water supply; to amend the Acts of the Board, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to provide for the transfer to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Southampton of the undertaking of the Company of Proprietors of the Northam Bridge and Roads; to authorise the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses to purchase the undertaking of the Southampton and Ithen Floating Bridge and Roads Company and to construct a tramway, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to provide for the transfer of the undertaking of the Waltham and Cheshunt Gas Company to the Tottenham District Light, Heat, and Power Company, and to confer on such company further powers in regard to the supply of gas, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to extend the limits for the supply of gas of the Bournemouth Gas and Water Company; to increase the capital and borrowing powers of the company; to authorise and confirm the construction of certain works, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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The Cleveland and Durham County Electric Power 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 Dover Harbour Bill [Lords] was read the first time. Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Manchester Ship Canal Bill [Lords] was read the first time. Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Staffordshire Potteries Water Board Bill [Lords] was read the first time. Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Southampton Corporation 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 House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the National Health Insurance Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Amendment of s. 94 of principal Act as to special orders)—(Mr. Chamberlain)—was twice read, and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Amendment of s. 80 of principal Act as to pooling of surpluses within a society with branches).—(Mr. Rhys Davies.)

And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the said Clause be read a second time:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the (Mr. Charles Edwards, Yeas, 117. Mr. Whiteley; Mr. Bowyer, Noes, 230.

So it passed in the Negative.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 5, l. 35, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words "and such regulations may provide that in the case of an insured person employed in the sea service any period, not exceeding twenty-six weeks in any contribution year, in respect of which no contribution is compulsorily payable under this Act, shall be deemed to be a period during which the insured person is being a period of incapacity for work or a period during which he was available for but unable to obtain employment as aforesaid."—(Mr. Johnston.)

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 Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 14, l. 37, by leaving out Clause 13.—(Mr. Rhys Davies.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 29, l. 1, by leaving out Clause 19.—(Mr. Kelly.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 29, l. 23, by leaving out the words "at least one-half," and inserting the words "two-thirds"—(Mr. Rhys Davies).—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 (Captain Wallace, Yeas, 157. Sir Victor Warrender; Mr. Charles Edwards, Noes, 115. Mr. Whiteley.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 30, by leaving out l. 16 to 26, inclusive.—(Mr. Kelly.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Re-organisation of Offices (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee:

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Tuesday the 5th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed to be put upon the 23rd day of this instant May, That the Administration of Justice Bill [Lords] be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Tuesday the 5th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Superannuation (Diplomatic Service) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 5th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Straits Settlements and Johore Territorial Waters (Agreement) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 5th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means Committee;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The 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 Tuesday the 5th day of June next.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the False Oaths (Scotland) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 5th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Naval Prize [Transfer of Fund];

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday the 5th day of June next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Finance Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 5th day of June 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 Dureley Gas Light and Coke Company, Limited, which was presented on the 23rd April and published, be approved.—(Mr. Herbert Williams.)

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 Maplethorpe and Sutton Gas Company, Limited, which was presented on the 7th May and published, be approved.—(Mr. Herbert Williams.)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.  
—(Captain Margesson.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-four minutes before Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

STANDING COMMITTEES.
Distribution by Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 47, of Bills committed to a Standing Committee.

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[No. 71.]

Thursday, 24th May 1928.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE Wolverhampton Corporation Bill was 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 Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Tramways (Trolley Vehicles, &c.) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 5th day of June next.

The Sheffield Corporation Bill [Lords] was, Sheffield according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on Railway (Road Transport) Bills have leave to sit on Monday 4th June, notwithstanding Bills, the adjournment of the House.—(Mr. Albert Alexander.)


Copy of Amendment of the Devolution Rules East India 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.

Colonel Ashley presented, pursuant to the Electricity directions of several Acts of Parliament,—[Supply Acts. Copies of Special Orders made under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, in respect of—

(1) The Rural District of Weymouth and parts of the Rural Districts of Dorchester and Wareham and Purbeck in the County of Dorset.

(2) The Rural District of Oswestry in the County of Salop, and for the amendment of the Oswestry Electric Lighting Order, 1894.

Copy of Provisional Regulations, dated London 17th May 1928, entitled the London Traffic Traffic Act, (Restricted Streets) Amendment (Route No. 130A) Provisional Regulations, 1928.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir William Joynson-Hicks presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Societies Acts, Parliament,—Copy of form of Annual Accounts and Statement to be made by a Society under the Building Societies Acts, prescribed for general use by the Chief Registrar of Friendly Societies with the approval of the Secretary of State.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Copy of Statement of Receipts and Expenditure of the Conservators of the River Medway for the year ended 31st March 1928.

Ordered, That the Paper relating to Friendly Societies, &c., 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 Weaver Navigation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Great Western Railway (Swansea North Dock Abandonment) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to make further provision for the re-organisation of educational and other endowments in Scotland; 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 all Private Bills for the exclusive purpose of consolidating the provisions of existing Private Acts of Parliament, and request the Commons to appoint an equal number of their Members to be joined with the said Lords.

Resolved, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn until Tuesday 5th June.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of the 23rd day of this instant May, till Tuesday the 5th day of June next, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of this day.

Ordered, That the London County Council London (Money) Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The Mid-Kent Water 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.

A Motion being made, That the Regent's Canal and Dock Company (Grand Junction Canal Purchase) Bill be now read the third time;

Mr. Hope, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives His Consent, as far as His Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

And a verbal Amendment was made to the Bill.

Then the Bill was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

A Motion being made, that the Stoke-on-Trent Corporation Bill be now read the third time;

And notice being taken, that the interest of His Majesty, as Duke of Lancaster, is concerned therein; Mr. 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 House proceeded to take into consideration the Rotherham Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Cleethorpes Urban District Council Bill [Lords] be read a second time to-morrow.

The Lewes Water Bill [Lords] was read a Lewes Water second time, and committed.

The Poole Corporation Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

The Sandown Urban District Council Bill Sandown [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Tramways (Trolley Vehicles, &c.) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.
A Public Petition was presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

The following Papers, presented by His Majesty’s Command during the Whitsuntide Adjournment, were delivered to the Librarian of the House of Commons during the Adjournment, pursuant to Standing Order No. 95:—

Copy of Report of the Departmental Committee on Land Settlement in Scotland.

Copy of Order, dated 30th May 1928, entitled the Town Planning (Interim Development) Order (Scotland), 1928.

Copy of Regulations, dated 31st May 1928, entitled the Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations (Scotland), 1928.

Copy of Ninth Annual Report of the Scottish Board of Health, 1927.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Colonel Ashley presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of Provisional Regulations—

(1) dated 21st May 1928, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) (No. 2) Provisional Regulations, 1928;

(2) dated 23rd May 1928, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Amendment (Route No. 60b) Provisional Regulations, 1928;

(3) dated 23rd May 1928, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Amendment (Routes No. 401 and 411) Provisional Regulations, 1928;

(4) dated 23rd May 1928, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) General Amendment (No. 8) Provisional Regulations, 1928;

(5) dated 23rd May 1928, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) General Amendment (No. 9) Provisional Regulations, 1928;


Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Lord Eustace Percy presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of Statute made by the University of Oxford on 13th March 1928, amending Cl. II. of § 4 of Secio I. of Titulus VII. of the Statutes of the University.

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 for the Metropolis for the year 1927.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, entitled the Unemployment Insurance (Insurance Industry Special Scheme) (Variation and Amendment) (No. 2) Special Order, 1928.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Chamberlain presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Minute of the Committee of Council on Education in Scotland, dated 2nd June 1928, providing for the payment of grants from the Education (Scotland) Fund, under Section 21 (2) (a) of the Education (Scotland) Act, 1918.

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 Draft Order in Council providing for the Government of the Colony of British Guiana and for the Constitution of a Legislative Council in the said Colony.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir John Gilmour presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—

Copy of Minute of the Committee of Council on Education in Scotland, dated 2nd June 1928, providing for the payment of grants from the Education (Scotland) Fund, under Section 21 (2) (a) of the Education (Scotland) Act, 1918.

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 Prayer Book Measure, 1928, passed by the National Assembly of the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act, 1919.


Copy of Report to the Lord Chancellor of Ireland, the number of Visits made, the number of Patients seen, and the number of Miles travelled by the Visitors of Lunaticks, between 1st October 1927 and 31st March 1928.

Ordered, That the Papers relative to the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act, 1919, be printed.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Committee of Selection: That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee C—Mr. Hall Caine; and had appointed in substitution: Brigadier-General Clifton Brown.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Order of the day being read, for the Finance Bill, Second Reading of the Finance Bill;
5th June.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the False Oaths (Scotland) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Naval Prize Committee on Naval Prize (Transfer of Fund) Bill [Lords];

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply, Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Rating and Valuation (Apportionment) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Representation of the People (University of Reading) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Access to Mountains Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Fancy Jewellery (Standard Trade Descriptions) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 6th day of July next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Reconstituted and Synthetic Cream Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Party Indemnity Insurance Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Law Values Rating Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Extension of Polling Hours Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the 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 Firearms Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Rag Flock Act (1911) Amendment Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the 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 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 Exportation of Horses Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Hours of Industrial 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 Agencies and Registries Bill;  
Ordered, 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.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Railway Passengers (Third Class Sleeping) Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Housing (Agricultural Workers) (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 Small Landholders (Scotland) Acts (1886 to 1919) Amendment Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Accrington Urban District Council 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 Cleethorpes Urban District Council Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Ordered, That so much of the Lords' Message Private Bills of the 24th day of May last as relates to the (Consolidation of Joint Committee of Five Lords to join with a Committee of the Commons to consider all Private Bills for the exclusive purpose of consolidating the provisions of existing Private Acts of Parliament, be now
taken into consideration.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

The House accordingly proceeded to take so much of the said Message into consideration.

Ordered, That a Select Committee of Five Members be appointed to join with the Committee of the Lords to consider all Private Bills for the exclusive purpose of consolidating the provisions of existing Private Acts of Parliament.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

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 Committee be nominated by the Committee of Selection.

Ordered, That the Committee have power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That Three be the quorum of the Committee.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

A Public Petition was presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Earl Winterton presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of Amendment of the Electoral Rules of the Burma Legislative Council made by the Governor-General of India in Council, with the sanction of the Secretary of State in Council, under Sections 72a and 129a of the Government of India Act.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Lord Eustace Percy presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of Statute made by the Master and Scholars of Balliol College, in the University of Oxford, on 18th March 1928, amending Cl. 10 of Stat. III. of the College Statutes.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister presented, by His Majesty's Command.—Copy of Second Report of the Committee on Enamelled Hollow-ware.

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of Draft of a Special Order proposed to be made under the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of the United District Gas Company.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of Finance Accounts of the United Kingdom for the financial year 1927-28.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Secretary Sir William Joyce-Hicks presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of Order as to Court Fees and Percentages to be taken in the Supreme Court of Northern Ireland.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported York Town and Blackwater 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 Wey Valley and Wey Water Bill [Lords], with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Rating and Valuation (Apportionment) Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question by leaving out from the words “That” to the end of the Question, and adding the words “this House declines to assent to the Second Reading of a Bill which proposes a new practice in the assessment of property for local rating, bound to create unfair and unjust discrimination between particular enterprises and between industries and localities, is preparatory to a scheme for subsidising certain industries without regard to the conditions of each industry or of the special needs and circumstances of different areas, and is calculated to increase the burden upon householders and shopkeepers and upon road transport and the distributive trade generally” (Mr. Snowden),—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Debate be now adjourned (Mr. Charles Edwards);

And it being Eleven of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the Debate lapsed, without Question put.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Finance B. 11. Committee on the Finance Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Agricultural Produce (Grading and Marking) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.
The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Re-organisation of Offices (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee:
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 22nd day of May last, That the Administration of Justice Bill [Lords] be now read a second time;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Superannuation (Diplomatic Service) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Straits Settlements and Johore Territorial Waters (Agreement) 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 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 False Oaths (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 Naval Prize (Transfer of Fund) 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 Supply;
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the 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 Representation of the People (University of Reading) 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 Seditious and Blasphemous Teaching to Children Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

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Parishioners' Rights Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Parishioners' Rights Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Bridges Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bridges Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday 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 Tuesday next.

Home-Grown Wheat Milling Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Home-Grown Wheat Milling Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Employment of Disabled Ex-service Men Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Employment of Disabled Ex-service Men Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Industrial and Provident Societies (Employees) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Industrial and Provident Societies (Employees) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

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 Tuesday next.

Reconstituted and Synthetic Cream Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Reconstituted and Synthetic Cream Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday 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.

And then the House, having continued to sit till two minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

STANDING COMMITTEES.
Distribution by Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 47, of Bills committed to a Standing Committee.

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Thursday, 7th June 1928.
The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.
Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Private Bills
from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bills, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz. —

Tottenham and District Gas Bill [Lords].
Bournemouth Gas and Water Bill [Lords].
Manchester Ship Canal Bill [Lords].
Cleveland and Durham County Electric Power Bill [Lords].
Staffordshire Potteries Water Board Bill [Lords].
Southampton Corporation Bill [Lords].
Wessex Electricity Bill [Lords].
Wool Electricity Supply Bill [Lords].
Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Provisional
from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Order Bills
Private Bills, That in the case of the following Order Bills, referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Orders are applicable, viz. —

Great Western Railway (Swansea North Dock Abandonment) Bill:
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Great Western Railway (Swansea North Dock Abandonment) 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 Accordingle Corporation Bill [Lords], as Corporation Bill amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Accordingle Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.
Ordered, That the Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Sir Richard Barnett reported from Standing Committee B, to whom the Companies Bill was referred; That they had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Standing Committee be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Bill 144. 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 nominated the following Five Members to serve on the Joint Committee of Lords and Commons on Private Bills (Consolidation) —Sir Arthur Dugdale, Shirley Benn, Mr. Ernest Brown, Sir Arthur Churchman, Mr. Lunn, and Mr. Stephen Mitchell.

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 C — Mr. Christie, Major Elliot, Mr. Haslam, Mr. Loder, and Major-General Sir Frederick Sykes; and had appointed in substitution: Colonel Acland-Troyte, Major George Davies, Sir Mervyn Manningham-Buller, Major Royner, and Colonel Winby.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from Standing Committee of Selection; That they had added the following Twenty Members to Standing Committee C (in respect of the Agricultural Credits Bill): —Mr. Albert Alexander, Mr. Attorney General, Captain Briocese, Mr. Buxton, Sir Henry Courtenay, Sir George Courthope, Sir Thomas Davies, Mr. Dean, Mr. Guiness, Colonel Hewage, Mr. Hollins, Mr. Alfred Kennedy, Captain Peter Macdonald, Major Price, Mr. Riley, Colonel Buggles-Bris, Mrs. Runciman, Mr. Thomas Williams, Mr. Roy Wilson, and Colonel Windsor-Clive.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Chairman's Selection Committee — That they had appointed Mr. Morgan Jones to act as Chairman of Standing Committee C (in respect of the Agricultural Credits Bill).

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords had been brought from the Lords by the Lords' one of their Clerks as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Falmouth Water Bill, with Amendments; to which the Water Bill, Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Ystradfellte Water Bill, with Amendments; to which the Water Bill, Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled Bridgewater An Act to extend the boundaries of the Borough Corporation of Bridgewater; to empower the Corporation...
to acquire lands and execute street works and waterworks; and to confer further powers upon the Corporation of the said Borough in regard to their water and market undertakings 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 confer powers upon the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Bradford with reference to tramways and the running of omnibuses and to certain of their undertakings, to authorize them to construct waterworks and acquire lands; to make further provisions for the health and good government of the City, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Bridgewater Corporation Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Bradford Corporation Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on the Rating and Valuation (Apportionment) Bill and in Committee on Rating and Valuation (Apportionment) [Money] 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 
Sir George Hennessy,
Yeas, 214.
Sir William Cope,

Tellers for the 
Mr. Parkinson,
Noes, 122.
Mr. Whiteley.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 8th day of this instant June, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Rating and Valuation (Apportionment) 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 proposes a new practice in the assessment of property for local rating, bound to create unfair and unjust discrimination between particular enterprises and between industries and localities, is preparatory to a scheme for subsidising certain industries without regard to the conditions of each industry or of the special needs and circumstances of different areas, and is calculated to increase the burden upon householders and shopkeepers and upon road transport and the distributive trade generally,"—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.

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 
Captain Margesson,
Yeas, 307.
Captain Wallace,

Tellers for the 
Mr. Hayes,
Noes, 140.
Mr. Barnes.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being accordingly put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right; 
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the 
Commander Eyres-Monsell,
Yeas, 308.
Sir George Hennessy,

Tellers for the 
Mr. Barnes,
Noes, 140.
Mr. Hayes.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for to-morrow.—(Mr. Chamberlain.)

Mr. Chamberlain, by His Majesty's Command, Rating and Valuation [Money.] having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Rating and Valuation [Money.] (Apportionment) [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.

(Mr. Chamberlain.)

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 
Sir Charles Edwards:
Yeas, 246.
Captain Wallace,

Tellers for the 
Mr. Parkinson,
Noes, 193.
Mr. Charles Edwards:

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 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.

Agricultural Produce (Grading and Marking) Bill [Lords].

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Agricultural Produce (Grading and Marking) Bill [Lords], as 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 taking into consideration the Re-organisation of Offices (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Administration of Justice Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 22nd day of May last, That the Administration of Justice Bill [Lords] be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till to-morrow.

Superannuation (Diplomatic Service) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Superannuation (Diplomatic Service) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Straits Settlements and Johore Territorial Waters (Agreement) Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Straits Settlements and Johore Territorial Waters (Agreement) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

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.

False Oaths (Scotland) Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the False Oaths (Scotland) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Naval Prize (Transfer of Fund.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Naval Prize (Transfer of Fund);

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Consolidation Bills.

Ordered, That so much of the Lords' Message of the 27th day of March last as relates to 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.

—Sir George Hennessy.

The House accordingly proceeded to take so much of the said Message into consideration. Vox. 183.

Resolved, That this House doth concur with the Lords in the said Resolution.—(Sir George Hennessy.)

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to acquaint them therewith: And that the Clerk do carry the said Message.

The Order of the day being read, for the Representation of the People (University of Reading) 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 Courts of Domestic Relations Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Housing Bill.

Second Reading of the Housing Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Coal Mines (Protection of Animals) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Dogs and Cats Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Protection of Dogs Bill.

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Housing 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 Licensing (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 Advertisements Regulation (Amendment) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Fresh-water Fish (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

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 upon Friday the 16th day of this instant June.
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-five minutes before Twelve of the clock, till to-morrow.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

**PRAYERS.**

**THE Rotherham Corporation Bill.**

The Rotherham Corporation Bill was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

**The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the London County Council (Money) Bill;**

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

**The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Accrington Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee;**

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Tuesday next, at half-an-hour after Seven of the clock.

**The Cleethorpes Urban District Council Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.**

**The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Tramways (Trolley Vehicles, &c.) Bill [Lords];**

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

**The Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.**

**Mr. Guinness presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Report of the Standing Committee, set up under the Merchandise Marks Act, 1926, on Oats and Oat Products.**

**Mr. Guinness also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 23rd May 1928, entitled the Fertilisers and Feeding Stuffs Regulations, 1928.**

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

**The Educational Endowments (Scotland) Bill [Lords] was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next; and to be printed.**

**Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Selection Committee of the Standing Committee C:—Sir Vansittart Bonar, and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Lamb.**

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Sir Henry Jackson reported from the Committee on Group D 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 Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

**Enamelled Hollow-ware.**

Motion made, and Question proposed, That during a period of five years beginning on the thirteenth day of June, nineteen hundred and twenty-eight, there shall be charged on the importation into the United Kingdom of wrought enamelled hollow-ware, whether of iron or steel, of a description commonly used for domestic purposes, a duty of customs of an amount equal to twenty-five per cent. of the value thereof.—(Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister.)

Amendment proposed, in l. 1, to leave out the words “five years,” in order to insert the words “one year.”—(Mr. Tinker.)

Question proposed, That the words “five years” stand part of the Question:—Debate arising:

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question put, That the Question be now put. Question put accordingly, That the Question be now put.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Charles Edwards, Mr. Wilfrid Poling:

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. William Cope.

The Committee divided.

**Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister claimed, That the Main Question be now put.**

Main Question put accordingly.

Mr. Penny:

Mr. Benjamin Smith:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. William Cope, Mr. Charles Edwards, Mr. Wilfrid Poling:

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Whiteley:

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Mr. Penny:

Mr. Benjamin Smith:

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

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Main Question put accordingly.

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Mr. Penny:

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Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Charles Edwards, Mr. Wilfrid Poling:

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. William Cope.

The Committee divided.

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Main Question put accordingly.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. William Cope, Mr. Charles Edwards, Mr. Wilfrid Poling:

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Whiteley:

Mr. Charles Edwards, Mr. Wilfrid Poling:

Mr. Penny:

Mr. Benjamin Smith:
Resolved, That during a period of five years beginning on the thirteenth day of June, nineteen hundred and twenty-eight, there shall be charged on the importation into the United Kingdom of wrought enamelled hollow-ware, whether of iron or steel, of a description commonly used for domestic purposes, a duty of customs of an amount equal to twenty-five per cent. of the value thereof.

Resolution to be reported.

Unclaimed Dividends.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the National Debt Commissioners shall, as and when the Treasury request, pay into the Exchequer out of their account of unclaimed dividends, under Part VII. of the National Debt Act, 1870, sums not exceeding in the whole one million pounds, and may for that purpose sell any stock standing to the credit of that account.—(Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel.)

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. 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 the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 22nd day of May last, That the Administration of Justice Bill [Lords] be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Superannuation (Diplomatic Service) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Straits Settlements and Johore Territorial Waters (Agreement) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Rating and Valuation (Apportionment) Bill;

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 Rating and Valuation (Apportionment) [Money];

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Agricultural Produce (Grading and Marking) 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 into consideration the Re-organisation of Offices (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the 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 False Oaths (Scotland) 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 [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the False Oaths (Scotland) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the False Oaths (Scotland) 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 [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

Whereupon Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House, without Question put, pursuant to Standing Order No. 3, it being then twenty-nine minutes after Four of the clock, till Monday next.

Monday, 11th June 1928.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

P R A Y E R S.

T H E Warwick Corporation Bill [Lords] was read the third time and passed, with some 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 Wey Valley Water Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.
London County Council (Money) Bill;
The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the London County Council (Money) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Friday next.

Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Tramways (Trolley Vehicles &c.) Bill [Lords];
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Tramways (Trolley Vehicles, &c.) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

British Broadcasting Corporation;

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Public Records.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Penal Servitude Acts.
Secretary Sir John Gilmour presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Copy of Regulations, dated 16th May 1928, entitled the Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages Amendment Regulations (Scotland), 1928.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages (Scotland) Act, 1854.
Copy of Licence granted to a convict, to which is annexed a condition other than those contained in Schedule A of the Penal Servitude Act, 1884.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Destructive Insects and Pests Acts.
Secretary Sir John Gilmour presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 16th May 1928, entitled the Importation of Raw Cherries (Scotland) Order of 1928. Order of 1928.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Wells Intermediate Education Act, 1880.
Lord Eustace Percy presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Board of Education under the Welsh Intermediate Education Act, 1880, for 1927.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Forestry Commission. No. 55.
Sir Leolin For estier-Walker presented, by the Report of the Forestry Commissioners for the year ended 30th September 1927.

Ordered, That the said Paper 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 added a Lord to the Joint Committee appointed by both Houses to consider all Private Bills for the exclusive purpose of consolidating the provisions of existing Private Acts of Parliament, and request the Commons to add one of their Members to the said Joint Committee.

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 Carmarthen (Carmarthen Division), in the room of the Right Honourable Sir Alfred Moritz Mond, Baronet, who, since his Election for the said County, hath accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of His Majesty's Three Chiltern Hundreds of Stoke, Desborough and Burnham, in the County of Buckingham.—(Commander Eyres-Monsell.)

Reservoirs
Secretary Sir William Jogan-Hicks supported by Secretary Sir John Gilmour, Mr. (Safety Provisions) Bill.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Northern Ireland
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time. [11th allotted day.]

Civil Estimates, 1928.
Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £2,037,415 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 1929 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Board of Agriculture for Scotland, including Grants in Aid of the National Provident Fund Societies, and certain Grants in Aid of Agricultural Education and Training Loans to Co-operative Societies, and certain Grants in Aid:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

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Movement made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £2,037,415 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 1929 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., 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 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 £2,037,415 be granted for the said Service. —(Mr. Buchanan.)

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.

Ordered, 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.

Captain Margesson reported from the Committee on Rating and Valuation (Apportionment) [Money] a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That it is expedient that there shall be paid out of moneys provided by Parliament any expenses incurred by the Commissioners of Inland Revenue in the execution of any Act of the present Session to make provision, with a view to the grant of relief from rates in respect of certain classes of hereditaments, for the distinction in valuation lists of the classes of hereditaments to be affected, and the apportionment in valuation lists of the net annual values of such hereditaments according to the extent of the user thereof for various purposes.

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 Yeas, [Sir William Cope, Captain Margesson: 171.]

Tellers for the Noes, [Mr. Charles Edwards, Mr. Whiteley: 80.]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 8th day of this instant June;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Finance Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Rabbits 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 Companies 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 Companies 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 Administration of Justice Bill [Lords] be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Superannuation (Diplomatic Service) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Administration of Justice Bill [Lords.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time till [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for 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 Police Districts (Scotland) Bill [Lords.]

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the False Oaths (Scotland) 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; 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 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 False Oaths (Scotland) Bill [Lords.]

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Naval Prize Committee on Naval Prize (Transfer of Fund); (Transfer of Fund.)

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Western Highlands and Islands of Scotland, to consider and report upon the Contract, dated the 2nd and 11th days of April 1928, between the Postmaster General and David MacBrayne, Limited, for the maintenance of certain cargo and passenger sea services in the Western Highlands and Islands of Scotland, and for the conveyance of mails by certain of the vessels so employed.—(Sir George Hennnessy.)

The Question was amended, in 1. 4, by inserting, after the word "Limited," the words "and to consider any alternative scheme whereby more adequate provision could be made."—(Mr. MacKenzie Livingstone.)
And the Question, so amended, being put;

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report upon the Contract, dated the 2nd and 11th days of April 1928, between the Postmaster General and David MacBrayne, Limited, and to consider any alternative scheme whereby more adequate provision could be made for the maintenance of certain cargo and passenger sea services in the Western Highlands and Islands of Scotland, and for the conveyance of mails by certain of the vessels so employed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Representation of the People (University of Reading) Bill;

Readers, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Land Values Rating Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Extension of Polling Hours Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the 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 Firearms Bill;

Ordered, 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 Agencies and Registries Bill;

Ordered, 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 Bill (Sunday Shops Bill);

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Housing (Agricultural Workers) (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 Home-Grown Wheat Milling 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 Courts of Domestic Relations Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Housing Act (1925) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

And then the House, having continued to sit till nineteen minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
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Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Holborn 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 Holborn, in the room of Sir James Farquharson Remnant, Baronet, c.b.f., who, since his Election for the said Borough, hath accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of His Majesty's Manor of Northstead, in the County of York.—(Commander Eyres-Monsell.)

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from Messrs. Haigh and Wilkinson was brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the London County Council (Tramway Subways and Improvements) Bill, with Amendments; 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 Plympton St. Mary Rural 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 leave be given to bring in a Electricity Bill to amend section sixteen of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919: And that Mr. Kelly, Mr. Clynes, Mr. Hardie, Mr. Robert Young, Mr. Hayday, Mr. Compton, and Lieutenant-Commander Kemsley do prepare and bring in such Bill.

Mr. Kelly accordingly presented a Bill to Electricity amend section sixteen of the Electricity (Supply) Bill, (Supply) Act, 1919: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next; and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved Supply itself into the Committee of Supply. (In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates, 1928.

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Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £100,775 be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sums necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1929 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade, and Subordinate Departments, including certain Services arising out of the War.

And it being half-past Seven of the clock, and there being Private Business set down by direction of the Chairman of Ways and Means under Standing Order No. 9, further Proceeding was postponed without Question put.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Bill, as amended in the Committee; and an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Holborn 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 Holborn, in the room of Sir James Farquharson Remnant, Baronet, c.b.f., who, since his Election for the said Borough, hath accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of His Majesty's Manor of Northstead, in the County of York.—(Commander Eyres-Monsell.)
Postponed Proceeding on Question, That a sum not exceeding £100,775 be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 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, resumed.

Question again proposed:
Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a sum not exceeding £100,675 be granted for the said Service.—(Mr. Kelly.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Charles Edwards, Yeas, Mr. Whiteley: 122,
Captain Margesson, Noes, Captain Wallace: 200.

Original Question again proposed.

And it being after Eleven of the clock, and objection being taken to further Proceeding, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means acquainted the House, that the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 8th day of this instant June;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.


The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Educational Endowments (Scotland) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Educational Endowments (Scotland) Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Reservoirs (Safety Provisions) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Reservoirs (Safety Provisions) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Northern Ireland (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Northern Ireland (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Rabbits Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Rabbits Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Superannuation (Diplomatic Service) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Superannuation (Diplomatic Service) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Straits Settlements and Johore Territorial Waters (Agreement) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Agricultural into consideration the Agricultural Produce (Grading and Marking) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Re-organisation into consideration the Re-organisation of Offices (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Resolved, That the Special Order made by Electricity 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 Lydney, in the County of Gloucester, and the Urban District of Usk, the Rural District of Monmouth, and parts of the Rural Districts of Chepstow and Pontypool, in the County of Monmouth, which was presented on the 26th day of April 1928, be approved.—(Colonel Ashley.)

Resolved, That the Special Order made by Electricity 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 Urban District of Walsoken, in the County of Norfolk, which was presented on the 8th day of May 1928, be approved.—(Colonel Ashley.)

Resolved, That the Special Order made by Electricity 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 Borough of Bridport and parts of the Rural Districts of Bridport and Beaminster, in the County of Dorset, which was presented on the 26th day of April 1928, be approved.—(Colonel Ashley.)

Resolved, That the Special Order made by the Third Party the Third Party Indemnity Insurance Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Third Party Indemnity Insurance Bill.
The Railway Passengers (Third Class Sleeping) 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 Small Landholders (Scotland) Acts (1886 to 1919) Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Illegal Trawling (Scotland) Penalties Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Safeguarding of Industries (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 Motor Vehicles Insurance 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 Auctioneers Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Seditious and Blasphemous Teaching to Children Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Blind Persons Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Meeting Act (1908) 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 Tuesday 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 next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Government of Scotland 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 Children and Young Persons (Employment and Protection) 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 Prevention of Unemployment 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 Widows', Orphans', and Old Age Contributory Pensions Act (1925) 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 Employment of Young Persons (Particular Occupations) 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 Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Access to Mountains Act (1920) Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Licensing (Amendment) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 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 proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Ystradfellte 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 South Suburban Gas Bill (changed from "South Suburban Gas (Consolidation) Bill"), as amended in the Committee, and Amendments were made to the Bill.

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Ordered, That the Lords' Message of the 11th day of this instant June, requesting this House to add one of its Members to the Joint Committee on Private Bills (Consolidation) be now taken into consideration.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

The House accordingly proceeded to take the said Message into consideration.

Ordered, That the Select Committee appointed to join with the Committee of the Lords to consider Private Bills (Consolidation) do consist of Six Members.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

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 Committee of Selection do nominate an additional Member to serve on the Committee.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Tramways (Trolley Vehicles, &c.) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

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Mr. Guiness presented, pursuant to the Landlord and directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 6th June 1928, granting a Retired Allowance to Mr. Thomas Martin Jordan, Skilled Workman, Class II., Engineering Department, General Post Office, under Section 2 of the Superannuation Act, 1887.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 6th June 1928, granting a Retired Allowance to Mr. Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister, pursuant to the Landlord and Tenants Act, 1827.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Warwick Corporation Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have appointed a Committee consisting of Five Lords to join with a Committee of the Commons to consider all Consolidation Bills in the present Session, and request the Commons to appoint an equal number of their Members to be joined with the said Lords.

A Motion was made and the Question being proposed, That, in accordance with the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act, 1919, this House do direct that the Prayer Book Measure, 1928, be presented to His Majesty for Royal Assent.—(Mr. Solicitor General) —And a Debate arising thereupon:

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.

(Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee 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 receiving the Report from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 8th day of this instant June;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Educational Endowments (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 Reservoirs (Safety Provisions) 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 Northern Ireland (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Rabbits Bill, not 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 Superannuation (Diplomatic Service) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Straits Settlements and Johore Territorial Waters (Agreement) 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 Agricultural Produce (Grading and Marking) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Re-organisation of Offices (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on Western Highlands and Islands of Scotland do consist of Eleven Members.

The Committee was accordingly nominated of Mr. Barr, Major Sir Herbert Cayzer, Captain Fanshawe, Sir Robert Hamilton, Mr. Johnston, Mr. Thomas Kennedy, Major MacAndrew, Major Allan McLean, Mr. R. W. Smith, Major Steel, and Mr. Roy Wilson.

Ordered, That the Committee have power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That Three be the quorum of the Committee.

Ordered, That the Committee have power to travel to and hold sittings in Glasgow.—(Mr. Penny.)

And it being half an hour after Eleven of the clock, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, till to-morrow.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Distribution by Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 47, of Bills committed to a Standing Committee.

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Thursday, 14th June 1928.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Colne Valley Water Bill.

THE Colne Valley Water Bill was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Wey Valley Water Bill [Lords.]

The Wey Valley Water Bill [Lords.] was read the third time and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk to 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.

Southampton Corporation Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Southampton Corporation Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Washed Electricity Supply Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Washed Electricity Supply Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Chesterfield Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill.

The Chesterfield 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.

Bradford Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill.

The Bradford Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

Secretary Sir Austen Chamberlain presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Proposals for Agreements between His Majesty's Government in Great Britain and the Norwegian Government regarding Territorial Waters and Fisheries off the Norwegian Coast.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Electricity (Supply) Acts.

Colonel Ashley presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Special Orders made under the Electricity (Supply) Acts in respect of—

(1) part of the Rural District of Chirk, in the County of Denbigh, and part of the Rural District of Oswestry, in the County of Salop;

(2) the Borough of Wilton and parts of the Parishes of Bemerton and South Newton, in the Rural District of Wilton, in the County of Wilts.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Selection Committee of Selection; That they had nominated the following additional Member to serve on the Joint Committee of Lords and Commons on Private Bills (Consolidation):—

Colonel Sir Joseph Nall.

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 Cotton Industry Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Scottish Insurance Companies (Superannuation Fund) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Petroleum (Amendment) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Exeter Corporation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Oxford Act to extend the boundaries of the City of Oxford, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Oxford Extension Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ordered, That the adjourned Debate on the Business of the Prayer Book Measure, 1928, have precedence this day of the Business of Supply.—(The Prime Minister.)

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Prayer Book the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed Measure, 1928.

upon the 13th day of this instant June, That in accordance with the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act, 1919, this House do direct that the Prayer Book Measure, 1928, be presented to His Majesty for Royal Assent.

And the Question being again proposed:—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 13th day of this instant June, That in accordance with the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act, 1919, this House do direct that the Prayer Book Measure, 1928, be presented to His Majesty for Royal Assent.

And the Question being again proposed:—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

Tellers for the [Major Birchall, Lieutenant - Comm. Kenworthy.]

Tellers for the [Sir John Pennefather, Mr. Hayes.]

So it passed in the Negative.
Supply. The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply; Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ways and Means. The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means; Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Sir Kingsley Wood reported from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 8th day of this instant June a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

Enamelled Hollow-ware,

That during a period of five years beginning on the thirteenth day of June, nineteen hundred and twenty-eight, there shall be charged on the importation into the United Kingdom of wrought enamelled hollow-ware whether of iron or steel, of a description commonly used for domestic purposes, a duty of customs of an amount equal to twenty-five per cent. of the value thereof.

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; which was read, as followeth:

Enamelled Hollow-ware,

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 Educational Endowments (Scotland) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Reservoirs (Safety Provisions) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Reservoirs (Safety Provisions) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Northern Ireland (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Northern Ireland (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Rabbits Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Rabbits Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Licensing (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 Slaughter of Animals Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the 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 Bridges 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' Pension 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 Parishioners' Rights 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 Bridges 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 Employment of Disabled Ex-service Men 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 Industrial and Provident Societies (Employees) 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 Reconstituted and Synthetic Cream 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 Advertisements Regulation (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 Fresh-water Fish (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

And then the House, having continued to sit till twenty-five minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Easter Bill (changed from "Stabilisation of Easter Bill") as amended in the Standing Committee.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 8, by leaving out the word  "second," and inserting the word  "last"—(Mr. Charles Williams).—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word "second" stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 6, by leaving out the words "a draft thereof," and inserting the words,—

(a) a Secretary of State shall certify to His Majesty that he has ascertained that the proposed appointment of a fixed date for Easter will be generally acceptable to Christian people throughout Christendom and is approved by the Convocations of Canterbury and York and the National Assembly of the Church of England; and

(b) a draft of the proposed Order;—(Lord Hugh Cecil).—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—The Amendment proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 9, by inserting after the word "modifications," the words "(which modifications may include a date for Easter-day other than that in section one of this Act provided)"—(Sir Henry Slesser.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Then an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 14, by leaving out the words "and the Channel Islands."—(Mr. Charles Williams.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

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 Representation of the People (University of Reading) Bill.

Clause No. 1 (Representation of University of Reading in Parliament).

Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided,

Tellers for the Yeas, 
Mr. Somerville, 
Clifton Brown : 90.

Tellers for the Nos, 
Mr. Kelly, 
Mr. Tinker : 45.

Clause No. 2 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Captain Bourne 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.

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 Solicitors Bill was, according to Order, Solicitors Bill. read a second time.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the Committee on the Bill.—(Mr. Dennis Herbert.)

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(Clause No. 1 to No. 3 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.

Ordered, That 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.

Ordered, That so much of the Lords' Message Consolidation of the 13th day of this instant June as relates Bills.
to Consolidation Bills be now taken into
consideration.—(Mr. Penny.)

The House accordingly proceeded to take
so much of the said Message into consideration.

Ordered, That a Select Committee of Six
Members be appointed to join with a Com-
mmittee appointed by the Lords to consider
all Consolidation Bills of the present Session.—
(Mr. Penny.)

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 Brig-
daier-General Sir George Cockell, Mr. Ernest
Evans, Mr. Robert Hudson, Sir Malcolm Mac-
naghten, Sir Reginald Neville, and Sir Henry
Steele.

Ordered, That the Committee have power to
send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That Three be the quorum of the
Committee.—(Mr. Penny.)

Whereupon Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned
the House, without Question put, pur-
suant to Standing Order No. 3, it
being then twenty-five minutes before
Three of the clock, till Monday next.

The Bethlem Hospital Bill [Lords] was
read a second time and committed.

The Bridgewater Corporation Bill [Lords] was
read a second time, and committed.

The Order of the day being read, for the
London Third Reading of the London County Council
(Money) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time
to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Cleveland Second Reading of the Cleveland and Durham
County Electric Power Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Tramways (Trolley Vehicles, &c.)
Second Reading of the Nottinghamshire and
Derbyshire Tramways Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Southampton Second Reading of the Southampton Corpora-
Corporation Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Weald
Second Reading of the Weald Electricity
Supply Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Wessex
Second Reading of the Wessex Electricity Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
to-morrow.

Secretary Sir William Joynson-Hicks pre-
sented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Restriction
Statistics in regard to Alien passengers who entered
and left the United Kingdom in 1927. 1920.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon
the Table.

Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland presented, pur-
chase to the directions of several Acts of
Parliament,—Copy of Special Order, dated
14th June 1928, entitled the Trade Boards
(Milk Distributive) Order, 1928.

Copies of Regulations, dated 14th June Trade Boards
1928, entitled,—

(1) the Trade Boards (Milk Distributive
Trade, Scotland) (Constitution and Pro-
ceedings) Regulations, 1928;
(2) the Trade Boards (Milk Distributive
Trade, England and Wales) (Constitution

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon
the Table.

Sir Vivian Henderson presented, pursuant to Parks
the directions of an Act of Parliament,— Regulation.
Acts.

THE Bethlem Hospital Bill [Lords] was
read a second 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 South Suburban 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 York Town and Blackwater Gas and
Electricity 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 Amend-
ments; to which this House doth desire the
concurrence of their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into con-
sideration the Plympton St. Mary Rural
District Council Bill [Lords], as amended in the
Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.
Copy of Special Regulation for Richmond Park, with regard to Cycles and Vehicles as proposed to be amended.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Commodore King presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Statistical Summary of Output and of the Costs of Production, Proceeds, and Profits of the Coal Mining Industry for the quarter ended 31st March 1928.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act 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, and of Passenger Tax and Harbour Dues, for the year ending 31st March 1928, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir Laming Worthington-Evans presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Estimate of Charge for Army Ordnance Factories for the year 1928.

Ordered, That the said Estimate be referred to the Committee of Supply; and be printed.

Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Air Force (Constitution) Act, 1917.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by Mr. S. L. Laming, and Mr. S. Laming, Secretary of the Air Board,—that the Lords desire the concurrence of this House in the Committee of Supply of the Air Estimates for the year 1928, 1929, and 1930.

Ordered, That the Committee appointed by the House for the consideration of the Appropriation Acts, and for the examination of the accounts of the several Departments of Her Majesty's Government, be resumed.

Order of the Day.—House of Commons.—Ordered, That the said Order be printed.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel, and Mr. Lord St. Aldwyn, Advocate-General for Scotland, by Sir George H. Hone, Solicitor-General for Scotland, and the Rt. Hon. Sir Alexander Cameron, Lord Advocate, —that the Lords desire the concurrence of this House in the proceedings of the Committee of Supply of the House of Commons in respect of the Appropriation Acts, and in the examination of the accounts of the several Departments of Her Majesty's Government.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Minister of Health relating to Halifax and the West Riding of Yorkshire; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Lords have agreed to the London, Midland, and Scottish Railway Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this 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 of the Minister of Health relating to Gillingham; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Lords have agreed to the Ministry of Health Provisional Order Confirmation (Swindon Extension) Bill [Lords], to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Minister of Health relating to Amman Valley Joint Sewerage District, Barry, Bury, Leicester, Longborough, and Rugby; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to empower the Urban District Council of Dagenham to acquire lands for the purposes of public walks and pleasure grounds, and cemeteries, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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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.

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Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
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 Amendments made by the Lords to the Petroleum (Amendment) Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow; and be printed.

Mr. Speaker's Retirement.

Mr. Speaker addressed the House announcing his intention of retiring from the Chair, as followeth (all the Members being uncovered):

May I have the indulgence of the House for a few moments before we proceed with the business of the day!

It is with very deep regret that I find it necessary to ask the House to allow me to retire from the Chair at the close of to-morrow's Sitting.

For nearly twenty-eight years I have been a Member of the House, and for the last twenty-one years I have been continuously in office without any of those intervals which usually come from changes of Governments or from the impatience of constituencies.

Recently I have had warnings that my strength is being overtaxed, and it appears that I must have a considerable period of rest if I am to be capable of some further work later on, in a quieter sphere.

The duties of the Chair do not become lighter as the years pass on. Legislation becomes more complicated and affects more intimately the life of the individual citizen.

With each new Parliament there are more Members who wish to take an active part in the proceedings, by questions, or in debate, and a Speaker often carries to his pillow an acute sense of loss for the speeches that were undelivered—speeches, no doubt, much better than those to which he has listened.

In laying down the great office to which in four successive Parliaments the House of Commons has called me, my great hope is that I can hand on its traditions unimpaired. It fell to me to follow one of the most distinguished of the long line of Speakers. It was no easy task. If I have been able to discharge it with any degree of success it is only because I have received in full measure the help and support of all my colleagues, of those who are newly come to our councils, as well as of those who can look back upon a generation of service.

To leave this place, where I have spent so large a part of my life, will be a great wrench, but I shall go in happy confidence that the future of the House of Commons rests secure in the guardianship of its Members, however much they may change from time to time.

Whereupon the Prime Minister, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, and Mr. Lloyd George severally addressed the House.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Rating and Valuation (Apportionment) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Distinction of hereditaments and apportionment of values in valuation lists).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 7, after the word "list," to insert the words "made during the year nineteen hundred and twenty-nine."—(Mr. Lansbury.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Whiteley, Yeas, { Wilfrid Paling : } 86.
Tellers for the [Mr. Penny, Noes, { Sir Victor Warrender : } 209.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 7, after the word "list," to insert the words "made by the rating authority for a necessitous area."—(Mr. Scurr.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Debate arising;

Mr. Ernest Brown moved, That the Chairman Chairman declines to propose the Question thereupon to the Committee.

Mr. Chamberlain rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question put, That the Question be now put.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Captain Marpess, Yeas, { Captain Bowyer : } 225.
Tellers for the [Mr. Hayes, Noes, { Mr. Whiteley : } 126.

Question put accordingly, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Hayes, Yeas, { Mr. Whiteley : } 124.
Tellers for the [Captain Bowyer, Noes, { Captain Wallace : } 226.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 12, to leave out paragraph (a).—(Mr. Riley.)

Question 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 George Hennessy, Yeas, { Viscount Curzon : } 296.
Tellers for the [Mr. Charles Edwards, Noes, { Mr. Whiteley : } 128.

Question put accordingly, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Viscount Curzon, Yeas, { Mr. Penny : } 299.
Tellers for the [Mr. Charles Edwards, Noes, { Mr. Whiteley : } 112.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 14, to leave out the word "freight."—(Mr. Barr.)

Question proposed, That the word "freight" stand part of the Clause:—Debate arising;
Mr. Chamberlain rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question put, That the Question be now put.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the
Yea, [Captain Mergason, Captain Wallace : ] 243.

No., [Mr. Whiteley, Mr. Wilfrid Paling : ] 127.

Question put accordingly, That the word "freight" stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the

No., [Mr. Whiteley, Mr. Wilfrid Paling : ] 126.

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 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 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 the Committee on the Finance Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Companies 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 22nd day of May last, That the Administration of Justice Bill [Lords] be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for 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 the Second Reading of the False Oaths (Scotland) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

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Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Firearms Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Firearms Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Office Regulation Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Office Regulation 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 to-morrow.

Exportation of Horses Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Exportation of Horses Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Hours of Industrial Employment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Hours of Industrial Employment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Agencies and Registries Bill.

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 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 Tuesday the 26th day of this instant June.

Housing (Agricultural Workers) (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Housing (Agricultural Workers) (No. 2) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 26th day of this instant June.

Courts of Domestic Relations Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Courts of Domestic Relations Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 26th day of this instant June.

Small Landholders (Scotland) Acts (1886 to 1919) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Small Landholders (Scotland) Acts (1886 to 1919) Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Illegal Trawling (Scotland) Penalties Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Illegal Trawling (Scotland) Penalties Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 2nd day of July next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Safeguarding of Industries (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 Auctioneers Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 26th day of this instant June.

And then the House, having continued to sit till twenty-one minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 82.]

Tuesday, 19th June 1928.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Private Bills [Lords]; Report Private Bills [Lords] (Standing Orders not previously inquired into complied with.); Report Private Bills [Lords], as Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report provisional from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following 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.:

Dover Harbour Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report provisional from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Order Bills, That in the case of the following Bills, referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Orders are applicable, viz.:

Lincolnshire Rivers Fisheries Provisional Order Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Lewes Water Bill [Lords], as Bill [Lords], amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the London County Council (Money) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Cleveland and Durham County Electric Power Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Tramways (Trolley Vehicles, &c.) 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 Southampton 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 Wessex Electricity Supply 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 Weald Electricity Supply 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 Weald Electricity Supply Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the County of Surrey (Epsom Division), in the room of Sir George Rowland Blades, Baronet, o.n.e., who, since his Election for the said County, hath accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of His Majesty’s Three Chiltern Hundreds of Stoke, Desborough and Barnham, in the County of Buckingham.—(Commander Eyles-Monsell.)

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the County of Surrey (Epsom Division), in the room of Sir George Rowland Blades, Baronet, o.n.e., who, since his Election for the said County, hath accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of His Majesty’s Three Chiltern Hundreds of Stoke, Desborough and Barnham, in the County of Buckingham.—(Commander Eyles-Monsell.)

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords, was read and ordered to be printed.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Amendments to Rules for Military Detention Barracks and Military Prisons, 1926.

Copy of Provisional Amendments to the Rules of Procedure, 1926.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

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Mr. Speaker's Retirement.

On the Motion of the Prime Minister, which was seconded by Mr. Ramay Macdonald and supported by Mr. Lloyd George, Mr. T. P. O'Connor, and Mr. Satutala;—

Resolved, nemine contradicente, That the thanks of this House be given to Mr. Speaker for his distinguished services in the Chair for more than seven years; that he be assured that this House fully appreciates the zeal, ability, and impartiality with which he has discharged the duties of his high office through a period of unusual labour, difficulty, and anxiety, and the judgment and firmness with which he has maintained its privileges and dignity; and that this House feels the strongest sense of his unremitting attention to the constantly increasing business of Parliament, and the uniform urbanity and kindness which have earned for him the respect and esteem of this House.

Then Mr. Speaker addressed the House, as followeth (all the Members being uncovered):—

It is very difficult for me to find any words in which to express my sense of gratitude for what has been said by the Leader of the House, the Leader of the Opposition, the Leader of the Liberal Party, and the Father of the House. If I have deserved any part of what has been said I can only think that it is because throughout I have felt I had the support of every individual Member of the House. I was called to office as one of the most ordinary Members of the House. I knew that no qualities of my own would sustain me, but had then confidence in the support which had given to me by every Member of the House. On this occasion I can only thank all my colleagues for the support which has been so generously given.

The Leader of the House made some reference to the work, in which I have been interested, of the decoration of the interior of the Palace of Westminster. That work has been done far more by others than by myself. It has been with the generous collaboration of Members of this House and of the other House that it has been possible to achieve so much. The Prince Consort, after the Palace of Westminster was rebuilt, had the desire that it should become the treasure house of British Art, and a beginning, I hope, has been made. May I be allowed to express the hope that the work will be carried on, and that fresh support will be forthcoming from those who care for the Palace of Westminster to see that the work is carried to its conclusion?

I have tried to be a true guardian of the liberties of this House. I believe more than ever that it is by means of its old and tried system of consultative government that this Country, this Empire, will go on in the future to greater triumphs than it has seen in the past. Consultative government is attacked in these days from different and quite opposite quarters, but we have a history here, a tradition, a heritage, with which we do not like to part, and I am sure that those Members who come here and, indeed, any body of citizens of this Country, have learned in their hearts to treasure their House of Commons, and that to any man it must be a privilege to have been one of its guardians.

May I also voice my thanks to the officials of the House who have given me so much and invaluable help! No others can know how much in the working of this House depends upon the faithful service that is given by them.

I would like also to offer my tribute of thanks to the whole body of workmen, and there are some hundreds of them, who are associated with this great building. They minister day unseen to our comfort and we have in
them a faithful body of servants whose work at
times gets little recognition.

Lastly, if the House will allow me, I
should think it right from this place to give my
thanks to my constituents. It was the first
time that a Member for a great industrial
constituency had ever been elected to this
Chair, and it was a doubtful question—I had
many doubts in my own mind—whether it
was possible to combine the two duties. It
has been with the most wonderful and generous
forbearance and consideration on the part of
my constituents that it has been possible for
me to perform the duties of this office. The
House will forgive me, I am sure, for thinking
it right at this time, and from this place, to
pay them that tribute. In saying farewell to
the House my prayer is always for the House of
Commons, for its honour, and for its usefulness.

Resolved, That the thanks of this House be
given to Mr. Speaker for what he has said this
to the House; and that the same be
printed in the Votes of this day and entered in
the Journals of this House.—(The Prime
Minister.)

Resolved, nemine contradicente, That an
humble Address be presented to His Majesty,
praying His Majesty that He will be most
graciously pleased to confer some signal mark of
His Royal Favour upon the Right Honourable
John Henry Whitley, Speaker of this House,
for his eminent services during the important
period in which he has with such distinguished
ability and dignity presided in the Chair of this
House, and assuring His Majesty that whatever
expense His Majesty shall think fit
incurred upon that account this House will
make good the same. (The Prime Minister.)

Ordered, That the said Address be presented
to His Majesty by such Members of this House
as are of His Majesty’s Most Honourable Privy
Council or of His Majesty’s Household.

The House, according to Order, resolved
itself into a Committee on the Rating and
Valuation (Apportionment) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Distinction of hereditaments
and apportionment of values in valuation lists).

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 14,
at the end, to insert the words,—
“(u) public recreation hereditaments” —
(Mr. Harris.)

Question proposed, That those words be there
inserted.—Debate arising;

Mr. Chamberlain rose in his place and
claimed to move, That the Question be now
put.

Question put, That the Question be now
put.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the
Mr. Fenby,              Mr. Harris : 140.
Yea's,                 
Mr. Titchfield, 219.

Tellers for the
The Marquess of
Titchfield,        Sir Victor Warrender : 221.

Question proposed, That the Clause stand
part of the Bill.—Debate arising;

Mr. Chamberlain rose in his place and
claimed to move, That the Question be now
put.

Question put, That the Question be now
put.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the
Captain Wallace,
Mr. Charles Edwards,
Mr. Wilfrid Paling : 134.

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Captain Wallace, 
Mr. Charles Edwards,
Mr. Wilfrid Paling : 135.

Tellers for the
Mr. Fenby,              Mr. Harris : 137.
Yea's,                 
Mr. Titchfield, 219.

Clause No. 2 (Definition of agricultural
hereditaments).

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 24, after the
second word “land,” to insert the word
“primarily.” —(Mr. Harris.)

Question proposed, That the word “primarily” be
there inserted:—Amendment, by
leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 25, after the
word “only,” to insert the words
“land used for poultry farming.” —(Sir Robert
Hamilton.)

Question proposed, That those words be
there inserted:—Amendment, by leave,
withdrawn.

Motion made, and Question, That the
Chairman do report Progress and ask leave
to sit again.—(Mr. Chamberlain),—put and
agreed to.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and
the Chairman of Ways and Means reported that
the Committee had made Progress in the
Bill; and that he was directed to move, That
the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow,
again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply.
Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow,
resolve itself into the said 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
Petroleum (Amendment)
Bill; the Lords to the Petroleum (Amendment)
Bill;

Ordered, That the said Amendments be
taken into consideration to-morrow.
The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Companies Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Resolved, 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 22nd day of May last, That the Administration of Justice Bill [Lords] be now read a second time;

Resolved, That the Debate be further adjourned till to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Naval Prize [Transfer of Fund] to report to the House, gives leave to the House to proceed into consideration the Naval Prize [Transfer of Fund] Bill [Lords].

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Rabbits Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee;

Resolved, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Agricultural Produce (Grading and Marking) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee;

Resolved, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Adjournment. 

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—

(Commander Eyres-Monsell.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till half an hour after Ten of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

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Wednesday, 20th June 1928.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

Then the Prime Minister, addressing himself to the Clerk of the House (who, standing up, pointed to him, and then sat down), acquainted the House that His Majesty, having been informed of the resignation of the Right Honourable John Henry Whitley, late Speaker of this House, gives leave to the House to proceed forthwith to the choice of a new Speaker.

Then the Right Honourable Sir Robert Arthur Sanders stood up, and addressing himself to the Clerk, proposed to the House Captain the Right Honourable Edward Algernon FitzRoy for their Speaker, and moved, "That Captain the Right Honourable Edward Algernon FitzRoy do take the Chair of this House as Speaker," which Motion was seconded by the Right Honourable Charles William Bowerman.

The House then unanimously calling Captain Edward Algernon FitzRoy to the Chair, he stood up in his place and expressed his sense of the great honour proposed to be conferred upon him, and submitted himself to the House.

The House then having again unanimously called Captain Edward Algernon FitzRoy to the Chair, he was taken out of his place and conducted to the Chair by Sir Robert Sanders and Mr. Bowerman, and, standing on the upper step, he expressed his extreme gratitude and thanks to the House for the great honour which the House had conferred upon him, and sat down in the Chair; then the Mace, which before lay under the Table, was placed on the Table:

Whereupon the Prime Minister, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, and Mr. Lloyd George congratulated Mr. Speaker-elect; and the Prime Minister signified the pleasure of His Majesty that the House should present their Speaker to-morrow, at a quarter before Three of the clock, in the House of Peers, for His Majesty's Royal Approbation. Then the Prime Minister moved, "That this House do now adjourn."

Mr. Speaker-elect thereupon put the Question, which being agreed to, the House adjourned accordingly at twenty-four minutes after Three of the clock till to-morrow; and Mr. Speaker-elect went away without the Mace before him.
Private Bills

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. —

Dagenham Urban District Council Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Lighthouses, &c. (Local Inspections.)

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Reports to the Board of Trade by the Commissioners of Irish Lights of their Inspection of Local Lighthouses, Buoys, and Beacons, and by the Commissioners of Irish Lights of their Inspection of Local Lighthouses, Buoys, and Beacons in Northern Ireland in 1927.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Electricity (Supply) Acts.

Colonel Ashley presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Special Order made under the Electricity (Supply) Acts for the transfer of the undertaking authorised by the Chasetown and District Electricity Special Order, 1924.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899.

Secretary Sir John Gilmour 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 Sections 2 (2) and 16 of the Act the Falkirk Burgh Extension Drainage, &c., Draft Provisional Order, in so far as Clause 80 is concerned, and the Glasgow Corporation Draft Provisional Order, in so far as Clauses 26 and 39 are 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 Provisional Orders be allowed to proceed, subject to such recommendations as they may hereafter make with respect to the several Orders, namely, Falkirk Burgh Extension Drainage, &c. (except Clause 80), Glasgow Corporation (except Clauses 26 and 39), Coatbridge Drainage, Kirkcaldy Corporation; (3) the consideration of the following Provisional Order is postponed, namely, Perth Corporation.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Post Office Savings Banks.

Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Accounts of all Deposits received and paid during the year ended 31st December 1927, 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 1927, 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.

Earl Winterton presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Indian Civil Service through competitive examinations to be held 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.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return showing the number of Persons in receipt of Poor Law Relief in England and Wales on the night of the 1st day of January 1928 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 78, of Session 1927).—(Mr. Chamberlain.)

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by the Lord one of their Clerks, as followeth :

The Lords have agreed to the Zoological Society of London Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Zoological Society of London Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Torquay Extension) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the York Town and Blackwater Gas and Electricity Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled Aberdeen An Act to confirm certain Provisional Orders under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, relating to Aberdeen Bill [Lords.] Corporation; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled Ministry An Act to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Minister of Health relating to Glasgow of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation Bill [Lords.] (No. 8) Guildford, Leeds, Milford Haven, South Staffordshire Joint Small-pox Hospital District, and Woolwich; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled Ministry An Act to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Minister of Health relating to Clacton of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation Bill [Lords.] Great Yarmouth, Keighley, Bingley and Chipley Joint Hospital District, Mexborough, [No. 5] Port Talbot, and Slough; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled Ministry An Act to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Minister of Health relating to Clacton of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation Bill [Lords.] Great Yarmouth, Keighley, Bingley and Shipley Joint Hospital District, Mexborough, [No. 5] Port Talbot, and Slough; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.
The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to make new provisions as to the charges for gas supplied by and the application of the profits of the Dover Gas Company; to empower the company to convert and consolidate the capital of the company; to provide for the establishment of a profit-sharing scheme for the benefit of the employees of 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 extend the limits of supply of the Maidenhead Waterworks Company; to authorise and confirm the construction of certain new and existing works; to increase the capital and borrowing powers of the company, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 5) 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 Dover Gas Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Maidenhead Water 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 Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders Bill; That they had considered the Orders therein contained; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported the Sandown Urban District Council Bill [Lords], with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported the Staffordshire Potteries Water Board Bill [Lords], 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. [21st allotted Day.]

Ordered, That Mr. Dennis Herbert be Deputy appointed Deputy Chairman.—(The Prime Minister.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Parkinson,


Tellers for the [Viscount Curzon,

Noe, [Captain Bowyer : ] 190.

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 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 Rating and Valuation (Apportionment) Bill.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Petroleum into consideration the Amendments made (Amendment) by the Lords to the Petroleum (Amendment) Bill;

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Companies into consideration the Companies Bill, as Bill, amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consider-ation upon Monday next.
The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 22nd day of May last, That the Administration of Justice Bill [Lords] be now read a second time; 
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Factories 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 Seditious and Blasphemous Second Reading of the Seditious and Blasphemous 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 Third Party Indemnity Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Employment of Disabled Persons (Employment and Protection) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Government of 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 Children and Young Persons (Employment and Protection) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Housing Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Leasehold Enfranchisement Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon 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 Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Housing 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 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 Tuesday next.

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.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Employment of Disabled Ex-service Men Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

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 Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Housing Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Coal Mines (Protection of Animals) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Dogs and Cats Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Protection of Animals Bill; 
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday 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 Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Reconstituted and Synthetic Cream Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order made upon the 19th day of April last, That the Marriages (Prohibited Degrees of Relationship) Bill be committed to a Standing Committee was read, and discharged.
Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for Friday the 6th day of July next.—(Sir Arthur Shirley Benn.)

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

In pursuance of Standing Order No. 1 (Sittings of the House):—
I hereby nominate Captain Robert Croft Bourne to act during this Session as a temporary Chairman of Committees when requested by the Chairman of Ways and Means.
E. A. FitzRoy,
Speaker.
21st June 1928.

[No. 85.]

Friday, 22nd June 1928.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That, after conferring with the Chairman of Committees of the House of Lords, for the purpose of determining in which House of Parliament the respective Bills introduced pursuant to the provisions of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, should be first considered, they had determined that the following Bill should originate in the House of Lords, viz.:—

Glasgow Corporation Bill. (Substituted Bill.)
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

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.

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Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The London Water Bill [Lords] was read the third time and passed, with Amendments. Bill [Lords.]
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 Plympton St. Mary Rural District Council Bill [Lords.] was read the third time and passed, with Amendments.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Port of London Bill [Lords], London Bill [Lords.]
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Order of the day being read, for the London Third Reading of the London County Council (Money) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Cleveland Second Reading of the Cleveland and Durham County Electric Power Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Tramways (Trolley Vehicles, &c.) Bill [Lords.]
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Southampton Second Reading of the Southampton Corporation Bill [Lords.]
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Weald Second Reading of the Weald Electricity Supply Bill [Lords.]
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Wessex Second Reading of the Wessex Electricity Bill [Lords.]
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders Bill was, according to Order, read the third time and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.
The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Aberdeen Corporation Order Confirmation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

The Lincolnshire Rivers Fisheries Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

Mr. Chamberlain presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 21st day of this instant June, for a Return relative to Persons in receipt of Poor Law Relief in England and Wales.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the said Return be printed.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders, dated 18th June 1928, entitled,—

(1) the Bedwellty Union (Default) Orders (Continuation) Order (No. 2), 1928;
(2) the Chester-le-Street Union (Default) Orders (Continuation) Order (No. 2), 1928;
(3) the West Ham Union (Default) Orders (Continuation) Order (No. 2), 1928.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the said Return be printed.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Slaughter of Animals (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Provision as to local Acts),—(The Lord Advocate),—was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Employment of slaughtermen by local authority),—(The Lord Advocate),—was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 6, by inserting, after the word "swine," the words "sheep or calves under three months old."—(Mr. Macquisten.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Then an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 28, by inserting at the end thereof, the words,—

"( ) The provisions of this section shall apply to any licence granted by the local authority for the purpose of the provisions of this Act with regard to the Jewish method of slaughter."—(The Lord Advocate.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:

The proposed words were amended, in l. 3, by leaving out the word "method," and inserting the words "and Mohammedan methods,"—(Brigadier-General Charteris),—instead thereof, and, so amended, were there inserted in the Bill.

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 Betting (Juvenile Messengers) (Scotland) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 2, by inserting, after the word "years," the words "(not being an officer of the Post Office acting in the course of his duty)."—(The Lord Advocate.)

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. Penny, Titchfield:

Mr. Marquess of Titefild:

Tellers for the Noes,

Mr. Groves:

Mr. Westwood:

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Blasphemy Laws (Amendment) Bill;

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 One of the clock, the House was adjourned by Mr. Speaker, at four minutes after Three of the clock, without a Question first put, till Monday next.
[No. 86.]

Monday, 25th June 1928.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Writ. [House of Lords.]

THE Dover Harbour Bill [Lords.] was read a second time, and committed.

Oxford Extension Bill [Lords.]

The Oxford Extension Bill [Lords.] was read a second time, and committed.

London County Council (Money) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London County Council (Money) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Tramways (Trolley Vehicles, &c.) Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Tramways (Trolley Vehicles, &c.) Bill [Lords.];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Southampton Corporation Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Southampton Corporation Bill [Lords.];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Aberdeen Corporation Order Confirmation Bill [Lords.]

The Aberdeen Corporation Order Confirmation Bill [Lords.] was, according to Order, read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Drafts of Special Orders proposed to be made under the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of—

(1) the Urban District Council of Bollington
(2) the Urban District Council of Maryport.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Account of the Fee Fund of the House of Lords from 1st April 1927 to 31st March 1928.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ for the election of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough of Halifax, in the room of the Right Honourable John Henry Whitley, who, since his Election for the said Borough, hath accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of His Majesty's Manor of Northstead, in the County of York.—(Major-General Sir Robert Hutchinson.)

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 Rickmansworth and Uxbridge Valley Water Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Caerphilly Urban District Council Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Llandudno Urban District Council Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to authorise the Whithby Waterworks Company to construct new works and to raise additional capital; for increasing the charges of 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 make provision with respect to the admission into the London main drainage system of sewage and drainage from the Borough of Ilford and the Urban District of Barking Town; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to authorise the Whitby Waterworks Company to construct new works and to increase the capital of such company for the accomplishment of such purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The London County Council (Ilford and Barking Drainage) Bill [Lords.] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Whitby Water Bill [Lords.] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Prime Minister acquainted the House, That a Message from the King's Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lord Mayor and Common Council of the Manor of Northstead, in the County of York.

Mr. Speaker acquaints the House, That a Message from the Lords has been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lord Mayor and Common Council of 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 Lord Mayor and Common Council of the Manor of Northstead, in the County of York.
Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider His Majesty's Most Gracious Answer.-(The Prime Minister.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings of the Committee of Ways and Means be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House)—(The Prime Minister);

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the {Sir George Hennessy,
{ Captain Wallace :
203.
Yees,
Mr. Charles Edwards,
Mr. Wilfrid Paling : 85.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Finance Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Duty on Tea).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 18, at the beginning, to insert the words "In lieu of."—(Mr. Riley.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.
Tellers for the {Mr. Charles Edwards,
{ Mr. Wilfrid Paling: 117.
Tellers for the {Captain Boejer,
{ Captain Wallace: 229.
Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.
Tellers for the {Captain Boejer,
{ Sir Victor Warrender: 299.
Tellers for the {Mr. Charles Edwards,
{ Mr. Wilfrid Paling: 113.
Clause No. 2 (Duties on hydrocarbon oils).

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 5, to leave out the word "fourpence," in order to insert the words "one penny."—(Mr. Snowden.)

Question put, That the word "fourpence" stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.
Tellers for the {Sir George Hennessy,
{ Viscount Curzon: 237.
Tellers for the {Mr. Charles Edwards,
{ Mr. Wilfrid Paling: 115.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 8, to leave out from the word "twenty-eight" to the word "and" in l. 9.—(Mr. Kelly.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 18, after the word "gallon," to insert the words "on oils used in the manufacture of paints, varnishes, or colours and"—(Mr. Kelly.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the {Mr. Parkinson,
{ Mr. Hayes: 120.
Tellers for the {Captain Margesson,
{ Captain Wallace: 241.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 18, after the word "gallon," to insert the words "on oil used by fishing vessels and"—(Mr. Kelly.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 18, after the word "gallon," to insert the words "on petrol for commercial vehicles used solely by commercial travellers in the exercise of their business or"—(Sir Vansittart Boeater.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 18, after the word "gallon," to insert the words "or petrol for tractors used for agricultural purposes and"—(Mr. Tomlinson.)

Question, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

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Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 26, to leave out from the word "articles," to the end of the subsection.—(Mr. Harris.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.
Tellers for the {Mr. Frederick Thom- son,
{ Sir Victor Warrender: 179.
Tellers for the {Sir Robert Hutchinson,
{ Mr. Fenby: 71.

Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.
Tellers for the {Mr. Penny,
{ Sir Victor Warrender: 171.
Tellers for the {Mr. Benjamin Smith,
{ Mr. Wilfrid Paling: 71.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Albert Alexander)—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause No. 3 agreed to.

Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress and ask leave to sit again—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer)—put, and agreed to.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported that the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to
move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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 House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Unclaimed Dividends.

Question again proposed, That the National Debt Commissioners shall, as and when the Treasury request, pay into the Exchequer out of their account of unclaimed dividends, under Part VII. of the National Debt Act, 1870, sums not exceeding in the whole one million pounds, and may for that purpose sell any stock standing to the credit of that account.

Question put, and agreed to.

Fines under Road Transport Lighting Act.

Resolved, That all fines imposed in respect of offences under the Road Transport Lighting Act, 1927, or the regulations made thereunder, shall be paid into the Exchequer, and any sums so paid into the Exchequer shall be charged on and issued out of the Consolidated Fund as if they had been paid into the Exchequer under the Roads Act, 1926.—(Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel.)

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 this day.

The Chairman of Ways and Means also acquainted the House, that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Police Districts (Scotland) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday 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 Monday next.

False Oaths (Scotland) Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the False Oaths (Scotland) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Educational Endowments (Scotland) Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Educational Endowments (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 Agricultural Produce (Grading and Marking) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee:

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

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 Ormskirk District Gas Company, which was presented on the 15th May and published, be approved.—(Mr. Herbert Williams.)

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 Southend-on-Sea District Gas Company, which was presented on the 1st May and published, be approved.—(Mr. Herbert Williams.)

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 Weston-super-Mare Gaslight Company, which was presented on the 21st May and published, be approved.—(Mr. Herbert Williams.)

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 Hinckley Urban District Council, which was presented on the 22nd May and published, be approved, subject to the following modification:—

In Clause 3, add to the definition of "the prescribed date" the words "or such other date, not being later than the 31st day of July 1928, as may be agreed between the Council and the Company with the approval of the Board of Trade."—(Mr. Herbert Williams.)

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 United District Gas Company, which was presented on the 6th June and published, be approved.—(Mr. Herbert Williams.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Land Values Rating Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Capital Punishment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Firearms Bill, Second Reading of the Firearms Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Offices Second Reading of the Offices Regulation Bill; Regulation Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Exportation Second Reading of the Exportation of Horses Bill. Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Hours of Employment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Agencies and Second Reading of the Agencies and Registries Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Small Second Reading of the Small Landholders (Scotland) Acts (1886 to 1919) Amendment Acts (Scotland) Acts (1886 to 1919) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Government Second Reading of the Government of Scotland 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 Enfranchise-ment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Monmouth-Second Reading of the Monmouthshire (Licensing Amendment) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Party Indemnity Insurance Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.
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And it being after half-past Eleven of the clock on Monday evening, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then twenty-five minutes before One of the clock on Tuesday morning, till this day.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Distribution by Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 47, of Bills committed to a Standing Committee.

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Tuesday, 26th June 1928.

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, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:—Maidenhead Water Bill [Lords]. Dover Gas Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

The Dagenham Urban District Council Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the London County Council (Money) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next, at half-an-hour after Seven of the clock.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Tramways (Trolley Vehicles, &c.) Bill [Lords]; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next at half-an-hour after Seven of the clock.

Mr. Bridgeman 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 1927.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Colonel Gretton reported from the Committee Selection of Selection: That they had added the following Twenty Members to Standing Committee B (in respect of the Rubber Industry Committee B Bill)—Mr. Atkinson, Major Brown-Lindsay, Sir Henry Buckingham, Mr. Campbell, Sir Burton Chadwick, Captain Garro-Jones, Mr. Gibbins, Mr. Groves, Captain Hacking, Mr. Hardie, Lord Huntingfield, Mr. Lunn, Brigadier-General Makins, Mr. Ramsden, Mr. Remer, Mr. Shaw, Sir Wilfred Sugden, Mr. Luke Thompson, Mr. Waddington, and Sir Thomas Watts.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Sir Walter Rose reported from the Local Legislation Committee (Section B); That in the case of the Cleethorpes 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.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords was read a second time.

The Lords have agreed to the West Hartlepool Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Land Drainage Provisional Order Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Bankers (Northern Ireland) 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 Plympton St. Mary Rural District Council Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Lewes Water Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Ministry of Health relating to Barton-upon-Irwell, Bollington, Bradford, Bury, Cambridge, and Darlington; 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 Burton-upon-irwell, Derby, Southport, and West Riding of Yorkshire; 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 Bedwellty, Brighton, Mid Glamorgan Water Board, Scar-
borough, Stafford, and Swansea ; to which the
Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intitled An
Act to confirm a Provisional Order of the Board
of Trade relating to the rate of royalties on
mechanical contrivances for the performance
of musical works ; to which the Lords desire
the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intitled An
Act to enable Osmond Elim d’Avigdor Goldsmid
to surrender his equitable life interest in the
Goldsmid Settlements or in parts thereof
to the persons entitled in remainder or reversion
upon his death, notwithstanding a provision for cessor on alienation of such
life interest contained in the settlement of the
said Estates, and to facilitate the re-
settlement of those Estates ; to which the
Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords propose that the Joint Committee
appointed to consider all Consolidation Bills
in the present Session do meet in the Chairman
of Committees' Committee Room on Wednesday
the 4th of July next, at half-past Eleven
of the clock.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Orders
Confirmation (No. 9) Bill [Lords] was read the
first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the
Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills ;
and be printed.

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.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Orders
Confirmation (No. 11) 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 Copyright Order Confirmation (Mech-
anical Instruments; Royalties) 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 Goldsmid 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 so much of the
Lords' Message as relates to Consolidation Bills
into consideration.

Ordered, That the Committee appointed by
this House do meet the Lords' Committee as
proposed by their Lordships.—(Sir George
Hennessy,)

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 Amendments made by
Bankers to the Bankers (Northern Ireland) Bill
Bill 160.

Mr. Erskine, supported by Mr. Gates, Sir Servants' George Hamilton, Major Malone, and Mr. Otho
Nicholson, presented a Bill to amend the Amendment
Servants' Characters Act, 1792 : And the Bill
same was ordered to be read a second time Bill 156,
upon Monday next ; and to be printed.

Mr. Bridgeman reported from the Committee Ways and
of Ways and Means of the 25th day of this instant June, several Resolutions ; which were read, as follow :

Unclaimed Dividends.

That the National Debt Commissioners shall, Unclaimed
as and when the Treasury request, pay into the
Exchequer out of their account of unclaimed
dividends, under Part VII. of the National
Debt Act, 1879, sums not exceeding in the
whole one million pounds, and may for that
purpose sell any stock standing to the credit
of that account.

Fines under Road Transport Lighting Act.

That all fines imposed in respect of offences Fines under
under the Road Transport Lighting Act, 1927, Road
Transport or the regulations made thereunder, shall be Lighting Act.
paid into the Exchequer, and any sums so paid into the Exchequer shall be charged on
and issued out of the Consolidated Fund as if they had been paid into the Exchequer under the
Roads Act, 1920.

The said Resolutions, being read a second
time, were agreed to.

The House, according to Order, resolved Finance Bill,
itself into a Committee on the Finance Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 4 (Duties, drawbacks and allowances on sugar).

Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 34, to leave out the words " which are," in order to insert
the words " shall cease to be."—(Mr. Albert
Alexander).

Question put, That the words proposed to be
left out stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the
Mr. Whiteley,
Mr. Thomas Hender-
son :

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Mr. Whiteley,
Mr. Thomas Hender-
son :

Question put, That the Clause stand part
of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the
Mr. Whiteley,
Mr. Thomas Hender-
son :

Tellers for the
Mr. Whiteley,
Mr. Thomas Hender-
son :

Clause No. 5 agreed to.
Clause No. 6 (Duties on mechanical lighters). Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 36, to leave out the word "sixpence" in order to insert the word "threepence."—(Mr. James Hudson.)

Question passed, That the word "sixpence" stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the {Captain Bower, Yeas, Mr. Penny} 242.

Tellers for the {Mr. Benjamin Smith, Noes, Mr. Whiteley} 120.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 37, to leave out from the word "Kingdom" to the word "other," in l. 39.—(Mr. Ernest Brown.)

Question passed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the {Mr. Frederick Thomson, Yeas, Mr. Penny} 214.

Tellers for the {Mr. Fenby, Noes, Major Owen} 115.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 5, to leave out the word "may," in order to insert the word "shall."—(Mr. Albert Alexander.)

Question passed, That the word "may" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 4, to leave out subsection (5).—(Mr. Harris.)

Question passed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Question passed, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the {Captain Bower, Yeas, Sir Victor Warrender} 216.

Tellers for the {Mr. Parkinson, Noes, Mr. Charles Edwards} 116.

Clause No. 7 (Reduction of duty on certain negative cinematograph films).

Question passed, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the {Mr. Penny, Yeas, Sir Victor Warrender} 207.

Tellers for the {Mr. Parkinson, Noes, Mr. Charles Edwards} 118.

Clause No. 8 (Duties on buttons).

Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 31, to leave out the words "five years," in order to insert the words "one year."—(Mr. William Murdoch Adamson.)

Question passed, That the words "five years" stand part of the Clause.

Mr. Snowden moved, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Snowden.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the {Mr. Whiteley, Yeas, Mr. Wilfrid Paling} 123.

Tellers for the {Captain Margesson, Noes, Sir Victor Warrender} 229.

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Question again proposed, That the words "five years" stand part of the Clause.

Question put.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the {Captain Margesson, Yeas, Mr. Penny} 232.

Tellers for the {Mr. Charles Edwards, Noes, Mr. Wilfrid Paling} 131.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 34, to leave out the words "thirty-three and one-third," in order to insert the word "ten."—(Mr. Albert Alexander.)

Question passed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the {Sir William Cope, Yeas, Captain Wallace} 226.

Tellers for the {Mr. Charles Edwards, Noes, Mr. Whiteley} 129.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 35, after the word "buttons," to insert the words "other than vegetable ivory buttons."—(Mr. Ernest Brown.)

Question passed, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the {Sir Robert Hutchinson, Yeas, Mr. Fenby} 128.

Tellers for the {Sir George Hennessy, Noes, Sir William Cope} 224.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 35, after the word "buttons," to insert the words "other than shell buttons."—(Mr. Ernest Brown.)

Question passed, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the {Mr. Fenby, Yeas, Major Owen} 125.

Tellers for the {Captain Bower, Noes, Captain Wallace} 222.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 36, at the end, to insert the words,—

"(2) During a period of five years beginning on the thirteenth day of June, nineteen hundred and twenty-eight, a customs duty of an amount equal to twenty-five per cent. of the value of the goods shall be payable on wrought enamelled hollow-ware imported into the United Kingdom."—(Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.

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Motion made, and Question put, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Snowden.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the {Mr. Charles Edwards, Yeas, Mr. Benjamin Smith} 81.

Tellers for the {Captain Wallace, Noes, Sir Victor Warrender} 181.

Question again proposed, That those words be there inserted.

Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, in l. 1, to leave out the words "five years," in order to insert the words "one year."—(Mr. Albert Alexander.)
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Question put, That the words "five years" stand part of the proposed Amendment. The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Penny, Captain Wallace: 152.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Haynes, Mr. Whiteley: 67.

Another Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, in l. 3, to leave out the word "twenty-five," in order to insert the word "ten."—(Mr. Albert Alexander.)

Question put, That the word "twenty-five" stand part of the proposed Amendment. The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Penny, Capt. Victor Warrender: 151.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Haynes, Mr. Whiteley: 67.

Question put, That the proposed words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Frederick Thomson, Mr. Penny: 149.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Haynes, Mr. Whiteley: 69.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 40, to leave out the words "fastening or."—(Mr. Crawford.)

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, Mr. Penny: 146.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Fenby, Mr. Crawford: 63.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 42, at the end, to insert the words "and the expression 'wrought enamelled hollow-ware' means wrought enamelled hollow-ware, whether of iron or steel, of a description commonly used for domestic purposes."—(Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. George Hennessy, Mr. Penny: 143.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Whiteley, Mr. Thomas Henderson: 63.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 8, l. 4, to leave out the word "duty," in order to insert the word "duties."—(Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister.)

Question, That the word "duty" stand part of the Clause, put, and negatived.

Question put, That the word "duties" be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Frederick Thomson, Captain Wallace: 143.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Whiteley, Mr. Thomas Henderson: 63.

Question put, That the words "five years" stand part of the proposed Amendment. The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Frederick Thomson, Mr. Bowyer: 140.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Thomas Henderson, Mr. Wifred Paling: 63.

Clause No. 9 (Power to make regulations with respect to removal of spirits from certain premises or from warehouses).

Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill. The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Sir William Cope, Viscount Curzon: 139.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Parkinson, Mr. Benjamin Smith: 61.

Clause No. 10 (Deposit in warehouse of beer for exportation).

Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill. The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Viscount Curzon, Mr. Penny: 140.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Hayes: 61.

Clause No. 11 (Alteration of duties on licences for certain classes of mechanically-propelled vehicles). Amendment proposed, in p. 8, l. 44, after the word "shall," to insert the words "cease to."—(Mr. Dalton.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Benjamin Smith, Mr. Hayes: 60.
Tellers for the Noes, Viscount Curzon, Captain Bowyer: 139.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 9, l. 2, to leave out the word "and."—(Mr. Charlton.)

Question put, That the word "and" stand part of the Clause. The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Captain Bowyer, Mr. Penny: 135.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Benjamin Smith: 59.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 9, l. 3, at the end, to add the words "and as if at the end of subsection (4) thereof there were inserted the following: 'or for the removal of refuse or the cleansing, watering, or repairing of streets.'"—(Mr. Albert Alexander.)

Question put, That those words be there added.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Whiteley, Mr. Wifred Paling: 59.
Tellers for the Noes, Sir Victor Warrender: 134.

Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.
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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Northern Ireland (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Superannuation (Diplomatic Service) 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 Straits Settlements and Johore Territorial Waters (Agreement) 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 Re-organisation of Offices (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 Rating and Valuation (Apportionment) Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for taking the amendments made by the Lords to the Petroleum (Amendment) Bill;
Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Companies into consideration the Companies 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 22nd day of May last, That the Administration of Justice Bill [Lords] 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 Naval Prize Committee on Naval Prize [Transfer of Fund]; [Transfer of Fund.]
Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Rabbits Bill, into consideration the Rabbits Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking the amendments made by the Lords in the Agricultural Produce (Grading and Marking) Bill [Lords.] as amended in the Standing Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

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Ordered, That Sir Henry Coutley be added to the Committee of Selection.—(Sir George Hennessy.)

Ordered, That Sir Arthur Shirley Benn be added to the Select Committee on Publications and Debates Reports.—(Sir George Hennessy.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Ex-service Employment Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 6th day of July next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Courts of Domestic Relations 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 Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Housing 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 Second Reading of the Licensing (Amendment) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Employment of Disabled Ex-service Men Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Reconstituted and Synthetic Cream Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

And it being after half-past Eleven of the clock on Tuesday evening, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then five minutes after Seven of the clock on Wednesday morning, till this day.

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[No. 88.]

Wednesday, 27th June 1928.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Order of the day being read, for the Cleveland County Electric Power Bill [Lords]:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next, at half-an-hour after Seven of the clock.

The Order of the day being read, for the Southampton Corporation Bill [Lords]:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Weald Electricity Supply Bill [Lords]:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Wessex Electricity Bill Electricity [Lords.]

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Colonel Ashley presented, pursuant to the Electricity directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of (Supply) Acts. Special Order made under the Electricity (Supply) Acts in respect of part of the Rural District of Tisbury, in the County of Wilts.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir Austen Chamberlain presented, Bulgaria by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Arrange- ments between Great Britain, France, Italy, and Bulgaria for Reparation Payments by Bulgaria under Articles 121 and 122 of the Treaty of Neuilly of 27th November 1919. Sofia, July 1923.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.


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Mr. Chamberlain presented, by His Majesty's Local Command,—Copy of Ministry of Health pro- posals for Reform in Local Government and in the Financial Relations between the Exchequer and Local Authorities.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir John Gilmour presented, by Local His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Proposals Government for Reform in Local Government in Scotland Reform. and in the Financial Relations between the Exchequer and Local Authorities.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Bridgeman presented, pursuant to the Greenwich directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Hospital and Travers' Foundation of the estimated Income and Ex- penditure of the Greenwich Hospital and of Travers' No. 88. Foundation for the year 1928.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

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 Sheffield (Hallam Division), in the room of Major-General Sir Frederick Hugh Sykes, G.B.E., K.C.B., C.M.G., 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.—(Commander Egges-Monsell.)

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Chairman's Panel, That they had appointed Mr. Short to act as Chairman of Standing Committee B (respect of the Rubber Industry Bill).

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have added a Lord to the Joint Committee on Consolidation Bills pursuant to the Commons' Message of the 15th June.

Sir Arthur Shirley Benn reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords to consider all Private Bills for the exclusive purpose of consolidating the provisions of existing Private Acts of Parliament; That in respect of the North Metropolitan Electric Power Supply (Consolidation) Bill [Lords], now pending in the Lords, they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same as 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 Dudley 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.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision for a line-throwing appliance on certain ships: And that Mr. Ammon, Mr. Frederick Roberts, Mr. Webb, Mr. Greenwood, Mr. Gosling, Mr. Stenton, Mr. Shinnell, and Mr. Johnston do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Ammon accordingly presented a Bill to make provision for a line-throwing appliance on certain ships: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 6th day of July next; and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved Mr. Speaker himself into a Committee on Mr. Speaker's Retirement [King's Answer to Address].

(Motion made, and Question proposed, That the annual sum of £4,000 net be granted to His Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom, the said annuity to commence and take effect upon the day upon which the Right Honourable John Henry Whitley, late Speaker of the House of Commons, ceased to hold the office of Speaker of the House of Commons, to be settled in the most beneficial manner upon and to continue during the life of him the said Right Honourable John Henry Whitley.—(The Prime Minister.) Amendment proposed, in l. 1, to leave out "£4,000," in order to insert "£1,000."—(Mr. Clynes.)

Question put, That "£4,000" stand part of the Question.

The Committee divided.


Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Whiteley, Mr. Thomas Henders.: 103.

Main Question put, and agreed to.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved Finance Bill itself into a Committee on the Finance Bill.

Clause No. 15 (Continuance of allowance for repairs under s. 28 of 13 & 14 Geo. 5. C. 14).

Question again proposed, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

Question put, and agreed to.

Clauses No. 16 to No. 18 agreed to.

Clause No. 19 (Suspense Account).

Ordered, That the Word "years" stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Captain Booyser, Sir Victor Warrender: 231.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Parkinson, Mr. Wilfrid Paling: 127.

Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Captain Booyser, Captain Wallace: 228.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Parkinson, Mr. Wilfrid Paling: 129.
Clauses No. 19 to No. 28 agreed to.
Postponed Clause No. 13 (Income tax and super-tax for 1928-29).
Amendment proposed, in p. 9, l. 19, to leave out from the word "pound" to the end of the subsection.—(Sir John Marriott.)
Question, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "rates," in l. 21, stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.
An Amendment made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Postponed Clause No. 14 agreed to.
A Clause (Repeal of betting duty)—(Mr. James Brown),—brought up, and read the first time.
Motion made, and Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the Yeas, (Mr. Charles Edwards, Mr. Barnes ) 128.
Tellers for the Nays, (Sir George Heneage, Sir William Cope) 182.
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 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.

Resolved, That 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 House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Bankers (Northern Ireland) 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 Northern Ireland (Miscellaneous Provisions) 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 Superannuation (Diplomatic Service) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Straits Settlements and Johore Territorial Waters (Agreement) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Re-organisation into consideration the Re-organisation of Offices (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 taking Petroleum into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Petroleum (Amendment) Bill;

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Naval Prize Committee on Naval Prize [Transfer of Fund]; [Transfer of Fund.]

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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 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 Licensing (Amendment) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Reconstituted and Synthetic Cream Bill Reconstituted and Synthetic Cream Bill, as according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for Friday 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 nineteen minutes before Twelve of the clock, till to-morrow.
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Standing Committee set up under the Merchandise Marks Act, 1926, respecting Sheet Lead and Lead Pipes.

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Draft of a Special Order proposed to be made under the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of the Shirebrook and District Gas Company.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Guinness presented, pursuant to the Crown Lands, directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Hundred and Sixth Report of the Commissioners of Crown Lands, dated 28th June 1928.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Earl Winterton presented, pursuant to the East India Directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Amendments of the Indian Legislative Rules, and of the Provincial Legislative Council Rules made by the Governor-General in Council with the sanction of the Secretary of State in Council, under Sections 67 and 72D (5) read with 129A of the Government of India Act.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland presented, by His Majesty's Command, Copy of Text of an Order in Council, under Sections 67 and 72D (5) read with 129A of the Government of India Act.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Hopkins reported from the Committee on Group E of Private Bills; That the Committee could not proceed to business in consequence of the unavoidable absence of two Members of the Committee, and had, therefore, adjourned till Tuesday next, at Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Richmond Parish Charity Lands Scheme Confirmation Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Windermere Parish Charity Lands Scheme Confirmation Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Indian High Court and District Court Act to equalise the position under the Government of India Act of barristers, advocates, and pleaders as respects qualification for appointment as judges of high courts, and as respects the proportion of such judges required to possess special qualifications, and to render any person qualified under the said Act to be such a judge.

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appointed a judge of a high court eligible for appointment as chief justice of such a court; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Bradford Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill; That they had considered the Order therein contained; that the said Order ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, 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 Manchester Ship Canal 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.

South Essex Waterworks Bill [Lords].

The Deputy Chairman reported the South Essex Waterworks Bill [Lords], with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Bournemouth Gas and Water Bill [Lords].

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported the Bournemouth Gas and Water Bill [Lords], with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir Henry Cautley reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Railway (Road Transport) Bills: That in the case of the Metropolitan Railway (Road Transport) Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, but the same had not been proved to their satisfaction.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Select Committee of Selection: That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee B (added in respect of the Rubber Industry Bill)—Lord Huntingfield; and had appointed in substitution: Sir Herbert Cwrbliffe.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Blasphemy Laws (Amendment) Bill.

Ordered, That the Blasphemy Laws (Amendment) Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Electricity (Supply) Bill.

Ordered, That the Electricity (Supply) Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That other Government Business have precedence this day of the Business of Supply, and that the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, 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 George Hennessy, Yeas;
Viscount Curzon ;]
Tellers for the [Mr. Charles Edwards, Noes,
Mr. Barnes ;]
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Committee Stage, the Report Stage, and the Third Reading of the Valuation Rating and Valuation (Apportionment) Bill (Apportionment) Bill (Allocation of Time.) shall be proceeded with, as follows:—

(1) Committee Stage.

Three 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 and Third Reading.

Two allotted days shall be given to the Report Stage and Third Reading, and the proceedings on each of those allotted days shall be those shown in the second column of the following Table; and those proceedings, if not previously brought to a conclusion, shall be brought to a conclusion at the times shown in the third column of that Table.

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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 other than a Friday 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.

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, newClauses, 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 7.30 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 an allotted day no dilatory Motion on the Bill 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,

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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 deals with difficult questions affecting the assessment of property prior to the granting of relief from rates and is calculated to lead to many anomalies and injustices unless properly examined and discussed with a view to amendment "—[Mr. Greenwood].—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out to the end of l. 3, stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Captain Bowyer, Yeas, 208.
[Captain Wallace :]
Tellers for the [Mr. Barnes, Noes, 125.
[Witfrid Paling :]

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, in l. 4, by leaving out the word " Three," and inserting the word " Four"—[Mr. Chamberlain].—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the word " Three " stand part of the Question;

Mr. Speaker called the attention of the House to the tedious repetition of her own arguments on the part of Miss Lawrence, Member for East Ham, North, and directed the Honourable Member to discontinue her speech.

And the Question being put:—It passed in the negative.

And the Question being put, That the word " Four " be there inserted:—It was resolved in the affirmative.

The Question was further amended, in l. 19, by leaving out the word " Clauses," and inserting the word " Clause " instead thereof; by leaving out from " 9 " to the end of the Question, in l. 21, inclusive, and in l. 21, by inserting the words:

" Fourth - [Clause 10, new Clauses, Schedules, and any other matter necessary to bring the Committee Stage to a conclusion - 7.30,"

—(Mr. Chamberlain.)

And the Question, so amended, being put;

Ordered, That the Committee Stage, the Report Stage, and the Third Reading of the Rating and Valuation (Apportionment) Bill shall be proceeded with as follows:—

(1) Committee Stage,

Four 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
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(2) Report Stage and Third Reading.

Two allotted days shall be given to the Report Stage and Third Reading, and the proceedings on each of those allotted days shall be those shown in the second column of the following Table; and those proceedings, if not previously brought to a conclusion, shall be brought to a conclusion at the times shown in the third column of that Table.

Table II.—(Report Stage and Third Reading.)

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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 other than a Saturday 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.

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 7.30 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 an allotted day no dilatory Motion on the Bill, 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 House, according to Order, proceeded to Rabbits Bill, take into consideration the Rabbits Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Agricultural Produce (Grading and Marking) Bill [Lords.], as amended in the Standing Committee.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 21, by leaving out Clause 4. (Mr. Buxton.) And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word “British,” in l. 41, stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.
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Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 41, by leaving out the word "British."—(Mr. Blundell.)

And the Question being put, That the word "British" stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 22nd day of May last, That the Administration of Justice Bill [Lords] be now read a second time;

And the Question being again proposed:—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time:—The Bill was accordingly read a second time and committed to a Standing Committee.

Mr. Speaker's Retirement Bill [Lords].

Commander Eyres-Monsell reported from the Committee on Mr. Speaker's Retirement [King's Answer to Address], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That the annual sum of £4,000 net be granted to His Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom, the said annuity to commence and take effect upon the day upon which the Right Honourable John Henry Whitley, late Speaker of the House of Commons, ceased to hold the office of Speaker of the House of Commons, to be settled and secure an annuity upon the Right Honourable John Henry Whitley, in consideration of his eminent services: 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 a Bill be brought in upon the said Resolution, and that the Chairman of Ways and Means, the Prime Minister, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel, do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Speaker's Retirement Bill. Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel accordingly presented a Bill to settle and secure an annuity upon the Right Honourable John Henry Whitley in consideration of his eminent services: 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.

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 Northern Ireland (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Resolved, That this House will, immediately, resolve itself into the Committee on the Bill.—(Sir Vivian Henderson.)

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 to No. 5 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Captain Bourse 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 Superannuation (Diplomatic Service) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Straits Settlements and Johore Territorial Waters (Agreement) 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 Re-organisation of Offices (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Petroleum (Amendment) Bill;—

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Naval Prize Committee on Naval Prize [Transfer of Fund];—(Transfer of Fund.)

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Housing Bill;

Second Reading of the Housing Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Coal Mines Protection of Animals) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Dogs and Cattle Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment Dogs Bill, which, upon the 20th day of April last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That...
the Protection of Dogs 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 Widows', Orphans', and Old Age Contributory Pensions Act (1925) Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

And then the House, having continued to sit till seven minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 90.]

Friday, 29th June 1928.

The House met at Eleven 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, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.—

London County Council (Ilford and Barking Drainage) Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Southampton Corporation Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next, at half-an-hour after Seven of the clock.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Weald Electricity Supply Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next, at half-an-hour after Seven of the clock.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Wessex Electricity Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next, at half-an-hour after Seven of the clock.

The Bradford Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read the third time and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. 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 Port of London Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 7, to leave out the words "such general or special."—(Sir William Perring.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.

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 Captain Bourne 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 Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the auctioneers Second Reading of the Auctioneers Bill; Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Housing Second Reading of the Housing 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 Blasphemy Second Reading of the Blasphemy Laws (Amendment) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for 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 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.

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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The House proceeded to take into consideration the Windermere Gas and 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 Gloucester Corporation Gas and Water Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

And an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Sandown Urban District Council Water Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

And Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Staffordshire Potteries Water Board Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Dover Gas Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

The Maidenhead Water Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

Major Tryon presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of Order, dated 21st June 1928, entitled the Leeds, Harrogate, and District War Pensions Committee Order, 1928.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir John Gilmore presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Forty-sixth Report of the Fishery Board for Scotland for the year 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, dated 23rd June 1928, authorising the landing and defining the quarantine station of three Gayals from India.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Edmund Torton reported from Standing Committee A, to whom the Racecourse Betting Bill was referred: That they had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto, and had amended the title, as followeth:—A Bill to amend the Betting Act, 1853, to legalise the use of totalisators on certain racecourses, and to make further provision with regard to betting thereon.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Standing Committee be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Friday next; and be printed.

Stuart James Becon, Esquire, K.C., Member for New Member the Borough of Holborn, was sworn.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Rating and Valuation (Apportionment) Bill. (In the Committee.)

Clause No. 2 (Definition of agricultural hereditaments).

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 25, after the word “used,” to insert the words “to the satisfaction of the Forestry Commissioners.”—(Sir Robert Hamilton.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the 
Sir Robert Hutchison, Yeas, 105.
Sir Robert Hamilton: 
Vote.

Tellers for the 
George Hennasy, Noes, 193.
William Cope:

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 27, to leave out the word “saleable.”—(Sir Robert Hamilton.)

Question, That the word “saleable” stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 27, after the word “underwood,” to insert the words “or osiers.”—(Lieutenant-Commander Kenworthy.)
19 Geo. V. 2nd July.

Royal Assent.

A Message was delivered by Lieutenant-General Sir William Pulteney, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., D.S.O., Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords authorised by virtue of His Majesty's Commission, for declaring His Royal Assent to Acts which are agreed upon by both Houses, and to a Measure passed under the provisions of the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act, 1919, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read. Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers:—And having returned;

Mr. Speaker reported, That the House, at the desire of the Lords authorised by virtue of His Majesty's Commission, had been at the House of Peers, where a Commission under the Great Seal was read, giving, declaring, and notifying the Royal Assent to the several Acts and Measure therein mentioned; and that the Lords thereby authorised had declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts and Measure, as follow:

1. Teachers (Superannuation) Act, 1928.
3. Representation of the People (Equal Franchise) Act, 1928.
8. Richmond Parish Charity Lands Scheme Confirmation Act, 1928.
10. Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 3) Act, 1928.
11. Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 4) Act, 1928.
15. West Hartlepool (Trolley Vehicles) Order Confirmation Act, 1928.
16. Land Drainage (Ouse) Provisional Order Confirmation Act, 1928.
23. Lancashire Quarter Sessions Act, 1928.
32. London County Council (Tramway Subways and Improvements) Act, 1928.
33. Wey Valley Water Act, 1928.
34. Bethlem Hospital Act, 1928.
35. York Town and Blackwater Gas and Electricity Act, 1928.
40. Port of London Act, 1928.
41. Exeter Corporation Act, 1928.
Then the House again resolved itself into the Committee on the Rating and Valuation (Apportionment) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 39, to leave out from the word " dwelling," to the end of the paragraph, in order to insert the words " at a rent or, where the owner is the occupier, which would otherwise be let at a rent not exceeding, in the case of a house situate in the administrative county of London, forty pounds, and in the case of a house situate elsewhere twenty-six pounds." — (Miss Lawrence.)

Question, That the word " by " stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 2, to leave out the word " dwelling-houses," in order to insert the word " farmhouses."— (Captain Bourne.)

Question proposed, That the word " dwelling-houses" stand part of the Clause: Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 4, after the word " garden," to insert the words " allotment or allotment gardens."— (Mr. Riley.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 4, to leave out the word " solely."— (Mr. Harris.)

Question, That the word " solely" stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Question proposed, That the Clause stand part of the Bill. And it being half-past Seven of the clock, the Chairman proceeded, pursuant to the Order of the House of 28th June, to put forthwith the Question necessary to dispose of the business to be concluded at half-past Seven of the clock at this day's Sitting.

Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [ Yeas, 
 Captain Wallace : ] 278.
Mr. Charles Edwards : 110.
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 Wednesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the London Third Reading of the London County Council County Council (Money) 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."— (Colonel Vaughan-Morgan.)

And the Question being proposed, That the word " now" stand part of the Question:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Main Question being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Speaker’s Retirement Bill was, according Mr. Speaker’s Retirement Bill.

Order, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for to-morrow.— (Commander Eyres-Monsell.)

And the Question being proposed, That the word " now" stand part of the Question:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

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The Order of the day being read, for taking Petroleum (Amendment) Bill; into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Petroleum (Amendment) Bill;

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration to-morrow.
Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying His Majesty to make an Order in Council under the Military Manoeuvres Acts, 1897 and 1911, a draft of which was presented to this House on the 19th day of March last.—(Mr. Duff Cooper.)

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Majesty by such Members of this House as are of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council or of His Majesty's Household.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the 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 False Oaths (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 Educational Endowments (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 Reservoirs (Safety Provisions) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Companies Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the 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 Superannuation (Diplomatic Service) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Straits Settlements and Johore Territorial Waters (Agreement) 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 Re-organisation of Offices (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 Committee on Naval Prize (Transfer of Fund);

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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Tuesday, 3rd July 1928.

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, no Standing Orders are applicable, viz.:

Goldsmith Estate 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 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.:

Whitby Water 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 Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Orders are applicable, viz.:

Brillington Harbour 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, brought from the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz.:

Copyright Order Confirmation (Mechanical Instruments : Royalties) Bill [Lords].

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 Bills, brought from the Lords and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders applicable thereto have been complied with, viz.:

Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 5) Bill [Lords].

Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 7) Bill [Lords].

Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 8) Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time to-morrow.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Dudley Corporation Bill, as amended Corporation Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Regulation Act, 1920, Copy of Draft of a Special Order proposed to be made, under the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of the British Gas Light Company, Limited, with respect to the Hull undertaking of that Company.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Earl Winterton presented, pursuant to the East India Directors of several Acts of Parliament,—Direction of several Acts 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 1928.

Copy of Amendment of the Devolution East India 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 Regulations for East India Service for the probation in the United Kingdom and the further examination of selected candidates for the Indian Civil Service made by the Secretary of State for India in Council under Section 97 of the Government of India Act.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Colonial Agriculture in India. A copy of the Fifteenth Interim Report of the Royal Commission on Agriculture in India.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Colonial a copy of the Treasurer List of Colonial Stocks in India in Stock Act, 1900, respect of which the provisions of the Colonial Stock Act, 1900, are for the time being complied with. (Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel.)

Mr. Hopkins reported from the Committee on the Greenock and Port Glasgow Tramways and Port Glasgow Company Bill [Lords]; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Company 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. Hopkins reported from the Committee on Group E of Private Bills; That there being no Business ready for the consideration
of the Committee, the Committee had adjourned till Tuesday next, at Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Committee of Selection; that they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee A:—Colonel Gault, Sir Alfred Hopkinson, Mr. Solicitor General, Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland, and Sir Alexander Sprott; and had appointed in substitution:—Sir Cooper Rousseau, Captain Cunningham Reid, Sir Frederick Rice, Sir Bennell Rodd, and Major Yerburgh.

Standing Committee A. The Lords have agreed to the Bury and District Joint Water Board Bill, with Amendments;—Mr. Rhys Davies, Mr. Everard, Colonel Fremantle, Captain Gunston, Mr. Langbury, Mr. March, Colonel Ruggles-Brise, Mrs. Buschman, and Sir Kingsley Wood.

Standing Committee A. The Lords have agreed to the Middlesex and Surrey (Thames Bridges, &c.) Bill, with Amendments;—Mr. Attorney General, Mr. Buchanan, Sir Walter Greaves-Lord, Sir Hamar Greenwood, Sir Robert Hamilton, Sir Malcolm Macnaghten, Mr. Oliver, Mr. Pilkier, Sir Henry Slesser, and Mr. Withers.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Morgan Jones reported from Standing Committee C, Committee C, to whom the Agricultural Credits Bill was referred; that they had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

No. 92. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

No. 92. Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Standing Committee be printed.

Bill 160. Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

Message from the Lords. Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the South West Suburban Water Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Standing Committee C. The Lords have agreed to the Middlesex and Surrey (Thames Bridges, &c.) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

No. 92. Ordered, That the Report be read a second time upon Monday next; and be printed.

Bill 160. Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon the Table.

Standing Committee C. Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That they had gone through the following Ten Members to Standing Committee C (in respect of the Administration of Justice Bill [Lords]):—Mr. Attorney General, Mr. Buchanan, Sir Walter Greaves-Lord, Sir Hamar Greenwood, Sir Robert Hamilton, Sir Malcolm Macnaghten, Mr. Oliver, Mr. Pilkier, Sir Henry Slesser, and Mr. Withers.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

Standing Committee A. Mr. William Nicholson further reported from the Committee; that they had added the following Ten Members to Standing Committee A (in respect of the Registration (Births, Deaths, and Marriages) Bill):—Mr. Rhys Davies, Mr. Vernon Davies, Mr. Everard, Colonel Fremantle, Captain Gunston, Mr. Langbury, Mr. March, Colonel Ruggles-Brise, Mrs. Buschman, and Sir Kingsley Wood.

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The Committee proceeded to a Division. Division No. Tellers for the Yeas, the Chairman declared the Noes had it.

Another Clause (Amendment of s. 21 of Finance Act, 1922, 12 and 13 Geo. V., c. 17)—(Sir Edward Higgs),—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put, and negatived.

Another Clause (Amendment of Finance Act, 1926)—(Mr. Womersley),—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put, and negatived.

Another Clause (Amendment of s. 15 of Finance Act, 1894)—(Mr. Couper),—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 Finance Act, 1920)—(Mr. Gates),—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 Finance Act, 1894)—(Mr. Couper),—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 Finance Act, 1920, s. 19, and Finance Act, 1924, s. 22)—(Sir Malcolm Macnaghten),—brought up, and read the first time.
Clause be read a second time.
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the [Sir Malcolm Mac- naghtecn ], 90.
Tellers for the [Mr. Pethick-Lawrence ], 202.

Another Clause (Increased preference on Empire brandy)—(Mr. Hannon),—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time.—Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Silk duties Amendment)—(Sir Frank Meyer),—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 (Exemption of gratuities)—(Colonel Sir Joseph Nall),—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 (Exemption for agricultural work)—(Sir William Cope),—brought up, and read the first time.

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Another Clause (Exemption for agricultural shows)—(Mr. Wardlaw Milne),—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 (Exemption from registration of probate registries.—(Sir Victor Warrender),—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time.—Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

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Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time.—Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Exemption of gratuities)—(Colonel Sir Joseph Nall),—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 (Exemption for agricultural work)—(Sir William Cope),—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 (Exemption of gratuities)—(Colonel Sir Joseph Nall),—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 (Exemption for agricultural work)—(Sir William Cope),—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 (Exemption of gratuities)—(Colonel Sir Joseph Nall),—brought up, and read the first time.
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The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Petroleum (Amendment) 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 Supranomination (Diplomatic Service) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Police Districts (Scotland) Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the False Oaths (Scotland) Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Reservoirs and Johore Territorial Waters (Agreement) 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 Educational Endowments (Scotland) Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Reservoirs (Safety Provisions) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Companies 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 Superannuation (Scotland) Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Auctioneers 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. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then eleven minutes after One of the clock on Wednesday morning, till this day.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

[No. 93.]

Wednesday, 4th July 1928.

THE Bridlington Harbour Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The Copyright Order Confirmation (Mechanical Instruments : Royalties) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The Ministry of Health (Halifax and West Riding Provisional Orders) Confirmation Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Order Confirmation (Gillingham Extension) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Order Confirmation (Swindon Extension) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 5) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.
The Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 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.

Sir Henry Cautley further reported from the Committee: That they had consolidated the Preambles of the two Bills, and verbally amended the same, and found the Preambles, so consolidated and 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 Henry Cautley reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on the Railway (Road Transport) Bills; That in the case of the Great Western Railway (Road Transport) Bill, 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 Henry Cautley reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on the Railway (Road Transport) Bills; That in the case of the London and North Eastern Railway (Road Transport) Bill, pursuant to the Instruction of the House, dated the 15th day of March 1928, they had consolidated the said Bills into one Bill to empower the London and North Eastern Railway Company to provide road transport services, and for other purposes.

Sir Henry Cautley further reported from the Committee: That they had consolidated the Preambles of the two Bills, and verbally amended the same, and found the Preambles, so consolidated and 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 Licensing Authorities into conformity with modern traffic requirements, and giving them power to impose conditions as to fares, and to take into account the adequacy of existing services and congestion of streets or roads. They are impressed with the need for remedying the present chaotic and uncertain state of the law, and they regard this legislation as of the utmost urgency. They do not, however, consider that the passing of these Bills should await such general legislation.

2. During the hearing of the evidence and arguments upon these Bills the question of the construction and maintenance of bridges has frequently come before the Committee, and they are impressed with its importance.

A Bill dealing generally with the question of bridges has been read a first time in the House of Commons, and the Committee consider it advisable that some measure on this subject should forthwith be proceeded with at the earliest opportunity.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

Ordered, That the Protection of Animals Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Rating and Valuation (Apportionment) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 3 (Definition of industrial hereditaments).

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 19, after the word " or," to insert the words " for the purposes of trade or commerce or."

Question again proposed, That those words be there inserted.

Question put.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the 
Yea, 
Mr. Thomas Henderson, 
Mr. Whiteley : 131.

Tellers for the 
Noes, 
Marquess of Titchfield, 
Captain Wallace : 199.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 10, to leave out the words " subject as hereinafter provided."—(Mr. Horney.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the 
Yeas, 
Mr. Penny : 224.

Tellers for the 
Noes, 
Sir Robert Hutchinson, 
Mr. Fenby : 140.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 13, after the second word " hereditament," to insert the words " the business carried on in which yielded or may yield profits or gains within the meaning of the Income Tax Act, 1918, and any enactments amending the same, in the last year preceding the valuation in respect of which the profits or gains of such business or of the occupier of such hereditament may be or have been ordinarily calculated for the purpose of that Act at a rate exceeding seven per cent. upon the capital actually employed in such business."—(Mr. Ernest Brown.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the 
Yea, 
Mr. Ernest Brown : 138.

Tellers for the 
Noes, 
Mr. Penny : 288.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 14, after the word " workshop," to insert the words " for the manufacture wholly or partly of any article which, if imported into this Country, would be subject to a duty of customs, and does not include a hereditament occupied and used as a factory or workshop."—(Mr. Greenwood.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the 
Yea, 
Mr. Barnes, 
Mr. Wilfrid Paling : 254.

Tellers for the 
Noes, 
Mr. Penny : 141.

And it being after half-past Seven of the clock, the Chairman proceeded, pursuant to the Order of the House of 28th June, successively to put forthwith the Questions necessary to dispose of the business to be concluded at half-past Seven of the clock at this day's Sitting, and on an Amendment moved by the Government of which notice had been given.

Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the 
Yea, 
Mr. Penny, 
Captain Wallace : 254.

Tellers for the 
Noes, 
Mr. Wilfrid Paling : 141.

Clause No. 4 (Entries in valuation lists as to industrial hereditaments).

An Amendment made.

Question put, That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the 
Yea, 
Mr. George Hennessy, 
Mr. Penny : 250.

Tellers for the 
Noes, 
Mr. Charles Edwards, 
Mr. Whiteley : 137.

Clause No. 5 (Definition of freight-transport hereditaments).

Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 30, at the end, to insert the words,—

" (iii) a railway or tramway attached to an industrial hereditament for purposes ancillary thereto and used primarily for the transport of minerals and/or produce from the mine or factory to a railway, canal, dock, or shipping place."—(Mr. Luke Thompson.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 39, at the end, to insert the words,—

" (b) A hereditament occupied and used wholly or partly in connection with an undertaking for the conveyance of merchandise by road."—(Mr. March.)
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Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the \{Mr. Parkinson, Yeas, Mr. Whiteley ; \} 129.
Tellers for the \{Captain Bowyer, Noes, Sir Victor Warrender ; \} 193.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 32, to leave out from the word "purposes" to the end of the paragraph.—(Sir Herbert Nield.) Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 36, to leave out from the word "purposes" to the end of the paragraph.—(Miss Lawrence.) Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "business" in l. 28, stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, to leave out l. 40 to 44.—(Sir Herbert Nield.) Question, That the words proposed to be left out to the word "primarily" in l. 40, stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 40, after the word "hereditament," to insert the words "other than a dining room, recreation room, or recreation ground for the use of workpeople."—(Lieutenant-Commander Kenworthy.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the \{Mr. Hayes, Yeas, Mr. Wilfrid Paling ; \} 129.
Tellers for the \{Captain Margesson, Noes, Mr. Penny ; \} 220.

Other Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 28, to leave out from the word "undertaking" to the end of paragraph (c).—(Mr. Harney.) Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 33, at the end, to insert the words,—

"'Canal' includes any inland navigation, also wharves and landing-places of and belonging to such canal or navigation and used for the purposes of public traffic, and the expression 'canal undertakings' shall be construed accordingly."—(Mr. Ernest Brown.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 39, at the end to insert the words,—

"'Dock undertaking' includes any undertaking comprising a dock as part thereof."—(Miss Lawrence.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 2, to leave out from the word "Act" to the end of the paragraph.—(Miss Lawrence.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Reservoirs (Safety Provisions) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Companies into consideration the Companies Bill, as Bill,
amended in the Standing Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Straits Second Reading of the Straits Settlements and Johore Territorial Waters (Agreement) Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Re-organisation into consideration the Re-organisation of Offices (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 Naval Prize Committee on Naval Prize [Transfer of Fund]; [Transfer of Fund.]
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee of Supply;
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Committee of Ways and Means;
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That, notwithstanding anything in Business of the Order made upon the 28th day of June last, relative to the Rating and Valuation (Apportionment) Bill (Allocation of Time), (Apportion- ment) Bill) the Questions necessary to dispose of Clause 9 of that Bill in Committee shall not be put from the Chair at half-past Ten of the clock on the third allotted day, but that Clause, if it be not previously disposed of, shall be included in the proceedings to be brought to a conclusion at half-past Seven of the clock on the fourth allotted day.—(Commander Eyres-Monsell.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Reservoirs and Synthetic Cream Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Electricity Second Reading of the Electricity (Supply) Bill; [Supply Bill.]
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 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 sixteen minutes before Twelve of the clock, till to-morrow.
The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The Gloucester Corporation Bill [Lords] was read the third time and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Sandown Urban District Council Bill [Lords] was read the third time and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Staffordshire Potteries Water Board Bill [Lords] was read the third time and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel 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 1927–28, both inclusive; and (2) the Gross and Net Expenditure charged annually during that period against the Public Revenue on account of the National Debt, and other Payments connected with Capital Liabilities.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Amery presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Special Commission on the Constitution of Ceylon.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Chamberlain presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Committee on Vaccination.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Chamberlain also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Sixty-fourth Annual Reports on Alkali, &c., Works, by the Chief Inspectors, for the year 1927.

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Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Copy of the Contract, dated the 27th day of June 1928, between the Postmaster General and the Cunard Steam Ship Company, Limited, for the conveyance of Mails to and from the United States of America, together with a Copy of the Treasury Minute thereon, dated the 2nd day of July 1928.—(Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel.)

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Copy of the Contract, dated the 27th day of June 1928, between the Postmaster General and the Oceanic Steam Navigation Company, Limited, for the conveyance of Mails to and from the United States of America, together with a Copy of the Treasury Minute thereon, dated the 2nd day of July 1928.—(Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel.)

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from one of their Clerks, as followeth:—

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to amend the Theatrical Employers Registration Act, 1925; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Sir Walter Baine reported from the Local Legislation Committee (Section B); That in the case of the Sheffield 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.

Mr. MacKenzie Livingstone, supported by Sir Robert Hamilton, Mr. Macpherson, Mr. Saran, Sir Archibald Sinclair, and Mr. Harris, presented a Bill to enable students to travel to places of education free of charge: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Rating and Valuation (Apportionment) Bill.

Clause No. 6 (Entries in valuation lists as to freight-transport hereditaments).

Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 21, to leave out from the word "used" to the end of the subsection.

Question again proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Copy of the Contract, dated the 27th day of June 1928, between the Postmaster General and the American Mail Contract.)

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.
at the end, to add the words,

Mr. Hardie.

Question put, That the word "not" be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Mr. Charles Edwards),
Yeas, 94.
Tellers for the (Viscount Curzon),
Noes, 185.

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, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Southampton Corporation 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. Sexton.)

And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was read a second time, and committed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the ways and means;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Petroleum into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Petroleum (Amendment) Bill;

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Indian High Courts High Courts Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Finance Bill into consideration the Finance Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration 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 a quarter of an hour before Twelve of the clock, till to-morrow.

[No. 95.]

Friday, 6th July 1928.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into considera-

tion the Amendments made by the Lords to the Bury and District Joint 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 considera-

tion the Amendments made by the Lords to the Middlesex and Surrey (Thames Bridges, &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 Dudley 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 considera-

tion the Amendments made by the Lords to the South Essex Waterworks Bill [Lords.]; and an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into considera-

tion the South Essex Waterworks Bill [Lords.], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The London County Council (Ilford and Barking Drainage) Bill [Lords.] was read a second time, and committed.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 229 and 246, relating to Private Bills, be suspended.

Ordered, That as regards Private Bills to be returned by the House of Lords, with Amendments, such Amendments (if Unopposed) shall be considered forthwith.

Ordered, That as regards Private Bills returned, or to be returned, by the House of Lords, with Amendments, such Amendments (if Opposed) shall be considered at such time as the House shall think proper.

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as the Chairman of Ways and Means may determine.

Ordered, That when it is intended to propose Amendments thereto, a copy of such Amendments shall be deposited in the Committee and Private Bill Office, and notice given on the day on which the Bill shall have been returned from the House of Lords.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Sir William Mitchell-Thomson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Warrant, dated 19th June 1928, entitled the Inland Post Amendment (No. 4) Warrant, 1928.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 5th day of this instant July, for a Return relative to Post Office (American Mail Contract).

Ordered, That the said Returns do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Bedwellty Union.

Mr. Chamberlain presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Second Report of the Guardians appointed by the Minister of Health, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, to constitute the Board of Guardians for the Bedwellty Union for the half year ended 31st March 1928.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Chamberlain presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Third Report of the West Ham Board of Guardians on their Administration for the period 1st June 1927 to 31st May 1928.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Lincolnshire Rivers 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 upon Monday next.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Oxford 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 thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Commander Archibald Richard James Southby, New Member R.N., retired, Member for the County of Surrey sworn. (Epsom Division), was sworn.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Racecourse into consideration the Racecourse Betting Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee. (Mr. Rhys Davies.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be re-committed to a Select Committee.—(Mr. Rhys Davies.)

And the Motion being opposed, after a brief Question put, explanatory statement 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, pursuant to Standing Order No. 40a.

The House divided. The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the "Sir Basil Peto, Yeas, [Mr. Barr; }
[104.}
Tellers for the "Sir Berkeley Sheffield, Noes, [Major Glynn: ]}
[144.}
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. 12, by leaving out the words "Racecourse Betting Control Board," and inserting the words "Jockey Club or National Hunt Committee"—(Mr. Tinker), 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;

Major Glyn 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.


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:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Major Glyn 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.


So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. I, l. 18, by leaving out the word "horse."—(Mr. Compton.)

And the Question being proposed, That the word "horse" stand part of the Bill:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Major Glyn 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.


So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being accordingly put, That the word "horse" stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And it being after Four of the clock, further consideration of the Bill, as amended, stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into further consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Courts of Domestic Relations Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Merchant Shipping (Line-Throwing Appliance) 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 Blasphemy Laws (Amendment) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Widows', Orphans', and Old Age Contributory Pensions Act (1929) (Contributory Amendment) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Electricity (Supply) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, without Question put, pursuant to Standing Order No. 3, it being then nine minutes after Four of the clock, till Monday next.

[No. 96.]

Monday, 9th July 1928.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

P R A Y E R S.

THE Treasurer of the Household reported Military Manoeuvres, 1928 (Military Manoeuvres Acts, 1897 and 1911) (Order in Council), had been presented to His Majesty; and that His Majesty had been pleased to receive the same very graciously, and to give the following answer:

I have received your Address praying that I will make an Order in Council under the Military Manoeuvres Acts, 1897 and 1911, a draft of which was presented to your House on the 19th day of March last.

I will comply with your advice.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Bournemouth Gas and Water Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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Ordered, That the Great Western Railway (Road Transport) Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Ordered, That the London and North Eastern Railway (Road Transport) Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Ordered, That the London, Midland, and Scottish Railway (Road Transport) Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Manchester Ship Canal Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Southern Railway (Road Transport) Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Goldsmid Estate Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

Whitby Water Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Lincolnshire Rivers Fisheries Provisional Order Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Secretary Sir William Joynson-Hicks presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Annual Report of the Chief Inspector of Factories and Workshops for the year 1927.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 2nd July 1928, directing the application of moneys received by the Board of Trade in the year ended 31st March 1928, in respect of the rights and interests of the Crown in the Foreshores of the United Kingdom.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Note by the Air Ministry, directing the application of moneys received by the Board of Trade in the year ended 31st March 1928, in respect of the rights and interests of the Crown in the Foreshores of the United Kingdom.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords had been brought from the Lords by the Lords, one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the London County Council (General Powers) Bill, with Amendment to the 28th Section of the Bill; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to alter the boundary of the Borough of Morecambe so as to include the Urban District of Heysham; to empower the Corporation to construct sea walls, promenades, and other works; to acquire portions of Morecambe Harbour, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Morecambe Corporation Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on Government the House, Business be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing order, (Sittings of the House).—(Secretary Sir William Joynson-Hicks);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Captain Margesson: 196.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Whiteley: 91.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative

The House, according to Order, resolved Ratting and Valuation (Apportionment) Bill, into a Committee on the Rating and Valuation (Apportionment) Bill, (In the Committee.)

Clause No. 9 (Application to Scotland).
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 9, l. 6, to leave out subsection (1).—(Mr. Johnston.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Penny: 202.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Whiteley: 77.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 9, l. 26, at the end, to insert the word “and, in the case of agricultural land and heritages, the value of the house and cottages situated thereon shall be shown separately from the value of the agricultural land.”—(Sir Alexander Sprot.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee proceeded to a Division.

But there being no Members willing to act Division (No as Tellers for the Yeas, the Chairman declared that the Noes had it.

Amendments made.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 11, l. 9, at the end, to insert the words,—

"(11) Minerals which are being worked shall, for the purposes of this Act, be deemed to be lands and heritages occupied and used as a mine."—(Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.

Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, in l. 1, after the word "shall," to insert the word "not."—(Mr. Johnston.)

Question proposed, That the word "not" be there inserted.—Debate arising;

Mr. Malone rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put; but the Chairman withheld his assent, and declined then to put that Question.—Debate resumed.

Question put.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Charles Edwards,]
Yea,
Mr. Whitley : 122.

Tellers for the [Mr. Penny,]
Noes,
Capt. Wallace : 271.

And it being after half-past Seven of the clock, the Chairman proceeded, pursuant to the Order of the House of 28th June, to put forthwith the Question on the Amendment already proposed from the Chair.

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Penny,]
Yea,
Mr. Whitley : 273.

Tellers for the [Mr. Charles Edwards,]
Noes,
Capt. Wallace : 124.

The Chairman then proceeded successively to put forthwith the Questions on any Amendments moved by the Government of which notice had been given, and the Questions necessary to bring the Committee Stage to a conclusion.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 11, l. 18, at the end, to add the words,—

"(12) The assessor shall be entitled at any reasonable time of day, on giving not less than twenty-four hours' previous notice in writing to the occupier, to enter, survey, and value for the purposes of the Lands Valuation (Scotland) Act, 1854, and the Acts amending that Act, including this Act, any lands and heritages within the County or Burgh or District for which he acts as assessor, and if any person refuses to admit the assessor to enter any lands and heritages or obstructs him in making his survey or valuation shall be liable on conviction by a court of summary jurisdiction to a penalty not exceeding twenty pounds;—

(b) The Secretary of State may make regulations requiring the assessor to consult with any such officer or person employed as aforesaid as regards any particulars required by this section to be shown in the valuation roll, and generally for the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of this Act, and such regulations may modify and adapt the provisions of the Lands Valuation (Scotland) Act, 1854, and the Acts amending that Act. The regulations shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament as soon as may be after they are made:

Provided that if an Address is presented to His Majesty by either House within the next subsequent twenty-one days on which that House has sat after the regulations are laid before it, praying that the regulations may be annulled, the regulations shall thenceforth be void, without prejudice to the validity of anything previously done thereunder."—(Major Elliot.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Captain Bowyer,]
Yea,
Mr. Penny : 269.

Tellers for the [Mr. Burns,]
Noes,
Mr. Wilfrid Paling : 122.

Question put, That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Captain Bowyer,]
Yea,
Mr. Penny : 279.

Tellers for the [Mr. Burns,]
Noes,
Mr. Wilfrid Paling : 99.

Clause No. 10 agreed to.

First Schedule.

Amendments made.

Question put, That the Schedule, as amended, be the First Schedule to the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Captain Murgesson,]
Yea,
Sir Victor Warrender : 250.

Tellers for the [Mr. Hayes,]
Noes,
Mr. Benjamin Smith : 120.

Second Schedule.

Question put, That this be the Second Schedule to the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Captain Murgesson,]
Yea,
Sir Victor Warrender : 255.

Tellers for the [Mr. Hayes,]
Noes,
Mr. Benjamin Smith : 160.

Whereupon the Chairman left the Chair to Chairman Chairman withholds his assent.

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Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration to-morrow; and be printed.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Re-organisation of Offices (Scotland) 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 words "the Scottish Board of Health." (Mr. Hardie.)

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 Margesson, Yeas, (Captain Wallace:) 196.
Tellers for the Mr. Charles Edwards, Noes, (Mr. Whiteley:) 94.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 7, by leaving out the words "the Board of Agriculture for Scotland."—(Mr. Hardie.)

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 Margesson, Yeas, (Captain Wallace:) 202.
Tellers for the Mr. Barnes, Noes, (Mr. Wilfrid Paling:) 92.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 7, by leaving out the words "and the Prison Commissioners for Scotland."—(Mr. Hardie.)

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 William Cope, Yeas, (Sir Victor Warrender:) 200.
Tellers for the Mr. Benjamin Smith, Noes, (Mr. Wilfrid Paling:) 93.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 4, l. 29, by leaving out Clause 4.—(Mr. Macquisten.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then an Amendment was made to the Bill.
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 Sir George Hennegy, Yeas, (Sir William Cope:) 175.
Tellers for the Mr. Charles Edwards, Noes, (Mr. Whiteley:) 78.
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 Educational Endowments (Scotland) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

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 Educational Endowments (Scotland) [Expenses] proposed to be moved, under Standing Order No. 71a, in Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Then the House, pursuant to Standing Order No. 71a, resolved itself into Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That it is expedient, in pursuance of any Act of the present Session, to make further provision for the re-organisation of educational and other endowments in Scotland, to authorise the payment out of moneys to be provided by Parliament of such sums as may be necessary to defray the expenses incurred by any Commissioners appointed thereunder, and to remunerate their Secretary, Assistant Commissioners, and other officers.—(Secretary Sir John Gilmour.)

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Captain Bourne 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 taking Petroleums into consideration the Amendments made by (Amendment) the Lords to the Petroleum (Amendment) Bill;

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Superannuation Committee of Ways and Means.

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 Indian Second Reading of the Indian High Courts Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

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.

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.

False Oaths (Scotland) Bill [Lords]. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the False Oaths (Scotland) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Reservoirs (Safety Provisions) Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Reservoirs (Safety Provisions) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Companies Bill. The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Companies Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Straits Settlements and Johore Territorial Waters (Agreement) Bill [Lords]. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Straits Settlements and Johore Territorial Waters (Agreement) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Naval Prize (Transfer of Fund) Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Naval Prize (Transfer of Fund);

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Racecourse Betting Bill. The Order of the day being read, for taking into further consideration the Racecourse Betting Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into further consideration upon Monday next.

Marriage (Prohibited Degrees of Relationship) Bill. The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Marriage (Prohibited Degrees of Relationship) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 to No. 3 agreed to. Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be 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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And it being after half-past Eleven of the clock, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then ten minutes before Twelve of the clock, till to-morrow.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Distribution by Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 47, of Bills committed to a Standing Committee.

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[No. 97.]

Tuesday, 10th July 1928.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report Private Bills from one of the Examiners of Petitions [Lords] for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords, and previously referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.,—

North Metropolitan Electric Power Supply (Consolidation) 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, 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. 9) Bill [Lords].

Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 10) Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the London County Council (General Powers) Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

A Motion being made, That the Cleethorpes Urban District Council Bill [Lords] be now read the third time;

Secretary Sir Laming Worthington-Evans, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives His Consent, as far as His Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Great Western Railway (Road Transport) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next, at half-an-hour after Seven of the clock.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Southern Railway (Road Transport) Bill, as amended in the Committee; the Shropshire, and the Worcestershire Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next, at half-an-hour after Seven of the clock.

The Lincolnshire Rivers 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.

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 Upper Medway Conservancy.

Ordered, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, that He will be 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 1928–29.—(Earl Winterton).

Resolved, That there be laid before this House National a Return showing, for the financial years Debt commencing the 1st day of April 1880, the 1st day of April 1890, the 1st day of April 1900, and for each financial year thereafter:

(1) The total amount of dead-weight Debt outstanding on the 1st day of April; the amounts which were made available in each year to 1927–28, inclusive, for reduction of Debt, distinguishing the sums expressly provided for service of the Debt, the Old Sinking Fund, and miscellaneous receipts; the gross amount of Debt redeemed; the amount of Debt created; and the net increase or decrease of Debt in the year;

(2) A similar Statement in respect of other capital liabilities.
Mr. Short reported from Standing Committee B, to whom the Rubber Industry Bill was referred: That they had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto, and had amended the Title of the Bill, as followeth:—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 Manufacturers, and for other purposes connected therewith.

No. 97. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Bill 172. Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Thursday next; and be printed.

Standing Committee C, Administration of Justice Bill [Lords].

Sir Robert Sanders reported from Standing Committee C, to whom the Administration of Justice Bill (Lords) was referred: That they had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

No. 98. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Bill 171. Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Thursday next; and be printed.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Chairman's Panel: That they had appointed Major Sir Richard Barnett to act as Chairman of Standing Committee A (in respect of the British Legion Poppies Bill); Mr. Short, of Standing Committee B (in respect of the Dog Racing Bill); Sir Robert Sanders, of Standing Committee C (in respect of the Public Rights of Way Bill); and Sir Cyril Cobb in respect of the Merchant Shipping (Line-Throwing Appliance) Bill; and Mr. James Brown, of the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills (in respect of the Educational Endowments (Scotland) Bill (Lords)).

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Selection (Standing Committee.) Standing Committee B.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Committee of Selection: That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee B:—Mr. Culverwell; and had appointed in substitution: Colonel Moore-Brabazon.

Standing Committee B.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from the Committee: That they had added the following fifteen Members to Standing Committee B (in respect of the Dog Racing Bill): Colonel Applan, Mr. Brocklebank, Mr. Buchan, Mr. Buchan, Mr. Compton, Captain Crooke-shank, Mr. Dunnico, Sir Walter Greene-Lord, Sir Robert Hamilton, Colonel Sir Vivian Henderson, Mr. Robert Hudson, Sir George Hume, Viscount Hill-Morton, Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland, and Mr. Wellock.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from Standing Committee C:—Mr. Harmanworth and Colonel Winby; and had appointed in substitution: Sir Alfred Hopkinson and Mr. Solicitor General.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from Standing Committee C: That they had added the following fifteen Members to Standing Committee C (in respect of the Public Rights of Way Bill):—Mr. Attorney General, Mr. Butston, Mr. Campbell, Sir Henry Cowan, the Earl of Dalkeith, Sir Gerald Holker, Sir Harry Hope, Mr. How, Mr. John, Mr. William Jones, Mr. Renton, Mr. Shepherd, Major Steel, Mr. Trevelyan, and Colonel Vaughan-Morgan.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from Scottish Standing Committee: That they had added the following Ten Members to the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills (in respect of the Educational Endowments (Scotland) Bill [Lords]):—the Lord Advocate, Lord Balniel, Sir Henry Cowan, Mr. Evan Davies, Captain Garro-Jones, Mr. Mackinder, Mr. Russell, Major Steel, Mr. Viant, and Mr. Charles Williams.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Worthing Extension) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments Agricultural Produce made by this House to the Agricultural Produce (Grading and Marking) Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Worthing Extension) Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Mr. William Graham reported from the Public Committee of Public Accounts: That they had made further Progress in the matters to them referred; and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House, together with the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee, and Appendices.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Order made upon the 22nd day of May British Legion last, That the British Legion Poppies Bill be Poppies Bill committed to a Standing Committee was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Sir Walter Raine reported from the Local Legislation Committee (Section B): That in the case of the Poole 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 therunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Sir William Cope, Yeas, 264.]
Tellers for the [Mr. Charles Edwards, Noes, 116.]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Agricultural Credits Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Agricultural Credits Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Acquisition for public purposes of land on which a loan has been made).—(Mr. Riley.)

And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion was 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 William Cope, Yeas, 227.]
Tellers for the [Mr. Whiteley, Noes, 119.]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 10, by leaving out paragraph (a).—(Mr. Thomas Williams.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Parkinson, Yeas, 105.]
Tellers for the [Mr. Charles Edwards :]
Tellers for the [Sir William Cope, Noes, 239.]
Tellers for the [Captain Bowyer :]

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 14, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words,—

"(c) the making of loans to persons to be nominated by county councils for the purpose of promoting pig, calf, and foal clubs."—(Colonel Heneage.)

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 [Viscount Curzon, Yeas, 264.]
Tellers for the [The Marquess of Titchfield :]
Tellers for the [Mr. Charles Edwards, Noes, 116.]
Tellers for the [Mr. Whiteley :]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 24, by leaving out paragraph (ii).—(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 [Sir William Cope, Yeas, 203.]
Tellers for the [Mr. Penny :]
Tellers for the [Mr. Charles Edwards, Noes, 115.]
Tellers for the [Mr. Barnes :]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 34, by inserting, after the word “Treasury,” the words “and another shall be a person nominated by the Minister.”—(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. Parkinson, Yeas, 110.]
Tellers for the [Mr. Whiteley :]
Tellers for the [Captain Bowyer, Noes, 193.]
Tellers for the [Sir Victor Warrender :]

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 5, l. 36, by leaving out paragraph (a)—(Mr. Tomlinson.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill;—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 12, l. 1, by leaving out Clause 10.—(Sir Henry Cavendish.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill;—It was resolved in the Affirmative,

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, proceeded Petroleum to take into consideration the Amendments (Amendment) made by the Lords to the Petroleum (Amendment) Bill.

The Lords’ Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 6, l. 3, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords’ Amendment in p. 6, l. 3, at end insert as new subsections:
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Naval Prize [Transfer of Fund.]

(In the Committee.)

Question again proposed, That it is expedient to make provision for the winding-up of the Naval Prize Fund and the dissolution of the Tribunal established under the Naval Prize Act, 1918, and that for that purpose there should be transferred from the Naval Prize Fund to the Exchequer—

(a) the right to receive any sums which otherwise would be payable into the Naval Prize Fund under Part I. of the Schedule to the said Act;

(b) the liability for all such costs, charges, expenses, and claims as are mentioned in Part II. of the said Schedule, and as would otherwise be chargeable on the Naval Prize Fund;

and that the sums required for the payment of the costs, charges, expenses, and claims, liability for which is so transferred, should be charged on and be payable out of the Consolidated Fund or the growing produce thereof, and that in consideration for such transfer there should be paid out of the Naval Prize Fund to the Exchequer the sum of one hundred and twenty-six thousand five hundred pounds.

Resolved, and agreed to.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Straits Settlements and Johore Territorial Waters (Agreement) 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 Superannuation (Diplomatic Service) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Sir William Cope reported from the Committee, on Educational Endowments (Scotland) [Expenses], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That it is expedient, in pursuance of any Act of the present Session to make further provision for the re-organisation of educational and other endowments in Scotland, to authorise the payment out of moneys to be provided by Parliament of such sums as may be necessary to defray the expenses incurred by any Commissioners appointed thereunder, and to remunerate their Secretary, Assistant Commissioners, and other officers.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Rating and Valuation (Appropriation) Bill, as amended in the Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Supply.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;
Resolved, That this House will, 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.

Indian High Courts Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Indian High Courts Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

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.

False Oaths (Scotland) Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the False Oaths (Scotland) Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Reservoirs (Safety Provisions) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Reservoirs (Safety Provisions) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Reconstituted and Synthetic Cream Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Reconstituted and Synthetic Cream Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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 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 upon 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 to-morrow.

And it being after half-past Eleven of the clock, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then twenty-four 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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Mr. Speaker being of opinion that the Educational Endowments (Scotland) Bill [Lords] is a Bill relating exclusively to Scotland, the Bill will be considered by the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills.

[No. 98.]

Wednesday, 11th July 1928.

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 South West Suburban 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.

A Motion being made, That the South Essex South Essex Waterworks Bill [Lords] be now read the third time;
Mr. Hope, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives His Consent, as far as His Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.
Then the Bill was read the third time and passed, with Amendments.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Tottenham and District Gas Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the London County Council (General Powers) Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.
Ministry of Health

Provisional Order
(Worthing Extension) Bill

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Worthing Extension) Bill: And the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do call the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Ministry of Health

Provisional Orders
Confirmation (No. 9) Bill [Lords],

The Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 9) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

Ministry of Health

Provisional Orders
Confirmation (No. 10) Bill [Lords],

The Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 10) Bill [Lords], was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

Ministry of Health

Provisional Orders
Confirmation (No. 11) Bill [Lords],

Colonel Ashley presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Provisional Regulations, dated 8th July 1928, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Amendment (Route No. 194) Provisional Regulations, 1928.

Copies of Special Orders made under the Electricity (Supply) Acts in respect of—
(1) the compulsory acquisition of lands for a generating station in the Parish of Little Barford, in the Rural District of Eaton Socon, in the County of Bedford;
(2) the Urban District of New Mills, in the County of Derby;
(3) the Urban District of Brixington, in the County of Essex.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir William Joynton-Hicks presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Horizontal Milling Machines Regulations, 1928, dated 10th July 1928.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 29th June Superannuation Act, 1928, granting a Retired Allowance to Mr. George Stephen Batchelor, skilled workman, Class I., Engineering Department, General Post Office, under Section 2 of the Superannuation Act, 1928.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the said Estimate be referred to the Committee of Supply; and be printed.

Mr. Rye.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Sir William Mitchell-Thomson presented, by Postal Cheque His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of a System Committee of the Post Office Advisory Council on the Postal Cheque System.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Consolidation Bill Committee appointed to join with the following Member from Standing Committee of the Food and Drugs (Adulteration) 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.

Sir Malcolm Macnaghten reported from the Select Committee of the Expanding Labour Laws Continuance Act; 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 Evidence taken before them, and an Appendix.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords to the Solicitors Bill, Lords to the Solicitors Bill be taken into Bill 175, consideration to-morrow; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Solicitors Bill, Lords to the Solicitors Bill be taken into Bill 175, consideration to-morrow; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Servants' Characters Act (1919) Amendment Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 31st day of this instant July.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Solicitors Bill, Lords to the Solicitors Bill be taken into Bill 175, consideration to-morrow; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Fancy Jewellery (Standard Fancy Trade Descriptions) Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 19th day of this instant July.

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 South Suburban South 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 Gloucester Corporation Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Sandown Urban District Council Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Staffordshire Potteries Water Board Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Coroners Act, 1887, and that Mr. Morris, Major Owen, Mr. Haydn Jones, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Hilton, Mr. Thrurtle, Lieutenant-Commander Kenworthy, Sir Robert Neeman, Dr. Vernon Davies, Mr. Tomlinson, Mr. Kelly, and Mr. Ernest Brown do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Morris accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Coroners Act, 1887: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a sum not exceeding £3,536,260 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 1929 for the Salaries and Expenses 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 Contribution towards the Expenses of the Metropolitan Police, 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:

(b) the right to receive any sums which otherwise would be payable into the Naval Prize Fund under Part I. of the Schedule to the said Act;

and that the sums required for the payment of the costs, charges, expenses, and claims, liability for which is so transferred, should be charged on and be payable out of the Consolidated Fund or the growing produce thereof, and that in consideration for such transfer there should be paid out of the Naval Prize Fund to the Exchequer the sum of one hundred and twenty-six thousand five hundred pounds.

The said Resolution being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the Naval Prize, said Resolution: And that Colonel Headlam, Mr. Bridgeman, and Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel do prepare and bring it in.

Colonel Headlam accordingly presented a Naval Prize Bill to make provision for winding up the Bill, Naval Prize Fund and the dissolution of the tribunal established under the Naval Prize Act, 1918: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Straits Settlements and Johore Territorial Waters (Agreement) 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 Superannuation (Diplomatic Service) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Indian High Courts 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 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 False Oaths (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 Reservoirs (Safety Provisions) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty praying that the Orders, dated 18th June 1928, entitled (1) the Bodwellty Union (Default) Orders (Continuation) Order (No. 2), 1928; (2) the Chester-le-Street Union (Default) Orders (Continuation) Order (No. 2), 1928; and (3) the West Ham Union (Default) Orders (Continuation) Order (No. 2), 1928, be annulled—(Mr. Barnes)—And a Debate arising thereupon;
And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Thursday morning;
Thursday, 12th July 1928:
Sir Kingsley Wood rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.
And the Question being put, That the Question be now put;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the [Mr. Charles Edwards, Yeas, Mr. Whitley; ]
Tellers for the [Mr. Penn, Noes, Captain Wallace; ]
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Thursday morning, till this day.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Private Bills [Lords], from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with;

Morescambe Corporation Bill [Lords].
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The House, pursuant to the Order of the South House of the 6th day of this instant July, Suburban Gas Bill proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the South Suburban 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.

The Bournemouth Gas and Water Bill Bournemouth [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 Ship Canal Bill [Lords] was Manchester read the third time and passed, with Ship Canal 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 Greenock and Port Glasgow Tramways Company Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.
And Amendments were made to the Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.
The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Copyright Order Confirmation (Mechanical Instruments: Royalties) Bill [Lords]: That they had considered the Order therein contained; that the said Order ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Ministry of Health Provisional Order Confirmation (Swindon 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.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Ministry of Health Provisional Order Confirmation (Gillingham 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.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 5) Bill [Lords]: That they had considered the Orders therein contained; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 7) Bill [Lords]: That they had considered the Orders therein contained; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.
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Ministry of Health (Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 8) Bill [Lords]; That they had considered the Orders therein contained; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 8) Bill [Lords]; That they had considered the Orders therein contained; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 8) Bill [Lords]; That they had considered the Orders therein contained; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 8) Bill [Lords]; That they had considered the Orders therein contained; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 8) Bill [Lords]; That they had considered the Orders therein contained; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 8) Bill [Lords]; That they had considered the Orders therein contained; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 8) Bill [Lords]; That they had considered the Orders therein contained; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 8) Bill [Lords]; That they had considered the Orders therein contained; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 8) Bill [Lords]; That they had considered the Orders therein contained; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 8) Bill [Lords]; That they had considered the Orders therein contained; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 8) Bill [Lords]; That they had considered the Orders therein contained; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 8) Bill [Lords]; That they had considered the Orders therein contained; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.
Mr. Speaker declines to propose Question (Abuse of Rules.)

Mr. Albert Alexander moved, That further consideration of the Bill, as amended, 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.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 4, l. 34, by leaving out the word "regular."—(Mr. Roy Wilson.)

And the Question being put, That the word "regular" stand part of the Bill.—The House proceeded to a Division.

Mr. Fielden and Major Glyn were nominated 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.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 5, l. 30, by inserting, after the word "Company," the words "or any representative body of traders or any interested party."—(Major Alan McLean.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 7, l. 6, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words,—

"Provided that before any such agreement is ratified it shall be submitted for approval to the Railway Rates Tribunal and shall be published in such manner as the Tribunal shall prescribe, and the Tribunal, after hearing all parties whom they consider entitled to be heard, may approve the agreement or may approve it subject to such modifications as to the Tribunal may seem just."—(Mr. Remer.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning:—

Friday, 13th July 1928:

And the Question being put:—The House proceeded to a Division:—

Mr. Deputy Speaker stated that he thought that the Noes had it; and, on his decision being 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 that the Noes had it, three Members only who challenged his decision having stood up.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 223 and 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(The Deputy Chairman.)

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 Great Western Railway (Road Transport) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

And Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 223 and 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(The Deputy Chairman.)

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 Great Eastern Railway (Road Transport) Bill.

And Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 223 and 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(The Deputy Chairman.)

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 London and North Eastern Railway (Road Transport) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

And Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 223 and 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(The Deputy Chairman.)

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 Southern Railway (Road Transport) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

And Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 223 and 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(The Deputy Chairman.)

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.

Postponed Proceeding on Question, That a Supply sum not exceeding £35,914,000 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 1929 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Post Office, including Telegraphs and Telephones, resumed.

Question again proposed:

And it being after Eleven of the clock, and objection being taken to further Proceeding, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the 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, this day, 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 taking into consideration the Administration of Justice Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Naval Prize Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the False Oaths (Scotland) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Superannuation (Diplomatic Service) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Straits Settlements and Johore Territorial Waters (Agreement) 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 High Courts (Safety Provisions) 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 False Oaths (Scotland) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Reservoirs (Safety Provisions) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Resolved, That the Statement of the estimated Income and Expenditure of Greenwich Hospital and of Travers' Foundation for the year 1928 be approved.—(Colonel Headlam.)

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Solicitors Bill;

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Rubber Industry Bill, Industry Bill as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for, the Electricity Second Reading of the Electricity (Supply) Bill; (Supply) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

And it being after half-past Eleven of the clock on Thursday evening, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then half an hour after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning, till this day.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE House proceeded to take into consideration the Oxford Extension Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Copyright Order Confirmation (Mechanical Instruments : Royalties) 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 (Swindon 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 (Halifax and West Riding Provisional Orders) 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 Order Confirmation (Gillingham 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 Orders Confirmation (No. 5) 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. 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 said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir William Mitchell-Thomson presented, by His Majesty’s Command, Copy of Memorandum on Post Office (Money).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Major Tryon presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Memorandum on Post Office (Money).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates, 1928.

Class II.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £96,849 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 1929 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of His Majesty’s Secretary of State for the Colonies;

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That a sum not exceeding £96,749 be granted for the said Service—(Mr. Snell)—put, and negatived.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

Resolution to be reported.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £31,123 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 1929 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of His Majesty’s Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs;

And it being Four 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 come to a Resolution.
The Tottenham and District Gas Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Standing Orders relative to the Committal Stage of Private Bills be suspended.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The North Metropolitan Electric Power Supply (Consolidation) Bill [Lords] was read a second time.

Ordered, That the Standing Orders relative to the Committal Stage of Private Bills be suspended.

Ordered, That the Bill do lie upon the Table.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Drafts of Special Orders proposed to be made under the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of the—

(1) Bourne Urban District Council;
(2) Dursley Gas Light and Coke Company, Limited.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir William Joynson-Hicks presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Sixteenth Interim Report of the Royal Commission on Agriculture in India (Royal Commission.)

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel 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 Services other than those voted by Parliament), in the year ended 31st March 1928, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Chamberlain presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Report, for the period up to June 1928, of the Chairman of the Inter-departmental Committee appointed to survey the prices of Building Materials.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Selection Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee C (added in respect of the Public Rights of Way Bill) —Major Steel; and had appointed in substitution: Sir Martin Conway.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Sir Malcolm Macnaughten 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 Food and Drugs (Adulteration) Bill [Lords], now pending in the Lords, they had 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. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from India 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 Law with regard to the destruction of children at or before birth; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Mr. Withers, supported by Mr. Rhydd Davies, Poor Prisoners Defence Bill.

Mr. Morgan Jones, Mrs. Runciman, Mr. Ernest Brown, Lord Henry Cavendish-Bentinck, and Sir Malcolm Macnaughten, presented a Bill to make further and better provision for the defence of poor persons, and to amend the Law relating to appeals from courts of summary jurisdiction: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on Government 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, Sir George Heneage, Viscount Curzon; 218.

Viscount Curzon; 96.

Mr. Whiteley; So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Rating and Valuation (Appportionment) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Provisions as to hospital hereditaments) —(Mr. Harris).
And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the said Clause be read a second time;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Sir Robert Hutchison, Yeas, Mr. Pendy : 110.]

Tellers for the [Sir George Hennessy, Noes, Sir William Cope : 219.]

So it passed in the Negative.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, 1. 12, by leaving out paragraph (a).—(Mr. David Grenfell.)

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 [The Marquess of Titchfield, Yeas, Captain Wallace : 264.]

Tellers for the [Mr. Hayes, Noes, Mr. Whiteley : 96.]

So it was resolved in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, 1. 14, by leaving out the word "freight."—(Mr. Mackinder.)

And the Question being put, That the word "freight" stand part of the Bill;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Captain Bowyer, Yeas, Sir Victor Warrender : 258.]

Tellers for the [Mr. Hayes, Noes, Mr. Whiteley : 112.]

So it was resolved in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, 1. 21, by leaving out the word "or."—(Sir Robert Hamilton.)

And the Question being put, That the word "or" stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Negative.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, 1. 14, by inserting, after the word "workshop," the words "for the manufacture wholly or partly of any article which, if imported into this country, would be subject to a duty of customs, and does not include a hereditament occupied and used as a factory or workshop."—(Mr. Gillett.)

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, Yeas, Mr. Benjamin Smith : 117.]

Tellers for the [Sir William Cope, Noes, Sir Victor Warrender : 211.]

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, 1. 18, by leaving out paragraph (b)—(Mr. Pickard-Lawrence.)

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 [Viscount Curzon, Yeas, Sir Victor Warrender : 215.]

Tellers for the [Mr. Whiteley, Noes, Mr. Barnes : 121.]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, 1. 21, by leaving out paragraph (e)—(Mr. Greenwood.)

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 put the Question forthwith 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 [Captain Margesson, Yeas, Captain Wallace : 240.]

Tellers for the [Mr. Whiteley, Noes, Mr. Barnes : 131.]

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 to that part of the Bill to be concluded at half-past Ten of the clock at this day's Sitting.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That further consideration of the Bill, as amended, be now adjourned.—(Mr. Chamberlain.)

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 Superannuation (Diplomatic Service) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Superannuation (Diplomatic Service) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Straits Settlements and Johore Territorial Waters (Agreement) 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. Kelly.)
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 to-morrow.—(Mr. Ormsby-Gore.)

**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.

**Companies Bill.**

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Companies Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

**Naval Prize Bill.**

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Naval Prize Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

**Indian High Courts Bill [Lords.]**

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Indian High Courts Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

**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.

**False Oaths (Scotland) Bill [Lords.]**

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the False Oaths (Scotland) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

**Reservoirs (Safety Provisions) Bill.**

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Reservoirs (Safety Provisions) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

**Supply [13th July] Report.**

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 13th day of this instant July;

Ordered, That the Report be received 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.

Resolved. That this House do now adjourn.—(Commander Eyres-Monsell.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit five minutes before Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

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[No. 102.]

**Tuesday, 17th July 1928.**

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

**PRAYERS.**

*The Oxford Extension Bill [Lords] was Oxford 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 Dover 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 Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Tramways (Trolley Vehicles, &c.) Bill [Lords] Tramways (as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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The House proceeded to take into consideration the Wessex Electricity Bill [Lords] Electricity Board Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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The Morecambe Corporation Bill [Lords] was Morecambe read a second time, and committed.

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister presented, pursuant to directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Drafts of Special Orders proposed to be made under the Gas Regulation Act, 1929, on the application of the—

(1) Bilston Gas Light and Coke Company;

(2) Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Lincoln;

(3) Sheppey Gas Company;

(4) Workop Gas Company.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Colonel Ashley presented, pursuant to the London directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Provisional Regulations, dated 9th July 1928, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Amendment (Route No. 29) Provisional Regulations, 1928.

Copies of Special Orders made under the Electricity Supply Acts, in respect of—

(1) the Urban District of Warsop, the Rural Districts of Leake, Newark, and Southwell,
and parts of the Rural Districts of Basford, Bingham, Skegby, and Stapleford, all in the County of Nottingham;

(2) the Borough of Brackley, the Rural Districts of Middleton Cheney and Brackley, and parts of the Rural Districts of Daventry and Towcester, all in the County of Northampton, and the Borough of Buckingham, and the Rural Districts of Buckingham and Winslow, all in the County of Buckingham;

(3) the Borough of Kidwelly, and parts of the Rural Districts of Carmarthen, Llandilo Fawr, and Llanelli, in the County of Carmarthen;

(4) the Rural District of Crick, and parts of the Rural Districts of Brixworth and Oxendon, in the County of Northampton.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir John Gilmore presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, —Copy of Twenty-first Report to the Secretary of State by the Board of Trustees for the National Galleries of Scotland for the year 1st April 1927 to 31st March 1928.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Standing Committee A. Registration (Births, Deaths, and Marriages) Bill.

No. 106. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

No. 106. Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Standing Committee be printed.

Bill 177. 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 Standing Committee A, to whom the Registration (Births, Deaths, and Marriages) Bill was referred: That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee A:—Sir George Hamilton; and had appointed in substitution: Commander Southby.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from the Committee: That they had added the following Ten Members to Standing Committee A (in respect of the Rag Flock Act (1911) Amendment Bill):—Mr. Ernest Brown, Colonel Freemantle, Captain Gunston, Mr. James Hudson, Mr. Longbottom, Mr. Mackinder, Sir Frank Nelson, Captain Geoffrey Shaw, Sir Francis Watson, and Sir Kingsley Wood.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from the Committee: That they had discharged the following Ten Members to Standing Committee A (in respect of the Educational Endowments (Scotland) Bill (Lords)):—Major Steel; and had appointed in substitution: Sir Charles Oman.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Chairmen’s Committee (Section B) (in respect of the Bradford Corporation Bill (Lords)):—Sir Alexander Charnley and Mr. Herbert Williams.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Child Destruction Bill [Lords] was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed. Bill 178.

Sir Walter Raine reported from the Local Legislation Committee (Section B): That in the case of the Bradford 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 Walter Raine reported from the Local Legislation Committee (Section B): That in the case of the Bridgewater 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.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, Navy and Army and to resolve itself into a Committee to consider the surplus and deficits upon Navy and Army Army Expenditure, 1926–27, and the application of surplus and deficits to meet Expenditure not provided for in the Grants for that year.—(Commander Eyres-Monsell.)

Ordered, That the Appropriation Accounts for the Navy and Army Departments, which were presented upon the 20th February and 6th March last, respectively, be referred to the Committee.—(Commander Eyres-Monsell.)

Arthur William Longbottom, Esquire, Member for the Borough of Halifax, was sworn.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into further consideration the Rating and Valuation (Appor tionment) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 5, l. 40, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words “not belonging to or intended for the use of the undertakers.”—(Sir Kingsley Wood.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill; the House divided.

Mr. James Hudson, the Yeas to the Right; Mr. Herbert Williams, the Noes to the Left.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the 
Sir George Hennessy, Yeas; Sir William Cope : 252.
Tellers for the Mr. Barnes, Yeas; Mr. Whiteley : 119.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 5, l. 41, by leaving out from the beginning to the end of p. 6, l. 3.—
(Miss Lawrence.)

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 Marpesson, Yeas; Captain Wallace : 227.
Tellers for the Mr. Parkinson, Noes; Mr. Whiteley : 140.
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. 8, by leaving out ll. 14 to 20, inclusive.—(Mr. Greenwood.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word “and,” in l. 20, stand part of the Bill;—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 8, l. 22, by leaving out paragraph (b)—(Mr. Greenwood.)

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; Captain Wallace : 276.
Tellers for the Mr. Whiteley, Noes; Mr. Thomas Hender- son : 141.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 9, l. 16, by leaving out from the first word “Act,” to the word “in,” in l. 17.—(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 Bowyer, Yeas; Captain Wallace : 270.
Tellers for the Mr. Hayes, Noes; Mr. Whiteley : 142.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 9, l. 33, by leaving out Clause 9.—(Mr. Hardie.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out, to the end of p. 10, l. 9, stand part of the Bill;
The House divided.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the False Oaths (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 Reservoirs (Safety Provisions) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 13th day of this instant July;
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 House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Solicitors Bill: And the same were twice read, and agreed to.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Rubber Industry Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into further consideration the Racecourse Betting Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into further consideration to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Reconstituted and Synthetic Cream 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 Liquor (Popular Control) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Protection of Animals Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 25th day of this instant July.

The Order of the day being read, for the Licensing (Amendment) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Employment of Disabled Ex-service Men Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Coroners Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Electricity (Supply) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Courts of Domestic Relations Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

And then the House, having continued to sit till seventeen minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Licensing Amendment Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Employment of Disabled Ex-service Men Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Coroners Amendment Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Electricity (Supply) Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Courts of Domestic Relations Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

And then the House, having continued to sit till seventeen minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 103.]

Wednesday, 18th July 1928.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

SIR Philip Cunliffe-Lister presented, by His Merchandize Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of 1926. Correspondence with the Government of the United States respecting the United States proposal for the renunciation of war.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir Austen Chamberlain presented, United States by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of further (No. 2, 1928.) Order of 14th January 1922.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare presented, by Air Force, 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 1927-28, under the Dispensing Order of 14th January 1922.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, that He will be graciously pleased to give directions that there be laid before this House, a Return showing the number of Experiments on Living Animals during the year 1927, under Licences granted in pursuance of the Act 39 & 40 Vict., cap. 77, distinguishing the nature of the Experiments in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 87, of Session 1927. —(Sir Vivian Henderson.)

Mr. James Brown reported from the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills, to whom the Educational Endowments (Scotland) Bill [Lords] was referred; that they had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

No. 107. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

No. 107. Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Standing Committee be printed.

Bill 179. Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Bridlington Harbour 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 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, 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 Dover Harbour 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.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the White Water 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 London County Council (Ilford and Barking Drainage) 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.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Goldsmid Estate Bill [Lords], with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Deputy Chairman reported the Cleveland and Durham Electric Power Bill [Lords], with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Brigadier-General Sir George Cockerill 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 Petroleum (Consolidation) Bill [Lords], now pending in the House of Lords, the Committee had considered the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Brigadier-General Sir George Cockerill further reported from the Select Committee; that they had agreed to a Special Report, which they had directed him to make to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Special 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 Mr. Speaker's Mr. Speaker's Retirement Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Representation of the People (University of Reading) Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Greenock and Port Glasgow Tramways Company Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Tottenham and District Gas Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Theatrical Employers Registration (Amendment) Bill [Lords] was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That the Shops (Sunday Trading Restriction) (No. 2) Bill be read a second time upon Monday 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.
18th July.

Tellers for the \( \text{Sir George Hennessy} \)
\{ \begin{align*}
\text{Yea}, & \quad \text{Mr. Penny} : \quad 219.
\text{Noes}, & \quad \text{Mr. Whiteley} : \quad 124.
\end{align*} \]

And the Question being accordingly put, That the word "eleven" stand part of the Bill;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the \( \text{Viscount Curzon} \)
\{ \begin{align*}
\text{Yea}, & \quad \text{Mr. Penny} : \quad 269.
\text{Noes}, & \quad \text{Major Hills} : \quad 132.
\end{align*} \]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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 \( \text{Mr. Wilfrid Paling} \)
\{ \begin{align*}
\text{Yea}, & \quad \text{Mr. Cowper} : \quad 229.
\text{Noes}, & \quad \text{Mr. Wilfrid Paling} : \quad 118.
\end{align*} \]

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 "chairman," the words "(who shall be a person having no interest in the Jockey Club, or the National Hunt Committee, or any racecourse)"—(Mr. Thomas Griffiths.)

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 \( \text{Mr. Thomas Hender-}
son} \)
\{ \begin{align*}
\text{Yea}, & \quad \text{Mr. Penny} : \quad 138.
\text{Noes}, & \quad \text{Mr. Compton} : \quad 132.
\end{align*} \]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 7, by leaving out paragraph (b)—(Mr. Ernest Brown.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill;—It passed in the Negative.

Tellers for the \( \text{Mr. Wilfrid Paling} \)
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\text{Yea}, & \quad \text{Mr. Cowper} : \quad 229.
\text{Noes}, & \quad \text{Mr. Wilfrid Paling} : \quad 118.
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So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 8, by inserting, after the word "ground," the words "to which the public have not an unrestricted right of access."—(Mr. Hayday.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

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So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 22, by leaving out the words "Secretary of State for the Home Department," and inserting the words "Chancellor of the Exchequer"—(Mr. Hayday),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill;—It passed in the Negative.

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So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 39, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words "and may pay to him and the other members of the Board any travelling and other expenses reasonably incurred by them as such members."—(Secretary Sir William Joynson-Hicks.)

And the Question being put, That the words "eleven" stand part of the Bill:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Secretary Sir William Joynson-Hicks rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

And the Question being put, That the Question be now put;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the \( \text{Mr. Henry}
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So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being put, That the word "eleven" stand part of the Bill;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
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Tellers for the \( \text{Viscount Curzon} \)
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So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the 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. 4, by leaving out from the word "pari-mutuel," to the end of paragraph (a).—(Mr. Rhys Davies.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the \( \text{Sir George Hennessy} \)
\{ \begin{align*}
\text{Yea}, & \quad \text{Mr. Penny} : \quad 230.
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So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "used," in 1. 8, stand part of the Bill;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the \( \text{Captain Bowyer} \)
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\text{Yea}, & \quad \text{Mr. Penny} : \quad 214.
\text{Noes}, & \quad \text{Mr. Ernest Brown} : \quad 132.
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So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 17, by leaving out the word "eleven," and inserting the word "nine"—(Sir Basil Peto),—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the word "eleven" stand part of the Bill:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Secretary Sir William Joynson-Hicks rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

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So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
Ordered, That further consideration of the Bill, as amended, be now adjourned.—(Commander Eyres-Monsell.)

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into further consideration to-morrow.

The Naval Prize Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for to-morrow.—(Commander Eyres-Monsell.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Navy and Army Expenditure, 1926-27.

I. Whereas it appears by the Navy Appropriation Account for the year ended the 31st day of March 1927 that the aggregate expenditure on Navy Services has not exceeded the aggregate sums appropriated for those Services, and that, as shown in the Schedule hereto appended, the net surplus of the Exchequer Grants for Navy Services over the net expenditure is £957,137 11s. 7d., viz.—

Total Surpluses £ 1,311,579 9s. 6d.
Total Deficits 354,441 17s. 11d.

Net Surplus £ 957,137 11s. 7d.

And whereas the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury have temporarily authorised the application of so much of the said total surpluses on certain Grants for Army Services as is necessary to make good the said total deficits on other grants for Army Services.

2. Resolved, That the application of such sums be sanctioned.—(Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel.)

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Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved Strata's itself into a Committee on the Strata's Settlements and Johore Territorial Waters (Agreement) Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 and No. 2 agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Framed agreement 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 it to the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

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 Superannuation (Diplomatic Service) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Indian High Courts 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 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 False Oaths (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 Reservoirs (Safety Provisions) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 13th day of this instant July;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

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.

Secretary Sir William Joynson-Hicks presented,—Return to an Address to His Majesty, dated the 18th day of this instant July, for a Return relative to Experiments on Living Animals.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

And it being after half-past Eleven of the clock, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then nineteen minutes before Twelve of the clock, till to-morrow.

[No. 104.]

Thursday, 19th July 1928.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The Sheffield Corporation Bill [Lords] was read the third time and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Bridlington Harbour Harbour Provisional Order Bill, as amended in the Order Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Ministry take into consideration the Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 9) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel presented, by Government His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Statement of Government Grants to Local Authorities in Great Britain, showing as far as possible the purposes for which they are paid and the basis of distribution in each case.

Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel also presented, Exchequer pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Statement of Revenue and Expenditure directed to be maintained under the Teachers (Superannuation) Act, 1925, and the Education (Scotland) Act, 1925, shall be submitted to the Comptroller and Auditor-General for examination.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Major Tryon presented, pursuant to the War Pensions directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order, dated 2nd July 1928, entitled the Guildford Aldersholt, and District War Pensions Committee Order, 1928.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
London Traffic Act, 1924.

Colonel Ashley presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Provisional Regulations,—

(1) dated 12th July 1928, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Amendment (Route No. 93) (No. 2) Provisional Regulations, 1928;

(2) dated 10th July 1928, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Amendment (Route No. 2a) Provisional Regulations, 1928;

(3) dated 10th July 1928, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Amendment (Route No. 65a) Provisional Regulations, 1928;

(4) dated 16th July 1928, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Amendment (Route No. 74c) Provisional Regulations, 1928;

(5) dated 10th July 1928, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Amendment (Route No. 109) Provisional Regulations, 1928;

(6) dated 10th July 1928, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Amendment (Route No. 360) Provisional Regulations, 1928;

(7) dated 17th July 1928, entitled the London Traffic (Restricted Streets) Amendment (Routes Nos. 55a and 55b) Provisional Regulations, 1928.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Amery presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Twenty-fourth Report of the Royal Patriotic Fund Corporation for the year 1927.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Amery presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Note on the Work and Finance of the Empire Marketing Board and Statement of Research and other Work and Finance of the Empire Marketing Board for the year 1928.

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:—


Ordered, That the said Papers be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords was sworn.

Mr. Bennett reported from the Select Committee on Estimates: That they had made further Progress in the matter to them referred, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House, together with the Minutes of Evidence taken before them, and Appendices.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir Thomas Robinson reported from the Local Legislation Committee (Section A), That in the case of the Ministry of Health Provisional Orders No. 6 Bill 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.

Sir Thomas Robinson reported from the Local Legislation Committee (Section A), That in the case of the Blackpool Improvement Bill [Lords] they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir Thomas Robinson reported from the Local Legislation Committee (Section A), That in the case of the Bognor Urban District Council Bill, as directed by the Instruction of the House of the 22nd February, the Committee had had regard to the provisions of Section 56 of the Public Health Act, 1925, so far as Clause 37 of the Bill was concerned. The Urban District of Bognor is a seaside and health and pleasure resort, and the circumstances relating to the district are in the opinion of the Committee special in nature. The Committee were satisfied that the Council 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 which follow recent precedents, might properly be sanctioned in the case of this urban district.

Sir Thomas Robinson 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.

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Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.
The Lords have agreed to the Shropshire,
Worcestershire, and Staffordshire Electric
Power 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 Oxford Extension
Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments
made by this House to the Manchester Ship
Canal Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments
made by this House to the Bournemouth
Gas and Water Bill [Lords], without any
Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments
made by this House to the Administration of
Justice Bill [Lords], without any Amendment,
and have made some consequential
Amendments to the Bill; to which the Lords
desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the consequential Amendments
made by the Lords to the Administration of
Justice Bill [Lords], be taken into consideration
upon Monday next; and be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being
put, That other Government Business have
precedence this day of the Business of Supply,
and that the Proceedings on Government
Business be exempted, at this day's Sitting,
from the provisions of the Standing Order
(Sittings of the House).—(The Prime Minister);
The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the f Mr. Hayes,
Yeas, } 123.
Mr. Barnes : } 202.
Tellers for the f Captain Bowyer,
Noes, } Sir Victor Warrender : }

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. 3, l. 30, by leaving out
from the word " bookmaker " to the end of
paragraph (2), and inserting the words " and
to any assistant accompanying him, for ad-
mision to an enclosure on the racecourse
for the purpose of the bookmaker's business
shall, in the case of a bookmaker, not exceed
ten times the amount, and in the case of an
assistant not exceed the amount of the highest
charge made to members of the public for
admission to the enclosure"—(Secretary Sir
William Jovyns-Hicks),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words
proposed to be left out stand part of the
Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

And the Question being proposed, That those
words be there inserted in the Bill;

An Amendment was proposed to be made
to the proposed Amendment, in l. 3, by leaving
out the words " ten times," and inserting the
word " twice "—(Mr. Hayday),—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the
words proposed to be left out stand part of the
proposed Amendment:—The Amendment
to the said proposed Amendment was, with
leave of the House, withdrawn.

The proposed words were amended, in l. 3,
by leaving out the word " ten," and inserting
the word " five "—(Secretary Sir William
Jovyns-Hicks),—instead thereof; and, so
amended, were there inserted in the Bill.

Then another Amendment was made to the
Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be
made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 31, by inserting,
at the end thereof, the words,—

" Provided that the amount charged to the
public for the use of the totalisator shall not
exceed four per cent. of the moneys deposited."—
(Mr. Hayday.)

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. Thomas Hender-
son} 114.
Tellers for the Noes, {Mr. Whiteley} 202.

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. 5, l. 6, by inserting,
after the word "to," the words "Scotland or."—(Mr. Barr.)

And the Question being put, That those
words be there inserted in the Bill;
The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, {Mr. Thomas Hender-
son} 114.
Tellers for the Noes, {Mr. Whiteley} 182.

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. Snowden.)

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, {Sir George Hennessy,
Sir William Cope} 218.
Tellers for the Noes, {Mr. Thomas Hender-
son} 122.

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.

Post Office
and Telegraph
[Money.]

Secretary Sir William Joynson-Hicks, by His
Majesty's Command, acquainted the House
that His Majesty, having been informed of
the subject matter of the Motion relating to
Post Office and Telegraph [Money], proposed
to be moved, under Standing Order No. 71a,
in Committee of the whole House, recommends
it to the consideration of the House.

Then the House, pursuant to Standing Order
No. 71a, resolved itself into Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That it is expedient—

(1) to authorise the issue out of the Con-
solidated Fund of such sums, not
exceeding in the whole twenty-seven
and a half million pounds, as are
required for the further development
of the postal, telegraphic, and telephonic
systems;

(2) to authorise the Treasury to borrow,
by means of terminable annuities or
by the issue of Exchequer bonds, for the
purpose of providing money for sums
so authorised to be issued or the re-
payment thereof to the Consolidated
Fund;

(3) to provide for the payment of any
such terminable annuities, or of the
principal of and interest on any such
Exchequer bonds, out of moneys pro-
vided by Parliament for Post Office
services or, if those moneys are insuffi-
cient, out of the Consolidated Fund.—

(Sir William Mitchell-Thomson.)

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the
Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That
the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, That the Report be received
and the

Resolved, That the Contract, dated the 27th American
day of June 1928, between the Postmaster Mail Contract,
General and the Oceanic Steam Navigation
Company, Limited, for the conveyance of
Mails to and from the United States of America,
be approved.—(Sir William Mitchell-Thomson.)

Resolved, That the Contract, dated the 27th American
day of June, 1928, between the Postmaster Mail Contract,
General and the Cunard Steam Ship Company,
limited for the conveyance of
Mails to and from the United States of America,
be approved.—(Sir William Mitchell-Thomson.)

The House, according to Order, resolved Naval Prize
itself into a Committee on the Naval Prize
Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 agreed to.
Clause No. 2 (Application of balance of Naval
Prize Fund).

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 18, at the
end, to add the words "and notwithstanding
any rule or practice to the contrary the
purposes for which provision may be made
by Greenwich Hospital shall not be held to
exclude any charity from which men who
served at sea in the late war or their dependants
are entitled to benefit."—(Sir Basil Peto.)

Question proposed, That those words
there added.

Friday, 20th July 1928:

Question put.
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, {Sir Basil Peto, Mr. Ernest Brown} 19.

Clause agreed to.
Clauses No. 3 and No. 4 agreed to.
Schedule agreed to.
Bill to be reported.

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

Colonel Stanley reported from the Committee on Army and Navy Expenditure, 1926-27, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

1. Whereas it appears by the Navy Appropriation Account for the year ended the 31st day of March 1927 that the aggregate expenditure on Navy Services has not exceeded the aggregate sums appropriated for those Services, and that, as shown in the Schedule hereeto appended, the net surplus of the Exchequer Grants for Navy Services over the net expenditure is £202,374 17s. 6d., viz.:

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The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee of Supply:

Resolved, That this House will, 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 Supernumerary-

Second Reading of the Superannuation (Diplomatic Service) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Indian High Court Second Reading of the Indian High Court Bill (Lords):

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.
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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 upon Monday next.

**False Oaths (Scotland) Bill [Lords.]**

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the False Oaths (Scotland) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

**Reservoirs (Safety Provisions) Bill.**

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Reservoirs (Safety Provisions) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

**Supply [13th July] Report.**

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 13th day of this instant July;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

**Rubber Industry Bill.**

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Rubber Industry Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration 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 upon Thursday next.

**Child Destruction Bill [Lords.]**

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Child Destruction 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 Thursday evening, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House, without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then seventeen minutes after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning, till this day.

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A Motion being made, That the Wessex Wessex Electricity Bill [Lords] 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, 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 Nottinghamsire and Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Tramways (Trolley Vehicles, &c.) Bill [Lords] be read the third time upon Monday next.

The Stretford and District Electricity Board Bill [Lords] was read the third time and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

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[No. 105.]

Friday, 20th July 1928.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

P R A Y E R S.

The House, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 6th day of this instant July, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Shropshire, Worcestershire, and Staffordshire Electric Power 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 Dover 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.

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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.

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The Bridlington Harbour Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 9) 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 Ministry of Health Provisional Orders (No. 6) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland presented, by His Majesty’s Command, Copy of the Report of the Industrial Transference Board.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir William Johnson-Hicks presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Copy of Order made under the Shops Act, 1912, by the Council of the undermentioned Local Authority, and confirmed, with Amendment, by the Secretary of State for the Home Department:—

Urban District of Shipley.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Chamberlain presented, by His Majesty’s Command, Copy of Interim Report of the Departmental Committee on Ethyl Petrol.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Amendment made by the Lords to the Representation of the People (University of Reading) Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates, 1928.

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Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £3,536,260 be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sums necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1929 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 Contribution towards the Expenses of the Metropolitan Police, the Salaries and Expenses of the Inspectors of Constabulary, and other Grants in respect of Police Expenditure, including Places of Detention, and a Grant in Aid of the Police Federation:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a sum not exceeding £3,536,160 be granted for the said Service.—(Mr. Johnston.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the —(Mr. Benjamin Smith, Yeas, (Mr. Barnes: 63. 211.

Tellers for the —(Sir George Hennessey, Noes, (Sir William Cope: 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 reported that the Committee had made Progress in the Matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means; Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Sir William Mitchell-Thomson reported from Post Office Committee on Post Office and Telegraph and Telegraph (Money) a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That it is expedient—

(1) to authorise the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of such sums, not exceeding in the whole twenty-seven and a half million pounds, as are required for the further development of the postal, telegraphic, and telephonic systems;

(2) to authorise the Treasury to borrow, by means of terminable annuities or by the issue of Exchequer bonds, for the purpose of providing money for sums so authorised to be issued or the repayment thereof to the Consolidated Fund;

(3) to provide for the payment of any such terminable annuities, or of the principal of and interest on any such Exchequer bonds, out of moneys provided by Parliament for Post Office services, or, if those moneys are insufficient, out of the Consolidated Fund.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the Post Office said Resolution: And that Sir William Mitchell-Thomson, Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel, and Viscount Wolmer, do prepare and bring it in.

Sir William Mitchell-Thomson accordingly Post Office presented a Bill to provide for raising further money for the development of the postal (Money) Bill 183.

telegraphic, and telephonic systems: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to
be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

**Naval Prize Bill.**

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Naval Prize Bill;

*Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.*

**Blasphemy Laws (Amendment) Bill.**

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Blasphemy Laws (Amendment) Bill;

*Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.*

**Electricity (Supply) Bill.**

The Electricity (Supply) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

**Courts of Domestic Relations Bill.**

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Courts of Domestic Relations Bill.

*Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.*

Whereupon Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, without Question put, pursuant to Standing Order No. 3, it being then twelve minutes after Four of the clock, till Monday next.

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**[No. 106.]**

**Monday, 23rd July 1928.**

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

**Prayers.**

THE Dover Harbour Bill [Lords] was read the third time and passed.

*Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.*

The London County Council (Ilford and Barking Drainage) Bill [Lords] was read the third time and passed.

*Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.*

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Southampton Corporation Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

*Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.*

The Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Tramways (Trolley Vehicles, &c.) 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.*

Colonel Ashley presented, pursuant to the Electricity directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Special Order made under the Electricity (Supply) Acts in respect of the Township of Briercliffe, in the Rural District of Burnley, in the County Palatine of Lancaster.

*Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.*

Secretary Sir William Jopson-Hicks presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of 1912, Parliament,—Copy of Two Orders made by the Council of the undermentioned Local Authority, and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department:

- County Palatine of Lancaster (Urban District of Little Lever).

*Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.*

Secretary Sir Laming Worthington-Evans presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of 1926, Army (Special Pensions) Bill [Lords] and the Petroleum (Consolidation) Bill [Lords], now pending in the House of Lords, be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords, one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Northern Northern Ireland (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Slaughter of Animals (Scotland) Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Stoke-on-Trent Corporation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Accrington Corporation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Regent's Canal and Dock Company (Grand Junction Canal Purchase) 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 Finance Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Colne Valley Water Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to consolidate the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendment made by the Lords to the Slaughter of Animals (Scotland) Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow; and be printed.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Finance Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Reduction of betting duty).—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

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.

Another Clause (Exemption of scientific films from duty)—(Captain Fraser).—was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Amendment of 8 and 9 Geo. V., c. 46, Schedule E, Rule 5).—(Sir John Marriott.)

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, l. 18, by inserting, after the word "gallon," the words "on light oils used in manufacturing processes and."—(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. Hayes:

Mr. Tomlinson:

Mr. Captain Bowyer:

Mr. Whiteley:

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The Order of the day being read, for the Superannuation (Diplomatic Service) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Indian High Courts (Scotland) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Reservoirs (Safety Provisions) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Report from the Committee of Supply of [13th July] Report.

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.

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 Borough of Wilton and parts of the Parishes of Bemerton and South Newton, in the Rural District of Wilton, in the County of Wilts, which was presented on the 14th day of June 1928, 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 Chirk, in the County of Denbigh, and part of the Rural District of Oswestry, in the County of Salop, which was presented on the 14th day of June 1928, 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) Acts, 1882 to 1926, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity

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**Bill 185.**

The Post Office and Telegraph (Money) 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.—(Viscount Wolmer.)

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the consequential Amendments made by the Lords to the Administration of Justice Bill [Lords]: And the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the consequential Amendments made by their Lordships.

The Naval Prize 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 consequential Amendments made by the Lords to the Administration of Justice Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Companies Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Wednesday next.

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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 parts of the Rural District of Bowland, in the West Riding of the County of York, which was presented on the 28th day of June 1928, 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 Tisbury, in the County of Wilts, which was presented on the 27th day of June 1928, 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, for the transfer of the undertaking authorised by the Chasetown and 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, for the transfer of the undertaking authorised by the Chasetown and District Electricity Special Order, 1924, which was presented on the 28th day of June 1928, be approved.—(Colonel Ashley.)

Representative of the People (University of Reading) Bill: And the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

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Stoke-on-Trent 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.

Bridgewater Corporation Bill [Lords.]

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Bridgewater Corporation Bill [Lords.], as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Goldsmid Estate Bill [Lords.]

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Goldsmid Estate Bill [Lords.], as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Whitby Water Bill [Lords.]

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Whitby Water Bill [Lords.], as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Food and Drugs (Adulteration) Bill [Lords.]

Mr. Gates reported from the Select Committee on Publications and Debates' Reports; That they had considered the matters to them referred, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them, and an Appendix.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Western Highlands and Islands.

No. 117.

Mr. Roy Wilson reported from the Select Committee on the Western Highlands and Islands of Scotland; 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 Evidence taken before them, and Appendices.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Message from the Lords.

Betting (Juvenile Messengers) (Scotland) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Shops (Hours of Closing) Bill, without any Amendment.

Shops (Hours of Closing) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Shops (Hours of Closing) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Sheffield Corporation Bill [Lords.]

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Sheffield Corporation Bill [Lords.], without any Amendment.

Salford and District Electricity Board Bill [Lords.]

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Salford and District Electricity Board Bill [Lords.], without any Amendment.

Besseux Electricity Bill [Lords.]

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Wessex Electricity Bill [Lords.], without any Amendment.

Petroleum (Consolidation) Bill [Lords.]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to petroleum and to petroleum-spirit; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Petroleum (Consolidation) Bill [Lords.] was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, that they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee C: Mr. Solicitor General; and Committee C had appointed in substitution: Mr. Womersley.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel presented a Bill to prohibit the making with bookmakers of bets on events to be determined in Great Britain unless the bets are made in Great Britain; and the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Ordered, That this day, notwithstanding Business of anything in Standing Order No. 15, Business of the House.

Ordered, That the Whitby Water Bill [Lords.], as amended in the Committee, be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

The House accordingly presented a Bill to criminal Law against persons under the age of sixteen: And the same was ordered to be read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Ordered, That the House, according to Order, resolved Supply itself into the Committee of Supply. [17th allotted Day.]

The Petroleum (Consolidation) Bill [Lords.] was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Petroleum (Consolidation) Bill [Lords.]

Mr. Womersley.

The Motions made, and Question put, That a sum not exceeding £7,242,509 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 1929 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Ministry of Labour and Subordinate Departments, including the Exchequer Contribution to the Unemployment
Fund, Grants to Associations, Local Education Authorities, and others under the Unemployment Insurance, Labour Exchanges, and other Acts; Expenses of the Industrial Court; Contribution towards the Expenses of the International Labour Organisation (League of Nations); Expenses of Training; and sundry services, including services arising out of the war.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the

Sir George Hennessy,
Sir William Cope:

Tellers for the

Mr. Charles Edwards,
Mr. Whiteley:

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Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Deputy Chairman also acquainted the House that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House views with grave concern the growing volume of unemployment; it depletes the ineffectiveness and inadequacy of the measures taken by the Government during nearly four years of office to deal with this tragic national problem, and their failure to relieve the plight of many poverty-stricken areas; it further declares that the attitude of the Government towards those who are suffering privation in consequence of the industrial depression calls for the severest condemnation.—Mr. Ramsay MacDonald.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question in l. 2, by leaving out from the word "unemployment" to the end of the Question, and adding the words "and deplores the continued opposition of the Socialist and Liberal parties to the policy of rating reform inaugurated by His Majesty's Government, and to the policy of safeguarding which has increased the volume of employment in every industry which has had the benefit of duties of a safeguarding character”—(Brigadier-General Sir Henry Page Croft).—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,
Mr. Whiteley:

151.

Tellers for the

Commander Eyres-Monsell,
Sir George Hennessy:

331.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That those words be there added;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the

Commander Eyres-Monsell,
Sir George Hennessy:

305.

Tellers for the

Mr. Parkinson,
Mr. Whiteley:

136.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question, so amended, being proposed—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And it being after Eleven of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

The House, according to Order, resolved Post Office and Telegraph (Money) Bill itself into a Committee on the Post Office and Telegraph (Money) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Grant for development of postal telegraphic and telephonic systems).

Question proposed, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

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Question put, and agreed to.

Clause No. 2 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Indian High Court Bill [Lords]:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Police Districts (Scotland) Bill [Lords]:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Reservoirs (Scotland) (Safety Provisions) Bill [Lords]:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the False Oaths (Scotland) (Safety Provisions) Bill [Lords]:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Reservoirs (Scotland) (Safety Provisions) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 13th day of this instant July:

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

Ways and Means.

Unemployment.
The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Registration (Births, Deaths, and Marriages) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the North Metropolitan Electric Power Supply (Consolidation) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the said Amendment be taken from the Table.

Mr. Secretary Amery presented, by His Majesty's Command, Copy of Report for 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.

Lord Eustace Percy presented, pursuant to Dentists Acts.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Copy of Order in Council, dated 12th July 1928, approving amendments of the Dental Board Regulations.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Copy of Two Orders in Council, dated 12th Extradition Acts.

(1) The France (Extradition) Order in Council, 1928.

(2) The Belgium (Extradition) Order in Council, 1928.

Copy of Order in Council, dated 13th July 1928, entitled, the Relief from Double Income Tax on Shipping Profits (Iceland) Declaration, 1928.

Copy of Order in Council, dated 13th July Foreign and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865.

Copy of Statute made by the University of Universities Oxford, on 25th June 1827, amending Statt. of Oxford Tit. IV., Sect. II. E, § 3, and Statt. Tit. V., Cambridge Sect. VII., Cl. 1. of Traffic Regulations, dated 21st July 1928, entitled the
London Traffic (Restricted Streets) (No. 2) Regulations, 1928.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Imperial Wireless and Cable Conference.

Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel also presented, pursuant to the 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 1928, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.


Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table, and that the Papers relating to Housing Act, 1914, and Development Commission be printed.

Secretary Sir John Gilmore presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Committee appointed to inquire into the processes of registration of Writs in the Sasines Office, Edinburgh.

Ordered, That the said Paper 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, without Amendment, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 11) Bill [Lords]; That they had considered the Orders therein contained; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Dagenham Urban District Council 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.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Shops (Hours of Closing) Bill be taken into consideration upon Friday next; and be printed.

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 Dudley Dudley Corporation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments Nottingham made by this House to the Nottinghamshire shire and Derbyshire Tramways (Trolley Vehicles &c.) Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments Dover Gas made by this House to the Dover Gas Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel presented a Bill Isle of Man (Customs) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on Government Business of the 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;

Tellers for the Yeas, 
Viscount Curzon : 127.
Mr. Whiteley : 205.
Tellers for the Noes, 
Mr. Speaker : 205.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, proceeded Companies to take into consideration the Companies Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Transfer of shares or debentures not to be registered except on production of instrument of transfer)—[Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister],—was twice read, and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Declaration of law as to payments received by directors for loss of office or on retirement)—[Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister].—

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. 14, by leaving out the words "take all reasonable steps to."—(Mr. Albert Alexander.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed Clause;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.
Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 14, l. 6, by leaving out from the word "company" to the end of subsection (3), and inserting the words "for the general purposes of the company"—(Sir Robert Neuman)—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 15, l. 33, by inserting at the end thereof, the words,—

"(b) Subsection (10) shall cease to have effect."—(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. Barnes, Yeas, Mr. Whiteley:

Mr. Charles Edwards: 128,

208.

Tellers for the Mr. Parkinson, Yeas, Mr. Whiteley:

Sir William Cope,

Mr. Parkinson,

Mr. Charles Edwards:

Chief:

Mr. Charles Edwards, Captain Wallace:

Mr. Charles Edwards:

Mr. Whiteley:

252.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Stock valuation figures).—(Miss Lawrence.)

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:

Mr. Charles Edwards: 122,

252.

Tellers for the Mr. Parkinson, Yeas, Mr. Whiteley:

Mr. Charles Edwards:

208.

Tellers for the Mr. Penny, Noes, Captain Wallace:

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Clause (Amendment of s. 174 of principal Act)—(Mr. A. R. Kennedy)—was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 4, l. 36, by leaving out the words "Except where the company is a private company."—(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 Mr. Penny; Yeas, Mr. Barnes:

Mr. Charles Edwards:

234.

Tellers for the Mr. Barnes, Noes, Mr. Whiteley:

Mr. Charles Edwards:

134.

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. 6, l. 37, by leaving out the word "seven," and inserting the word "ten"—(Mr. Herbert Williams),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put. That the word "seven" stand part of the Bill;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Mr. Barnes, Yeas, Mr. Whiteley:

Mr. Charles Edwards:

214.

Tellers for the Mr. Penny, Noes, Captain Wallace:

So it passed in the Negative.

And the word "ten" was there inserted in the Bill.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 20, l. 1, by leaving out from the second word "demanded" to the end of l. 11, and inserting the words,—

"(a) by such number of members for the time being entitled under the articles to vote at the meeting as may be specified in the articles, so, however, that it shall not in any case be necessary for more than five members to make the demand; or

(b) if no provision is made by the articles, so, however, that it shall not in any case be necessary for more than five members to make the demand; or

if that member holds or those two members together hold not less than fifteen per cent. of the paid up share capital of the company."—(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 Mr. Barnes, Yeas, Mr. Whiteley:

Mr. Charles Edwards:

122.

Tellers for the Mr. Penny, Noes, Captain Wallace:

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 6, l. 37, by leaving out the word "seven," and inserting the word Vol. 183.
Tellers for the [Mr. Parkinson, 1. 126.]
Yea, Mr. Whiteley .
Tellers for the [The Marquess of 1. 209.]
Titchfield, Sir Victor Warrender .
No, Sir Victor Warrender .

And the proposed words were there inserted in the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 27, l. 38, by leaving out the words “private.”—(Mr. Edward Grenfell.)

And the Question being put, That the words “private” stand part of the Bill;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the [Mr. Charles Edwards, 1. 125.
Yea, Mr. Whiteley .
Tellers for the [Captain Wallace, 1. 214.
Sir Victor Warrender .
No, Mr. Whiteley .
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. 31, l. 3, by leaving out subsection (2).—(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 [Mr. Charles Edwards, 1. 125.
Yea, Mr. Whiteley .
Tellers for the [Captain Wallace, 1. 214.
Sir Victor Warrender .
No, Mr. Whiteley .
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 31, l. 16, by leaving out subsections (1) and (2), and inserting the words,—

“(1) Subject as hereinafter provided, it shall be lawful for a company to issue any shares in the company at a discount:

Provided that—

(a) the issue of the shares at a discount must be authorised by resolution passed in general meeting of the company, and must be sanctioned by the court;
(b) the resolution must specify the maximum rate of discount at which the shares are to be issued;
(c) not less than one year must at the date of the issue have elapsed since the date on which the company was entitled to commence business;
(d) the shares to be issued at a discount must be issued within one month after the date on which the issue is sanctioned by the court or within such extended time as the court may allow.

(2) Where a company has passed a resolution authorising the issue of shares at a discount, it may apply to the court for an order sanctioning the issue, and on any such application the court, if, having regard to all the circumstances of the case, it thinks proper to do, may make an order sanctioning the issue on such terms and conditions as it thinks fit.”—(Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister)— instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out to the word “and,” in l. 17, stand part of the Bill;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the [Mr. Charles Edwards, 1. 129.
Yea, Mr. Whiteley .
Tellers for the [Viscount Curzon, 1. 232.
No, Captain Margesson .
So it passed in the Negative.
The remaining words were left out of the Bill.

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill;
The proposed words were amended, in l. 1, by leaving out the word “any,” and, in l. 2, by inserting after the word “company” the words “of a class already issued.”—(Mr. Albery.)

And the Question being put, That the proposed words, so amended, be there inserted in the Bill;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the [Captain Margesson, 1. 224.
Yea, Sir Victor Warrender .
Tellers for the [Mr. Charles Edwards, 1. 135.
No, Mr. Whiteley .
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 32, l. 14, by leaving out subsection (4).—(Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the [Mr. Charles Edwards, 1. 119.
Yea, Mr. Whiteley .
Tellers for the [Sir William Cope, 1. 242.
No, Captain Margesson .
So it passed in the Negative.

Ordered, That further consideration of the Bill, as amended, be now adjourned.—(Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister.)

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into further consideration to-morrow.

The Post Office and Telegraph (Money) Bill Post Office and Telegraph (Money) Bill having been endorsed by Mr. Speaker’s Certificate, was, according to Order, read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence (the Bill having been endorsed by Mr. Speaker with the following Certificate:—

I hereby certify that this Bill is a Money Bill within the meaning of the Parliament Bill.

E. A. Ferreroy, Speaker.)
Resolved, That the draft of a Special Order Gas Regulation proposed to be made by the Board of Trade under Section 10 of the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of the Maryport Urban District Council, which was presented on the 25th June and published, be approved. — (Mr. Herbert Williams.)

Resolved, That the draft of a Special Order Gas Regulation proposed to be made by the Board of Trade under Section 10 of the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of the Shirebrook Light Company, Limited, with respect to the Hull undertaking of that company, which was presented on the 3rd July and published, be approved. — (Mr. Herbert Williams.)

Resolved, That the draft of a Special Order Gas Regulation proposed to be made by the Board of Trade under Section 10 of the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of the British Gas Light Company, Limited, with respect to the Hull undertaking of that company, which was presented on the 12th July and published, be approved. — (Mr. Herbert Williams.)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. — Adjournment. (Sir George Hennery.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till two minutes before Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 109.]

Thursday, 26th July 1928.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE House, pursuant to the Order of the Dudley House of the 6th day of this instant July, proceeded to take into consideration the Bill, Amendments made by the Lords to the Dudley 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 Southampton Corporation Bill [Lords] Southampton Corporation Bill [Lords.] was read the third time and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments;
The House proceeded to take into consideration the Blackpool Improvement Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Weald Electricity (Supply) Bill [Lords], and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 10) 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 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.

Earl Winterton presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Amendments to the Electoral Rules of the Burma Legislative Council made by the Governor-General of India in Council, with the sanction of the Secretary of State in Council, under Sections 72a and 129a of the Government of India Act.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return of Motions for Adjournment under Standing Order No. 10, showing the date of such Motion, the name of the Member proposing, the definite matter of urgent public importance, and the result of the Division taken thereon during Sessions 1926 to 1928 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 202, of Session 1924-25).—(The Deputy Chairman.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return showing, with reference to Session 1928, (1) the total number of days on which the House sat; and (2) the days on which Business of Supply was considered (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 131, of Session 1927).—(The Deputy Chairman.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return respecting application of Standing Order No. 26 (Closure of Debate) during Session 1928, (1) in the House and in Committee of the whole House, under the following heads:

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| (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 132, of Session 1927).—(The Deputy Chairman.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House 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 1928:

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 India (Constitutional Reforms) Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return of the number of Private Bills, Hybrid Bills, and Bills for confirming Provisional Orders which in Session 1928 have been reported on by Committees on Opposed Private Bills or by Committees nominated partly by the House and partly by the Committee of Selection, together with the names of the selected Members who served on each Committee; the first and also the last day of the sitting of each Committee; the number of days on which each Committee sat; the number of days on which each selected Member has served; the number of days occupied by each Bill in Committee; the Bills the Preambles of which were reported to have been 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 number of Public Bills, Hybrid Bills, and Bills for confirming Provisional Orders withdrawn or not proceeded with by the parties, those Bills being specified which have been referred to Committees and dropped during the sittings of the Committee (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 1928, of Session 1924-25).—(The Deputy Chairman.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return of the number of Public Bills, distinguishing Government from other Bills, introduced into this House, or brought from the House of Lords, during Session 1928, showing the number which received the Royal Assent; the number which were passed by this House, but not by the House of Lords; the number passed by the House of Lords, but not by this House; and distinguishing the stages at which such Bills as did not receive the Royal Assent were dropped or postponed and rejected in either House of Parliament (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 1928, of Session 1924-25).—(The Deputy Chairman.)
Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return of the number of Public Petitions presented and printed in Session 1928, with the total number of signatures in that Session (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 0.002, of Session 1927).—(The Deputy Chairman.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return of the number of Select Committees appointed in Session 1928, and the Court of Referees; the subjects of inquiry; the names of the Members appointed to serve on each, and of the Chairman of each; the number of days each Committee met, and the number of days each Member attended; the total expense of the attendance of witnesses at each Select Committee, and the name of the Member who moved for such Select Committee; also the total number of Members who served on Select Committees (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 0.003, of Session 1927).—(The Deputy Chairman.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return of the days on which the House sat in Session 1928, 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 total number of hours occupied in the Sittings of the House, and the average time; and showing the number of hours on which the House sat each day, and the number of hours after eleven p.m.; and the number of entries in each day’s Votes and Proceedings.—(The Deputy Chairman.)

Standing Committees.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return for Session 1928, of 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 Lords, and pointing out the number of days on which 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. 0.004, of Session 1927).—(The Deputy Chairman.)

Sir Cyril Cobb reported from Standing Committee C, to whom the Merchant Shipping (Line-throwing Appliance) 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, not amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords had been brought from the Lords by the Lords’ Clerks, as followeth:—

The Lords have agreed to the London, Midland, and Scottish Railway (Road Transport) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Great Western Railway (Road Transport) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the London and North Eastern Railway (Road Transport) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Southern Railway (Road Transport) Bill, without any Amendment.

Sir Thomas Robinson reported from the Local Legislation Committee (Section A); That in the case of the Morecambe 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.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Business of Supply, put, That other Government Business have the preceudence this day of the Business of Supply—

(The Prime Minister); The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Captain Wallace ; Mr. Whiteley ; 

Tellers for the Noes, Viscount Curzon ; Mr. Whiteley ;

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Business of Supply, put, That the Proceedings on Government the House, 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, Viscount Curzon ;

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Whiteley ;

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into further consideration the Companies Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 34, l. 13, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words "and in such profit-and-loss account there shall be stated under separate headings—"

(a) the balance brought forward from the previous account (if any);
(b) interest on investments other than bank deposit interest;
(c) profits of each subsidiary company;
(d) losses of each subsidiary company;
(e) profit on the sale of any investment;
(f) loss on the sale of any investment;
(g) transfers from any reserve account;
(h) transfers to any reserve account;
(i) income tax;
(j) depreciation;
(k) amount written off any asset or assets;
(l) loss on the sale of any asset or assets, other than stock in trade, where the total amount during the period covered by the account exceeds one hundred pounds;
(m) profit on trading or business for the carrying on of which the company was formed;
(n) loss on trading or business for the carrying on of which the company was formed;
(o) remuneration or other emoluments of the directors of the company whether as such directors or otherwise."—(Mr. Scarr.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill;

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Nos to the Left.

Tellers for the 
Mr. Barnes, 125.
Yeas, Mr. Charles Edwards :
Tellers for the 
Viscount Curzon, 204.
Noes, Captain Bowyer :
So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 35, l. 13, by inserting, after the first word "the," the words "authorised share capital and of the issued."—(Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill;

And it being half-an-hour after Seven 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 Poole Corporation Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

And Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The postponed Proceeding on the Amendment Companies proposed on further consideration of the Bill, Companies Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, was resumed.

And the Question being again proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill;

And the Question being put:—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. 36, l. 19, by inserting, after the word "sheet," the words—"

(a) freehold property at cost and amount written off;
(b) leasehold property at cost and amount written off;
(c) plant and machinery at cost and amount written off;
(d) stock in trade as valued for income tax liability computation;
(e) investments in stock exchange securities;
(f) other investments;
(g) book debts;
(h) bills receivable;
(i) loans to directors;
(j) other loans;
(k) cash at bank and in hand;
(l) profit-and-loss account balance;
(m) capital authorised;
(n) capital issued;
(o) debentures authorised;
(p) debentures paid up;
(q) creditors;
(r) loan creditors;
(s) bank overdraft;
(t) free reserves (shown separately);

and "—(Colonel Wedgwood.)"
And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the {Mr. Benjamin Smith, Yeas, Mr. Whiteley : } 111.
Tellers for the {Sir George Hennexy, Noes, Mr. Penny : } 227.
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. 45, l. 29, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words,—

"(a) In paragraph (ii) of subsection (1) for the word 'tenth,' there shall be substituted the word 'twentieth'."—(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. Barnes, Yeas, Mr. Whiteley : } 110.
Tellers for the {Sir William Cope, Noes, Sir Victor Warrender : } 223.
So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 45, l. 32, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words "and at the end of the subsection there shall be inserted the words 'Provided that—"

(a) if in the case of a company, in the opinion of the Board of Trade, there is reasonable cause to believe that an offense against the Companies Acts has been or is likely to be committed, the Board of Trade or any inspector appointed by the Board of Trade for the purpose shall have power to examine into and report on the affairs of the company, and for that purpose may exercise in respect of the company all or any of the powers given by subsection (5) of section seventy-six of the Friendly Societies Act, 1896, to an inspector appointed under that section;

(b) on the Board of Trade holding such an inspection or on receiving the report of an inspector so appointed the Board of Trade may issue such directions and take such steps as they consider necessary or proper to deal with the situation disclosed therein and, in particular, may present a petition to the court for the winding up of the company.""—(Mr. Albert Alexander.)

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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. 77, l. 17, by inserting, after the word "by," the words "each of the."—(Miss Lawrence.)

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. Benjamin Smith, Mr. Whitley] 104.
Tellers for the [Viscount Curzon, Captain Margesson] 229.
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. 79, l. 17, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words:—

"Provided that a person shall not be guilty of an offence under this section by reason that he, being an undischarged bankrupt, has acted as director of, or taken part or been concerned in the management of, a company, if he was at the passing of this Act acting as director of, or taking part in, or being concerned in the management of that company and has continuously so acted, or taken part, or been concerned since the passing of this Act, and the bankruptcy was prior to the passing of this Act and the company and has continuously so acted, or taken part, or been concerned since the passing of this Act and the bankruptcy was prior to the passing of this Act:—(Mr. Crawford.)

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 Margesson, Sir Charles Edwards, Mr. Whitley] 208.
Tellers for the [Mr. Ernest Edward Brown, Mr. Walter Greaves] 119.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 113, l. 27, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words:—

"At the end of the section there shall be added the words 'Printed' shall include 'reproduced indelibly in any form and by any reproduction process other than printing which may be approved for the purposes of this Act by the Registrar':"—(Sir Walter Greaves-Lord.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the [Sir Walter Greaves, Mr. Ernest Brown] 74.
Tellers for the [Mr. Ernest Alexander, Mr. Naylor] 160.
So it passed in the Negative.

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 Friday morning;
Friday, 27th July 1928:

And the Question being put;
Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Isle of Man (Customs) Bill was, according Isle of Man (Customs) Bill to Order, read a second time.

Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into the Committee on the Bill.—(Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel.)

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 to No. 20 agreed to.
Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair: and Captain Bourne reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment. Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to Mr. Speaker's the Lords, and desire their concurrence (the Certificate, Bill having been endorsed by Mr. Speaker with the following Certificate:—

I hereby certify that this Bill is a Money Bill within the meaning of the Parliament Act, 1911.

E. A. FitzRoy, Speaker).

The Petroleum (Consolidation) Bill (Lords) Petroleum was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for this day.—(Sir Vivian Henderson.)

The Food and Drugs (Adulteration) Bill Food and Drugs (Adulteration) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for this day.—(Sir Kingsley Wood.)

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 receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of Friday, 27th July:

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.
The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 13th day of this instant July;  
Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

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 this day.

Indian High Courts Bill [Lords].  
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Indian High Courts Bill [Lords];  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

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 this day.

False Oaths (Scotland) Bill [Lords].  
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the False Oaths (Scotland) Bill [Lords];  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Reservoirs (Safety Provisions) Bill.  
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Reservoirs (Safety Provisions) Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Gas Regulation Act, 1920.  
Resolved, That the draft of a Special Order proposed to be made by the Board of Trade under Section 10 of the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of the Bourne Urban District Council, which was presented on the 16th July and published, be approved.—(Mr. Herbert Williams.)

Gas Regulation Act, 1920.  
Resolved, That the draft of a Special Order proposed to be made by the Board of Trade under Section 10 of the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of the Dursley Gas Light and Coke Company, Limited, which was presented on the 16th July and published, be approved.—(Mr. Herbert Williams.)

Gas Regulation Act, 1920.  
Resolved, That the draft of a Special Order proposed to be made by the Board of Trade under Section 10 of the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of the Bourne Urban District Council, which was presented on the 16th July and published, be approved.—(Mr. Herbert Williams.)

Gas Regulation Act, 1920.  
Resolved, That the draft of a Special Order proposed to be made by the Board of Trade under Section 10 of the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of the Worksop Gas Company, which was presented on the 17th July and published, be approved.—(Mr. Herbert Williams.)

Slaughter of Animals (Scotland) Bill.  
The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Slaughter of Animals (Scotland) Bill: And the same was twice read, and agreed to.

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Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendment made by their Lordships.

Ordered, That the Order of the day being read, for the Protection Second Reading of the Protection of Animals Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Ordered, That the Order of the day being read, for the Public Second Reading of the Public Defender Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Criminal Law Amendment Bill was, Criminal Law Amendment Bill.

Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into the Committee on the Bill.—(Mr. Hurd.)

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 and No. 2 agreed to.  
Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Captain Bourne reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.  
Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Resolved, That in accordance with the Tithe Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act, 1919, this House do direct that the Tithe (Administration of Trusts) Measure, 1928, be 1928.

Ordered, That in accordance with the Clergy Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act, 1919, this House do direct that the Clergy Pensions (Amendment) Measure, 1928, be 1928.

Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into the Committee on the Bill.—(Col. Fremantle.)

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-five minutes after Twelve of the clock, on Friday morning, till this day.
Friday, 27th July 1928.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Bridgewater Corporation Bill [Lords.]

A MOTION being made, That the Bridgewater 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.

Goldsmid Estate Bill [Lords.]

The Goldsmid 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.

Whitby Water Bill [Lords.]

A Motion being made, That the Whitby Water 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;

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.

Bradford Corporation Bill [Lords.]

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Bradford Corporation Bill [Lords.], as amended in the Committee.

And Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Nineteenth Report of the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs and Excise for the year ended 31st March 1928, being the Seventy-second Report relating to the Customs and the Seventy-first Report relating to the Excise.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Earl Winterton presented, pursuant to the East India directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Minute of the Secretary of State for India granting to Mr. Arthur Norman Moberly, C.I.E., Member of the Executive Council of the Governor of Bengal, an extension of two months' leave of absence under Section 86 (3) of the Government of India Act.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Return to an Order, dated the 26th day of Adjournment, for a Return relative to Standing Committee.
sat; the number of days on which each Commission 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 1928 have been dealt with.—(Secretary Sir John Gilmour.)

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 Education (Scotland) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Bradford Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Easter Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Re-organisation of Offices (Scotland) Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Educational Endowments (Scotland) Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Amendment made by the Lords to the Easter Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Amendment made by the Lords to the Re-organisation of Offices (Scotland) Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Theatrical Employers Registration (Amendment) Bill [Lords] be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Finance Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time:

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day three months."—(Mr. James Hudson.)

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 Egremont Monell, 249
Sir George Hennessy: 249

Tellers for the Noes,

Mr. Barnes: 84
Mr. Whiteley: 84

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was read the third time and passed.

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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 Supperanuation (Diplomatic Service) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Petroleum (Consolidation) Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 to No. 26 agreed to.

Schedules No. 1 to No. 3 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Food and Drugs (Adulteration) Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 to No. 38 agreed to.

Schedules 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 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 Amendments made by the Lords to the Shops (Closing) Bill: And the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply, Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, 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.

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The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 24th day of this instant July; 
Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 13th day of this instant July; 
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 Indian High Courts 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 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 Second Reading of the False Oaths (Scotland) Bill [Lords]; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Reservoirs (Safety Provisions) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Merchant Shipping (Line-Throwing Appliance) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee. 
Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed. 
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Rag Flock Act (1911) Amendment 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 this House do now adjourn. — (Commander Eyres-Monsell.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till six minutes after Three of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.
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.

Morecambe Corporation Bill [Lords.]

Ordered, That in the case of the Morecambe Corporation Bill [Lords], Standing Orders 84, 214, 215, and 259 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.)

And notice being taken that the interest of His Majesty, as Duke of Lancaster, is concerned therein;

Mr. Hope, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, that His Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives His Consent, as far as His Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Secretary Sir Austen Chamberlain presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Final Protocol of the Conference for the Amendment of the Tangier Statute.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Imperial Economic Committee.

Mr. Secretary Amery presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Imperial Economic Committee. Ninth Report—Tobacco.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Employers' Liability Insurance.

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 1927, the effect of the undertaking given by the Association for the purpose of limiting the charges to employers in respect of Employers' Liability Insurance, together with Amending Directions issued by the Secretary of State.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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through which the same shall have passed in the present Session, and no new fees be charged in regard to such stages;

That the Standing Orders by which the proceedings on Bills are regulated shall not apply to such Bill in regard to any of the stages through which the same shall have passed during the present Session;

That all petitions presented in the present Session against the Bill shall stand referred to the Committee on the same Bill in the next Session of Parliament.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Godalming Extension) Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Secretary Sir John Gilmour, supported by the Lord Advocate, Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland, and Major Elliot, presented a Bill to secure in Scotland, by means of the formation of a company and the assistance thereof out of public funds, the making of loans for agricultural purposes on favourable terms and to facilitate the borrowing of money by co-operative agricultural societies in Scotland, and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this day, notwithstanding anything in Standing Order No. 13, Business other than Business of Supply may be taken before Eleven of the clock, and that the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, at this day’s Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(The Prime Minister.)

The House divided.
The Yeas were:
Sir George Hennessy, 178
Sir William Cope: 83
Mr. Charles Edwards: 83
Mr. Whiteley: 83

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.) Civil Estimates, 1928.

Class II.

£116,700 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of His Majesty’s Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

Resolution to be reported.

Air Estimates, 1928.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £415,000 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Expense of Civil Aviation which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1929.

And it being Eleven of the clock, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Chairman of Ways and Means also acquainted the House that the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for 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 Second Reading of the Superannuation (Diplomatic Service) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Re-organisation of Offices (Scotland) 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 the Lords to the Re-organisation of Offices (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of [24th 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 [13th July] Report.

Ordered, That the Report be received 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 Indian High Court Second Reading of the Indian High Courts Bill [Lords];

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 the False Oaths Second Reading of the False Oaths (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 Reservoirs (Safety Provisions) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Easter Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Easter 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.

Employment of Disabled Ex-Service Men Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Employment of Disabled Ex-Service Men Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

And then the House, having continued to sit till four minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 112.]

Tuesday, 31st July 1928.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The House, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 6th day of this instant July, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Coventry 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.

Rotherham Corporation Bill.

The House, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 6th day of this instant July, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Rotherham Corporation Bill: And the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Wolverhampton Corporation Bill.

The House, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 6th day of this instant July, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Wolverhampton Corporation Bill: And the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The Bradford Corporation Bill [Lords] was Bradford read the third time and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Godalming 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.


—Copy of Regulations, dated 27th July 1928, with respect to the assessment charge and collection of Income Tax in the case of weekly wage earners, and the procedure to be adopted for this purpose.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Colonel Ashley presented, pursuant to the Railway directions of an Act of Parliament—Copy of Servants’ Hours of Labour.)

Railway Regulation Act, 1893, during the year ended 27th July 1928.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—

Copy of the Bankruptcy Rules (No. 2), 1928, Bankruptcy dated 25th July 1928, made under the Bank-

ruptcy Act, 1914.

Copy of Rules, dated 29th July 1928, entitled Supreme Rules of the Supreme Court (Poor Persons), Court (Rules.)

1928.

Return to the Lord Chancellor of the number Lunacy. 

of visits made, and the number of patients 
detained, under the Lunacy Acts, 1890 to 1911, 
seen by the several Commissioners during the 
six months ended 30th June 1928.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from 

the Lords was brought from the Lords by the Lords, 
one of their Clerks as followeth :

The Lords have agreed to the Finance Bill, Finance Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Post Office Post Office and Telegraph (Money) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Isle of Man (Isle of Man (Customs) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Agricultural (Isle of Man (Customs) Bill, with Amendments; to which the 

Lords agree to the Amendments made by this House to the Agricultural Credits 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 Bridgwater Corporation Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.
The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Goldsmid Estate Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Whitby Water Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

Southampton Corporation Bill [Lords].

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Southampton Corporation Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

Blackpool Improvement Bill [Lords].

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Blackpool Improvement Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

Bradford Corporation Bill [Lords].

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Bradford Corporation Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

Cleveland and Durham County Electric Power Bill [Lords].

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Cleveland and Durham County Electric Power Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

Dagenham Urban District Council Bill [Lords].

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Dagenham Urban District Council Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

Morecambe Corporation Bill [Lords].

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Morecambe Corporation Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

North Metropolitan Electric Power Supply Bill [Lords].

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the North Metropolitan Electric Power Supply (Consolidation) Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

Poole Corporation Bill [Lords].

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Poole Corporation Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

Weald Electricity Supply Bill [Lords].

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Weald Electricity Supply Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

Ministry of Health Provisional Orders (No. 6) Bill.

The Lords have come to the following Resolution, viz.:—

That leave be given to suspend any further proceedings, in order to proceed with the Ministry of Health Provisional Orders (No. 6) Bill in the next Session of Parliament, provided that all fees due thereupon to this day be paid;

That a copy of such Bill shall be deposited in the Office of the Clerk of the Parliament not later than three of the clock on or before the third day on which the House shall sit after the next meeting of Parliament, with a declaration annexed thereto, certified under the seal of the Minister of Health and stating that the Bill is the same in every respect as the Bill at the last stage of the proceedings thereon in this House in the present Session;

That the proceedings on such Bill shall be pro forma only in regard to every stage through which the same shall have passed in the present Session, and that no new fees be charged in regard to such stages;

That the Standing Orders by which the proceedings on Bills are regulated shall not apply to such Bill in regard to any of the stages through which the same shall have passed during the present Session;

That all petitions presented in the present Session against the Bill shall stand referred to the Committee on the same Bill in the next Session of Parliament;

to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Mr. Foot Mitchell reported from the Select Public Petitions Committee on Public Petitions: That they had examined the Petitions presented upon Report, the 23rd day of April last, and the 5th and 6th days of June last, and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir Thomas Robinson reported from the Local Legislation Committee: That they had considered the Bills to them referred, and had directed him to make a Special Report thereof to the House.

Ordered, That the Special Report do lie upon the Table; 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 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.

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Mr. Foot Mitchell accordingly presented a Workmen's Bill to amend the Law relating to Workmen's Compensation: And that Mr. Kingsley Griffith, Major Owen, Mr. Harris, Mr. Morris, Captain Garro-Jones, and Mr. Ernest Brown do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Kingsley Griffith accordingly presented a Workmen's Bill to amend the Law relating to Workmen's Compensation: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

The House according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(19th allotted Day.)

Class V.

1. £13,774,925 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
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Widows', Orphans', and Old Age Contributory Pensions Act, 1925, and certain Special Services.

2. £2,037,515 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., 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.

Class IV.

3. £3,353,616 for Public Education in Scotland, and for the Royal Scottish Museum, Edinburgh, including a Grant in Aid.

Class VI.

4. Motion made, and Question put, That a sum not exceeding £3,407,362 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 1929 for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class II. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz.:--

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<th>Class II.</th>
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<tr>
<td>1. £2, Diplomatic and Consular Services 519,993</td>
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<td>2. £3, League of Nations 400,300</td>
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<td>3. £4, Dominions Office 51,123</td>
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<td>4. £5, Dominion Services 277,849</td>
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<td>5. £6, Empiro Marketing 400,000</td>
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<td>6. £7, Oversea Settlement 920,000</td>
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<td>7. £8, Colonial and Middle Eastern Services 618,525</td>
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<td>8. £9, India Office 95,334</td>
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<td>10. £11, Imperial War Graves Commission 508,038</td>
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<td>12. £12, West Indian Islands Cable - 1,200</td>
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<th>Class III.</th>
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| 7. That a sum not exceeding £6,193,335 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 1929 for Expedient in respect of the Services included in Class III. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz.:--

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<tr>
<td>1. £1, Home Office 283,588</td>
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<td>2. £2, Broadmoor Criminal Lunatic Asylum 47,680</td>
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<td>3. £3, Police, England and Wales 3,596,266</td>
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<td>4. £4, Prisons, England and Wales 473,969</td>
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<tr>
<td>5. £5, Reformatory and Industrial Schools, England and Wales 120,071</td>
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<td>6. £6, Supreme Court of Judicature, &amp;c. 90</td>
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<td>7. £7, County Courts 5</td>
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<td>8. £8, Land Registry 5</td>
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<td>9. £9, Public Trustee 5</td>
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<td>10. £10, Law Charges 106,529</td>
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<td>11. £11, Miscellaneous Legal Expenses 8,892</td>
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<td>12. £12, Police 465,000</td>
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<td>13. £13, Prisons, Scotland 78,757</td>
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<td>14. £14, Reformatory and Industrial Schools, Scotland 42,600</td>
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<td>15. £15, Scottish Land Court 6,157</td>
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<tr>
<td>16. £16, Law Charges and Courts of Law 64,887</td>
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<td>17. £17, Register House, Edinburgh 5</td>
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Chairman puts Questions on the Outstanding Votes (pursuant to S.O. No. 15.)
10. That a sum not exceeding £6,510,125 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 1929 for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class VI. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz.:—

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<tr>
<th>Service</th>
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<tr>
<td>1. Board of Trade</td>
<td>£100,775</td>
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<td>2. Bankruptcy Department of the Board of Trade</td>
<td>£5</td>
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<tr>
<td>3. Mercantile Marine Services</td>
<td>£218,969</td>
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<tr>
<td>4. Department of Overseas Trade</td>
<td>£213,973</td>
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<tr>
<td>5. Export Credits</td>
<td>£52,000</td>
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<td>6. Mines Department of the Board of Trade</td>
<td>£116,319</td>
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<tr>
<td>7. Office of Commissioners of Crown Lands</td>
<td>£19,563</td>
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<tr>
<td>8. Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries</td>
<td>£577,519</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9. Board of Sugar Subsidy, Great Britain</td>
<td>£4,050,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10. Surveys of Great Britain</td>
<td>£79,065</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11. Forestry Commission</td>
<td>£285,600</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12. Ministry of Transport</td>
<td>£56,302</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>13. Development Fund</td>
<td>£200,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>14. Department of Scientific and Industrial Research</td>
<td>£298,220</td>
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<tr>
<td>15. State Management Districts</td>
<td>£90</td>
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<td><strong>£6,510,125</strong></td>
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Scotland:

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<th>Service</th>
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<tr>
<td>17. Fishery Board</td>
<td>£43,655</td>
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<td><strong>£6,510,125</strong></td>
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Question put; The Committee divided.

Class VII.

11. That a sum not exceeding £2,977,627 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 1929 for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class VII. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz.:—

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<th>Service</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1. Art and Science Buildings, Great Britain</td>
<td>£187,500</td>
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<td>2. Houses of Parliament Buildings</td>
<td>£46,349</td>
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<tr>
<td>3. Housing Estates</td>
<td>£30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4. Mall Approach Improvement</td>
<td>£5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5. Miscellaneous Legal Buildings, Great Britain</td>
<td>£72,529</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6. Osborne</td>
<td>£19,869</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7. Office of Works and Public Buildings</td>
<td>£406,830</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8. Royal Palaces</td>
<td>£33,700</td>
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<tr>
<td>9. Royal Parks and Pleasure Gardens</td>
<td>£132,700</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10. Rates on Government Property</td>
<td>£1,014,009</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11. Stationery and Printing</td>
<td>£970,363</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12. Peterhead Harbour</td>
<td>£21,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>13. Works and Buildings in Ireland</td>
<td>£80,830</td>
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<td><strong>£2,977,627</strong></td>
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Question put; The Committee divided.

Class VIII.

12. That a sum not exceeding £36,526,411 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 1929 for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class VIII. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz.:—

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<th>Service</th>
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<td><strong>£36,526,411</strong></td>
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in Class VIII. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz. —

1. Merchant Seamen’s War Pensions 245,876
2. Ministry of Pensions 35,215,800
3. Royal Irish Constabulary Pensions, &c. 181,302
4. Superannuation and Retired Allowances 883,433

£36,526,411

Question put, and agreed to.

Class IX.

13. That a sum not exceeding £185,390 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 1929 for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class IX. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz. —

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<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>1. Clearing Office (Enemy Debts)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Shipping Liquidation, &amp;c.</td>
<td>100</td>
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<tr>
<td>2. Australian Zinc Concentrates</td>
<td>185,200</td>
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<tr>
<td>3. Railway (War) Agreements Liquidation</td>
<td>90</td>
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<td></td>
<td>£185,390</td>
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Question put, and agreed to.

Revenue Departments Estimates, 1928.

14. That a sum not exceeding £42,591,050 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 1929 for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in the Estimates for Revenue Departments, viz. —

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<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>1. Customs and Excise</td>
<td>3,171,400</td>
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<td>2. Inland Revenue</td>
<td>4,103,650</td>
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<td>3. Post Office</td>
<td>35,314,000</td>
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<td>£42,591,050</td>
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Question put, and agreed to.

Navy Estimates, 1928.

15. That a sum not exceeding £36,987,300 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1929 for Expenditure in respect of the Navy Services, viz. —

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<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>3. Medical Establishments and Services</td>
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<tr>
<td>4. Fleet Air Arm</td>
<td>1,080,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>5. Educational Services</td>
<td>236,300</td>
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<tr>
<td>6. Scientific Services</td>
<td>432,500</td>
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<tr>
<td>7. Royal Naval Reserve</td>
<td>412,500</td>
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<tr>
<td>8. Sec. 1. Shipbuilding, Repairs, Maintenance, &amp;c., Personnel</td>
<td>6,852,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>Sec. 2. Shipbuilding, Repairs, Maintenance, &amp;c., Material</td>
<td>5,188,500</td>
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<tr>
<td>Sec. 3. Shipbuilding, Repairs, Maintenance, &amp;c., Contract Work</td>
<td>8,025,200</td>
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<tr>
<td>9. Naval Armaments</td>
<td>3,883,600</td>
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<tr>
<td>11. Miscellaneous Effective Services</td>
<td>767,500</td>
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<tr>
<td>12. Admixture Office</td>
<td>1,197,600</td>
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<tr>
<td>13. Non-Effective Services (Naval and Marine) Officers</td>
<td>3,004,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>14. Non-Effective Services (Naval and Marine), Men</td>
<td>4,518,500</td>
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<tr>
<td>15. Civil Superannuation, Compensation, Allowances, and Gratuities</td>
<td>947,300</td>
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<td>£36,987,300</td>
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Question put;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the {Captain Bowyer : Yeas, 304.
{Mr. Penny : Noes, 131.
{Tellers for the {Mr. Charles Edwards, : Yeas, 296.
{Mr. Wilfrid Paling : Noes, 121.

Army Estimates, 1928.

16. That a sum not exceeding £29,846,100 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 1929 for Expenditure in respect of the Army Services (including Ordnance Factories), viz. —

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<tr>
<td>2. Territorial Army and Reserve Forces</td>
<td>5,209,000</td>
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<td>3. Medical Services</td>
<td>1,013,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>4. Educational Establishments</td>
<td>885,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>5. Quartering and Movements</td>
<td>1,436,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>6. Supplies, Road Transport, and Remounts</td>
<td>5,140,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7. Clothing</td>
<td>1,129,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>8. General Stores</td>
<td>1,372,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>9. Warlike and Engineer Technical Stores</td>
<td>2,442,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>11. Miscellaneous Effective Services</td>
<td>1,177,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>12. War Office</td>
<td>853,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>— Ordnance Factories</td>
<td>100</td>
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<td>£29,846,100</td>
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Question put;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the {The Marquess of Tickfield, : Yeas, 293.
{Captain Wallace : Noes, 129.
{Tellers for the {Mr. Charles Edwards, : Yeas, 296.
{Mr. Wilfrid Paling : Noes, 121.

Air Estimates, 1928.

17. That a sum not exceeding £2,871,000 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 1929, for Expenditure in respect of the Air Force Services, viz. —

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<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>5. Medical Services</td>
<td>310,000</td>
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<td>6. Educational Services</td>
<td>504,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>7. Auxiliary and Reserve Forces</td>
<td>554,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>8. Civil Aviation</td>
<td>415,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>9. Meteorological and Miscellaneous Effective Services</td>
<td>228,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>10. Air Ministry</td>
<td>657,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>11. Half-Pay, Pensions, and other Non-Effective Services</td>
<td>298,000</td>
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<td>£2,871,000</td>
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Question put;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the {Mr. Penny : Yeas, 296.
{Captain Wallace : Noes, 121.
{Tellers for the {Mr. Parkinson, : Yeas, 296.
{Mr. Whiteley : Noes, 121.

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 House, according to Order, resolved Ways and Means.
Resolved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1929, the sum of £243,542,902 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.—(Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel.)

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.

Agricultural Credits (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Agricultural Credits (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 30th day of this instant July;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

Superannuation (Diplomatic Service) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Superannuation (Diplomatic Service) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.


The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 24th 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 13th day of this instant July;

Ordered, That the Report be received 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.

Indian High Courts Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Indian High Courts Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday 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 Monday next.

False Oaths (Scotland) Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the False Oaths (Scotland) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Reservoirs (Safety Provisions) 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 Bilston Gas Light and Coke Company, which was presented on the 17th July and published, be approved.—(Mr. Herbert Williams.)

Ordered, That the draft of a Special Order proposed to be made by the Board of Trade under Section 10 of the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of the Sheppey Gas Company, which was presented on the 17th July and published, be approved.—(Mr. Herbert Williams.)

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Licensing Second Reading of the Licensing (Amendment) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Protection Second Reading of the Protection of Animals Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Public Second Reading of the Public Defender Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Theatrical Registration (Amendment) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Agricultural Lords to the Agricultural Credits Bill be now taken into consideration.—(Mr. Guinness.)

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.

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 nine minutes before Twelve of the clock, till to-morrow.
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Statistics as to the operation and administration of the Laws relating to the sale of Intoxicating Liquors in England and Wales for the year 1927.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.


Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Commodore King presented, pursuant to the Mines Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member for Burgh of Aberdeen (North Division), in the room of Frank Herbert Rose, Esquire, deceased.

—(Mr. Thomas Kennedy.)

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 Naval Prize Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Racecourse Bill. 

The Lords have agreed to the Rag Flock Act (1911) Amendment Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Merchant Shipping (Line-Throwing Appliance) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Racecourse Betting Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Criminal Law Amendment Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on Government Business of the House 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 George Hennessy, Yeas, 199].

Tellers for the [Mr. Hanson, Noes, 108].

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Mr. Chamberlain reported from the Committee of Supply of the 31st day of July last, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Civil Estimates, 1928.

Class V.

1. That a sum not exceeding £13,774,025 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 1929 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.

2. That a sum not exceeding £2,937,315 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 1929 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., 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.

Class IV.

3. That a sum not exceeding £3,353,616 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 1929 for Public Education in Scotland, and for the Royal Scottish Museum, Edinburgh, including a Grant in Aid.

Class VI.

4. That a sum not exceeding £550,179 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 1929 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Board of Agriculture for Scotland, including Grants for Agricultural Education and Training, Loans to Co-operative Societies, and certain Grants in Aid.

Class I.

5. That a sum not exceeding £1,387,875 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 1929 for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class I. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz.:—

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6. That a sum not exceeding £3,407,362 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 1929 for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class II. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz.:—

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<td>10. Imperial War Graves Commission</td>
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<td>12. West Indian Islands Cable</td>
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Class III.

7. That a sum not exceeding £6,193,335 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 1929 for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class III. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz.:—

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<td>78,757</td>
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<td>14. Reformatory and Industrial Schools</td>
<td>42,600</td>
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<td>15. Scottish Land Court</td>
<td>6,557</td>
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<td>16. Law Charges and Courts of Law</td>
<td>64,867</td>
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<td>17. Register House, Edinburgh</td>
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Ireland:

18. Northern Ireland Services... 8,156
19. Supreme Court of Judicature &c., Northern Ireland... 2,530
20. Land Purchase Commission, Northern Ireland... 948,049

£6,183,335

Class IV.

Class V.

8. That a sum not exceeding £27,387,433 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 1929 for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class IV. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz.:

£

1. Board of Education... 26,215,828
2. British Museum... 160,887
3. Imperial War Museum... 8,639
4. London Museum... 3,010
5. National Gallery... 17,382
6. National Portrait Gallery... 5,553
7. Wallace Collection... 7,936
8. Scientific Investigation, &c... 133,085
9. Universities and Colleges, Great Britain, and Intermediate Education, Wales... 829,400

Scotland:

11. National Galleries... 5,738
12. National Library... 275

£27,387,433

Class VI.

9. That a sum not exceeding £26,395,101 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 1929 for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class V. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz.:

£

2. Board of Control... 379,094
3. Registrar General's Office... 60,867
4. National Insurance, Audit Department... 109,810
5. Grants in respect of Unemployment Schemes... 1,075,000
6. Friendly Societies Registry... 29,406
7. Old Age Pensions... 21,681,000
8. Widows', Orphans', and Old Age Contributory Pensions... 3,000,000

Scotland:

11. General Board of Control... 49,744
12. Registrar General's Office... 160,887

£26,395,101

Class VII.

10. That a sum not exceeding £6,510,125 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 1929 for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class VI. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz.:

£

1. Board of Trade... 160,775
2. Bankruptcy Department of the Board of Trade... 5
3. Mercantile Marine Services... 218,509
4. Department of Overseas Trade... 213,973
5. Export Credits... 52,000
6. Mines Department of the Board of Trade... 116,319
7. Office of Commissioners of Crown Lands... 19,563

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1. Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries... 577,519
2. Beet Sugar Subsidy, Great Britain... 4,050,000
3. Surveys of Great Britain... 79,585
4. Forestry Commission... 583,600
5. Ministry of Transport... 56,302
6. Development Fund... 300,000
14. Department of Scientific and Industrial Research... 296,229
15. State Management Districts... 90

Scotland:

17. Fishery Board... 43,655

£6,510,125

Class VIII.

11. That a sum not exceeding £2,977,627 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 1929 for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class VII. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz.:

£

1. Art and Science Buildings, Great Britain... 167,500
3. Houses of Parliament Buildings... 46,349
4. Housing Estates... 39
5. Mail Approach Improvement... 5
6. Miscellaneous Legal Buildings Great Britain... 72,530
8. Osborne... 10,860
9. Office of Works and Public Buildings... 406,826
11. Royal Palaces... 53,700
13. Royal Parks and Pleasure Gardens... 132,700
14. Rates on Government Property... 1,014,909
15. Stationery and Printing... 970,363
16. Peterhead Harbour... 21,000
17. Works and Buildings in Ireland... 80,850

£2,977,627

Class IX.

12. That a sum not exceeding £36,526,411 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 1929 for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class VIII. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz.:

£

1. Merchant Seamen's War Pensions... 245,876
2. Ministry of Pensions... 35,215,800
3. Royal Irish Constabulary Pensions, &c... 181,302
4. Superannuation and Retired Allowances... 883,427

£36,526,411

Class X.

13. That a sum not exceeding £185,390 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 1929 for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class IX. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz.:

£

1. Clearing Office (Encumbrances), Shipping Liquidation, &c... 100
2. Australian Zinc Concentrates... 185,200
3. Railway (War) Agreements... 90

£185,390
Revenue Departments Estimates, 1928.

14. That a sum not exceeding £42,591,050 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 1929 for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in the Estimates for Revenue Departments, viz.:—

- £
- 3,171,400
- 4,105,650
- 25,314,000

£42,591,050

Navy Estimates, 1928.

15. That a sum not exceeding £36,987,300 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1929 for Expenditure in respect of the Navy Services, viz.:—

- £
- 442,400
- 1,090,000
- 236,300
- 432,500
- 412,500
- 6,822,000
- 5,188,500
- 3,883,000
- 767,500
- 1,197,000
- 3,004,000
- 4,518,500
- 947,300

£36,987,300

Army Estimates, 1928.

16. That a sum not exceeding £20,846,100 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 1929 for Expenditure in respect of the Army Services (including Ordnance Factories), viz.:—

- £
- 3,390,000
- 1,013,000
- 885,000
- 1,436,000
- 5,140,000
- 1,129,000
- 1,372,000
- 2,442,000
- 1,177,000
- 853,000
- 100

£20,846,100

Air Estimates, 1928.

17. That a sum not exceeding £2,871,000 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 1929 for Expenditure in respect of the Air Force Services, viz.:—

- £
- 310,000
- 504,000
- 534,000
- 415,000
- 223,000
- 657,000
- 298,000

£2,871,000

The First 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 Viscount Curzon, Captain Bowyer ;

253.

Tellers for the Mr. Hayes, Mr. Whiteley ;

132.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And it being after Ten of the clock, Mr. Speaker proceeded, pursuant to Standing Orders No. 18, 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, 1928.

Class I.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolution reported in respect of Class I. of the Civil Estimates:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Class II.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolutions reported in respect of Class II. of the Civil Estimates:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Class III.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolution reported in respect of Class III. of the Civil Estimates:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Class IV.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolutions reported in respect of Class IV. of the Civil 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 Speaker proceeded, pursuant to Standing Order, puts the Questions, That the First Resolution be agreed to;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the (Viscount Curzon, Yeas, Captain Bowyer : 292.
Tellers for the Mr. Hayes, Noes, Mr. Whiteley : 112.

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 :—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Class VII.
And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolution reported in respect of Class VII. of the Civil Estimates :—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Class VIII.
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.

Navy Estimates, 1928.
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) ;—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Tellers for the (Sir George Hennessy, Yeas, Sir William Cope : 281.
Tellers for the Mr. Hayes, Mr. Thomas Henderson : 121.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Air Estimates, 1928.
And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolution reported in respect of the Air Estimates ;—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Tellers for the (Sir George Hennessy, Yeas, Sir William Cope : 285.
Tellers for the Mr. Whiteley, Mr. Thomas Henderson : 115.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Revenue Departments Estimates, 1928.
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.

Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel reported from the Ways and Committee of Ways and Means of the 31st day of July, last, a Resolution ; which was read, as followeth :
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 1929, the sum of £243,542,902 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. Arthur Michael Samuel do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel accordingly Consolidated presented a Bill to apply a sum out of the Consolidated Fund to the service of the yearending on the thirty-first day of March, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine, and to appropriate the Supplies granted in this Session of Parliament : And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow ; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Agriculture Second Reading of the Agricultural Credits (Scotland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time 
on 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 
on Monday next.

Resolved, That the Special Order made by the Electricity Electricity Commissioners under the 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 compulsory acquisition of lands for a generating station in the Parish of Little Barford, in the Rural District of Eaton Socon, in the County of Bedford, which was presented on the 11th day of July 1928, 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 generating station in the Parish of Little Barford, in the Rural District of Eaton Socon, in the County of Bedford, which was presented on the 11th day of July 1928, be approved.

(Colonel Ashley.)

For protection of C. E. A. Alington.

10. For the protection of Charles Edmund Argenteau Alington, of the Parish of Little Barford, in the County of Bedford, or other the owner for the time being of the Manor House, in the said Parish (which persons are in this section included in the expression "the owner"), the following provisions shall, unless otherwise agreed in writing between the undertakers and the owner, apply and have effect, that is to say:

(1) In this section "the signed plan" means the plan dated the twenty-seventh day of July, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-eight, signed in duplicate by George Herbert Sisney, on behalf of the owner, and by Evelyn Boys, on behalf of the undertakers. The signed plan shall be completed within six calendar months of the commencement of this Order serve upon the owner notice to treat in respect of such of the lands delineated and coloured pink on the deposited plan as do not comprise the lands coloured yellow and blue on the signed plan.

(3) The provisions of Sections 127 to 132, inclusive, of the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845, shall apply to the said lands, and as if for the purpose of the said Section 127 the prescribed period were five years from the commencement of this Order.

(4) The said lands when acquired by the undertakers shall not be used for any purpose other than the construction, maintenance, and use of a generating station, and all such buildings, engines, batteries, dynamos, accumulators, pipes, and other plant, machinery, apparatus, works, and conveniences or any of them as may be necessary or suitable for generating or transforming electricity, and no dwelling-houses shall be erected thereon for the accommodation of employees of the undertakers other than a station engineer and a caretaker, or a watchman of the undertakers or their contractors.

(5) Notwithstanding anything in this Order contained or shown on the deposited plan the undertakers shall not enter upon, take, or use any part of the lands coloured yellow on the signed plan of July 1928, or any of the lands coloured blue on the signed plan, but the undertakers may acquire compulsorily and the owner if required by the undertakers shall sell to the undertakers an easement or right of using such lands or any of them for the purposes of laying, maintaining, renewing, repairing, and inspecting underground aqueducts, conduits, cables, mains, apparatus, and other underground works, whether the surface of the land be temporarily broken or not. For the purposes of this subsection the provisions of the Lands Clauses Acts with respect to lands, so far as the same are applicable in this behalf, shall extend and apply to any such easement or right as if the same were lands within the meaning of those Acts.

(6) The undertakers shall not, under the powers of this Order, enter upon, take, or use any part of the lands coloured blue on the signed plan, but the undertakers may acquire compulsorily and the owner if required by the undertakers shall sell to the undertakers an easement or right of using such lands or any of them for the purposes of laying, maintaining, renewing, repairing, and inspecting underground aqueducts, conduits, cables, mains, apparatus, and other underground works, whether the surface of the land be temporarily broken or not. For the purposes of this subsection the provisions of the Lands Clauses Acts with respect to lands, so far as the same are applicable in this behalf, shall extend and apply to any such easement or right as if the same were lands within the meaning of those Acts.

(7) As regards any lands in respect of which the undertakers have acquired easements only under the provisions of the last preceding subsection of this section, the undertakers shall not be required or entitled to trench off or sever such lands from the adjoining lands, but the owner and his tenants shall, subject to such easements, have the same rights to use and cultivate the said lands at all times as if this Order had not been made.

(8) Any works executed by the undertakers in or through the lands coloured blue on the signed plan shall be made and maintained wholly underground and in such manner that no part of the same or their earth covering shall project above the existing surface of the ground.

(9) When the undertakers shall commence the execution of any works in or through the lands coloured blue on the signed plan they shall proceed with such execution with all practicable despatch, and shall complete the same and restore the surface of the ground within the shortest practicable period.

(10) In filling in any trench or excavation dug by the undertakers upon the lands coloured blue on the signed plan the undertakers shall use only the excavated material and shall replace the same in layers so that the condition of the sub-soil shall be as nearly as practicable the same as before the trench or excavation was dug.

(11) The undertakers shall, so far as may be necessary to avoid the exercise within the parish of Little Barford by any local authority of any statutory powers for the purpose of providing dwelling-houses for employees of the undertakers, themselves provide outside such Parish dwelling-houses for such employees.

(12) Any difference which may from time to time arise between the owner and the undertakers with respect to any question
under this section other than a question of disputed compensation shall be referred to and settled by an arbitrator to be agreed upon between the parties or, failing agreement, appointed by the president of the Institution of Civil Engineers on the application of either party after notice to the other, and subject thereto the provisions of the Arbitration Act, 1889, shall apply to any such reference. —(Colonel Ashley.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Workmen's Compensation Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Theatrical Employers Registration (Amendment) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into the Committee on the Bill. — (Sir Walter de Frece). — The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 to No. 4 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Captain Bourne 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.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Rating and Valuation (Appportionment) Bill be taken into consideration forthwith. — (Mr. Chamberlain.)

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.

And then the House, having continued to sit till twenty-two minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 114.]

Thursday, 2nd August 1928.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

ORDERED, That so much of the Lords' Ministry of Health Message of the 31st day of July last as relates to the Ministry of Health Provisional Orders (No. 6) Bill be now taken into consideration.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

The House accordingly proceeded to take so much of the said Message into consideration.

Ordered, That leave be given to suspend any further proceedings on the Ministry of Health Provisional Orders (No. 6) Bill in order to proceed with the said Bill in the next Session of Parliament, provided that all fees due thereupon up to this day be paid:

Ordered, That a copy of the said Bill shall be deposited in the Committee and Private Bill Office not later than Five of the clock on or before the third day on which the House shall sit after the next meeting of Parliament, with a declaration annexed thereto certified under the seal of the Minister of Health, and stating that the Bill is the same in every respect as the Bill at the last stage of the proceedings thereon in this House in the present Session.

Ordered, That the proceedings on the said Bill shall be pro forma only in regard to every stage through which the same shall have passed in the present Session, and that no new fees be charged in respect to such stages.

Ordered, That the Standing Orders by which the proceedings on Bills are regulated shall not apply to the said Bill in regard to any of the stages through which the same shall have passed during the present Session.

Ordered, That this Order be a Standing Order of the House.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to acquaint them therewith: And that the Clerk do carry the said Message.
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 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 1927–28 sugar and/or molasses from Home-grown beets, Section I., Factories. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Unemployment Insurance (Banking Industry Special Scheme) (Amendment) (No. 2) Special Order, 1928, dated 1st August 1928. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Amery presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Report of the Imperial Economic Committee. Tenth Report —Timber. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Attorney General presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Judicial Statistics (Scotland). Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir John Gilmour presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report on the Mental Deficiency and Lunacy (Scotland) Act, 1913. Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir John Gilmour also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Fifteenth Annual Report of the General Board of Control for Scotland. Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House for 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 Borough of Brackley, the Rural Districts of Middleton Cheney, and Brackley, and parts of the Rural Districts of Daventry and Towcester, all in the County of Northampton, and the Borough of Buckingham, and the Rural Districts of Buckingham and Winslow, all in the County of Buckingham, which was presented on the 17th day of July 1928, 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 Wyck and parts of the Rural Districts of Brixworth and Oxendon, in the County of Northampton, which was presented on the 17th day of July 1928, 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 Kidwelly and parts of the Rural Districts of Carmarthen, Llandilo Fawr, and Llanelly, in the County of Carmarthen, which was presented on the 17th day of July 1928, 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 Amersham, in the County of Buckingham, and parts of the Rural Districts of Berkhamstead, Hemel-Hempstead, and Watford, in the County of Hertford, which was presented on the 12th day of July 1928, be approved.—(Colonel Ashley.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Workmen’s Compensation Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Companies Bill be taken into consideration forthwith.—(Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister.)

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.

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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 seventeen minutes before One of the clock on Friday morning, till this day.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the
Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That
the Committee had gone through the Bill,
and directed him to report the same, without
Amendment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being
put, That the Bill be now read the third time;
The House proceeded to a Division.

Mr. Penny and Sir Victor Warrender were
appointed Tellers for the Ayes; but there
being no Members willing to act as Tellers for
the Noes, Mr. Speaker declared that the
Ayes had it.

The 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.

E. A. FitzRoy,
Speaker).

The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the Workmen’s Compen-
sation Amendment Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question
being proposed, That the Bill be now read a
second time;

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a
Message had been brought from the Lords
second time; being proposed, That the Bill be now read a

Consolidated
Fund
(Appropria-
tion) Bill

A Message was delivered by Lieutenant-
General Sir William Pulteney, K.C.B., K.C.M.G.,
s.o.o., Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,
The Lords authorised by virtue of His
Majesty’s Commission, for declaring His Royal
Assent to Acts which are agreed upon by both
Houses, and to Measures passed under the
provisions of the Church of England Assembly
(Powers) Act, 1919, and for proroguing the
present Parliament, desire the immediate
attendance of this Honourable House in the
House of Peers, to hear the Commission read.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House,
went up to the House of Peers, where a Com-
mission under the Great Seal was read, giving,
declaring, and notifying the Royal Assent to
the several Acts and Measures therein men-
tioned; and the Lords thereby authorised
declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts and
Measures, as follow:

1. Mr. Speaker’s Retirement Act, 1928.
2. Finance Act, 1928.
4. Agricultural Produce (Grading and
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torial Waters (Agreement) Act, 1928.
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44. Ministry of Health Provisional Order Confirmation (Richmond) (Surrey) Act, 1928.
45. Chesterfield Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Order Confirmation Act, 1928.
47. Lincolnshire Rivers Fisheries Provisional Order Confirmation Act, 1928.
48. Pier and Harbour Orders Confirmation Act, 1928.
52. Middlesex and Surrey (Thames Bridges, &c.) Act, 1928.
57. London County Council (General Powers) Act, 1928.
58. South West Suburban Water Act, 1928.
60. South Suburban Gas Act, 1928.
63. Tottenham and District Gas Act, 1928.
67. Sheffield Corporation Act, 1928.
69. Stretford and District Electricity Board Act, 1928.
70. Wessex Electricity Act, 1928.
71. London County Council (General Powers) Act, 1928.
74. Manchester Ship Canal Act, 1928.
75. Bournemouth Gas and Water Act, 1928.
76. Sheffield Corporation Act, 1928.
78. Exeter and District Electricity Board Act, 1928.
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81. London County Council (Iford and Barking Drainage) Act, 1928.
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And afterwards His Majesty's Most Gracious Speech was delivered to both Houses of Parliament by the Lord High Chancellor (in pursuance of His Majesty's Commands), as followeth:—

My Lords and Members of the House of Commons,

The visit of Their Majesties the King and Queen of Afghanistan in March last was an auspicious event in the history of Our two countries. To Me it will always be a pleasant memory, and I have received with much gratification messages from King Amanulla expressing his warm appreciation of the welcome accorded to Their Majesties. It is a matter of national congratulation that the visit has confirmed and strengthened the good relations existing between Afghanistan and the British Empire.

My Government have been happy to accept the proposed treaty for the renunciation of war in the form in which it was finally proposed to them by the Government of the United States. The proposed treaty has similarly been accepted by My Governments in the Dominions and by the Government of India. It is My confident expectation that, when completed, it will constitute a new and important guarantee of the world's peace.

Negotiations between My Government and the French, Italian, and Spanish Governments for the revision of the Tangier Statute have just reached a successful conclusion. Under the terms of the instrument embodying the results of these negotiations which I have caused to be laid before you, Italy becomes a contracting party to the Statute and Spain receives additional guarantees for the security of her zone.
A treaty between Myself and His Imperial Majesty the Shah of Persia, regulating the commercial relations between our countries, and providing for the abrogation of existing treaty provisions which limit the right of Persia to settle its customs tariff autonomously, has been signed by our respective representatives. They have also recorded agreements on other important questions in subsidiary notes. The texts of these documents will be laid before you in due course.

In harmony with the Resolution of the Imperial Conference of 1926, recommending the further development of the present system of consultation between my Governments, arrangements have been completed for the appointment by my Government in Great Britain of a representative in Canada, with the title of High Commissioner. He will proceed to Ottawa in September.

The Imperial Wireless and Cables Conference has submitted a unanimous Report on the improvement of telegraphic communications between the several parts of my Empire. To the principles underlying the Report the Governments concerned are favourably disposed. I hope that, with whole-hearted co-operation the telegraph systems which unite its various parts will be organised to the lasting benefit of my Empire.

The Order in Council under the British Guiana Act, 1928, enabling me to create a new Constitution for that Colony, has been passed.

The Commission appointed to examine the Constitution of Ceylon has now presented its Report, and its recommendations will receive the careful consideration of my Ministers.

The Commissioners appointed to enquire into agriculture and rural economy in British India have submitted a unanimous Report, containing many recommendations for the promotion of the welfare of the rural population. I am confident that these recommendations will receive sympathetic and fruitful consideration from the competent authorities in India.

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,

The condition of our basic industries and the high level of unemployment continue to cause anxiety. My Ministers have prepared a scheme for relieving agriculture and other productive industries from the onerous burden of rates. The relief will affect not only the direct burden of rates but also the indirect burden thrown specially upon the basic industries by the present system of rating railways, docks, and canals. This policy involves as a necessary consequence the enactment of long-desired reforms in local government and in the financial relations between the State and local authorities. My Ministers are hopeful that in respect of selected industrial and agricultural traffic the relief may come into force at the end of the present year. I trust that these comprehensive proposals will not only increase employment generally, but will also bring special relief to the areas which are most in need of it.

I have given my assent to a measure assimilating the local government and Parliamentary franchise of men and women. This will confer equal electoral rights on the two sexes.

A Bill has been passed, based generally on the recommendations of my Commission on National Health Insurance, whereby the existing system will be materially simplified and improved.

Steady progress has been made during the year in the provision of housing for the people, and the price of house construction has continued generally to fall.

I have given my assent to a measure for assisting the credit of persons engaged in agriculture in England and Wales and my Government have prepared a scheme for effecting the same object in Scotland.

A Bill has been passed to provide for the grading and marking of agricultural produce. It is a source of special satisfaction to me that it has been found possible, subject to suitable safeguards, to secure permanently the present rates of disability pension for the Great War against any reduction owing to a fall in the cost of living. This will remove an element of uncertainty which disturbs the minds of those who are, unhappily, still suffering from the effects of their war service.

The rapid growth of road traffic has created new problems which demand investigation. I have appointed a Commission which will, I hope, result in measures for the wise development of all available means of transport.

Bills have also been passed to reorganise certain Scottish departments, and for setting up a Commission to deal with educational endowments 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 Majesty's Commands, prorogue this Parliament to Tuesday the Sixth day of November, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-eight, to be then here held; and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued until Tuesday the Sixth day of November, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-eight.
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