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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 Twenty-sixth day of this instant October, to be then here holden.
Message to attend His Majesty.

Elections.

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[No. 1.]

Tuesday, 26th October 1937.

PRAYERS at Twelve of the clock.


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.

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 any thing shall come in question touching the Return or Election of any Member, he is to withdraw during the time the matter is in debate; and that all Members returned upon double Returns do withdraw till their Returns are determined.

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

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

Resolved, That if it shall appear that any person hath been tampering with any Witness, in respect of his evidence to be given to this House, or any Committee thereof, or directly or indirectly hath endeavoured to deter or hinder any person from appearing or giving evidence, the same is declared to be a high crime and misdemeanor; 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 Metropolitan 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.
26th October, 1937.

Votes and Proceedings. 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.

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

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

Journal. 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 Gilbert Francis Montriou Campion, Esq., c.b., the Clerk of this House.

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

Parliamentary Papers (Recess.) The following Paper, presented by His Majesty’s Command during the Recess, was delivered to the Librarian of the House of Commons during the Recess, pursuant to Standing Order No. 93:—

Import Duties. Copy of Recommendations of the Import Duties Advisory Committee, dated 29th September 1937, relating to the Beef and Veal Duties (Drawback) (No. 2) Order, 1937.

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

Sir Kingsley Wood presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations, dated—

(1) 13th July 1937, entitled the National Health Insurance (Inspectors’ Certificates) Regulations, 1937;
(2) 20th August 1937, entitled the National Health Insurance (Unclaimed Proceeds of Stamp Sales) Amendment Regulations (No. 2), 1937;
(3) 8th September 1937, entitled the National Health Insurance (Investment Account, Rate of Interest) Regulations, 1937;
(4) 15th September 1937, entitled the National Health Insurance (Exempt Persons) Regulations, 1937;
(5) 28th September 1937, entitled the National Health Insurance (Unclaimed Proceeds of Stamp Sales) Amendment Regulations (No. 3), 1937.

Copies of Provisional Regulations, dated—

(1) 19th July 1937, entitled the National Health Insurance (Valuation) Regulations, 1937;
(2) 15th August 1937, entitled the National Health Insurance (Approved Societies) Amendment Regulations, 1937.

Copies of Provisional Special Order, dated 22nd September 1937, entitled the National Health Insurance (Subsidiary Employments) Order (No. 2), 1937.

National Health Insurance. Copies of Orders, dated—

(1) 21st June 1937, entitled the National Health Insurance (Share Fishermen) Order, 1937;
(2) 9th July 1937, entitled the National Health Insurance (Contractors for Manual Labour) Exclusion Order, 1937;
(3) 15th September 1937, entitled the National Health Insurance (Employment under Local and Public Authorities) Order, 1937.

Copies of Schemes made under the Town and Country Planning Act, 1932, entitled—

(1) the Hornsea Planning Scheme;
(2) the Southend-on-Sea (Eastwood) Planning Scheme;
(3) the Southend-on-Sea (Leigh) Planning Scheme.

Copy of Regulations, dated 23rd September 1937, entitled the Certificates of Births, Deaths, and Marriages (Requisition) Regulations, 1937.

Copies of Regulations,—Contributory Pensions,

(1) dated 31st July 1937, entitled the Contributory Pensions (Special Voluntary Contributors) Regulations, 1937;
(2) dated 27th August 1937, entitled the Contributory Pensions (Notification of Incapacity) Regulations, 1937;
(3) dated 3rd September 1937, entitled the Contributory Pensions (Determination of Income) Regulations, 1937;
(4) dated 10th September 1937, entitled the Contributory Pensions (Payments on Death) Regulations, 1937;
(5) dated 27th September 1937, entitled the Contributory Pensions (Rate-aided Persons of Unsound Mind) Regulations, 1937;
(6) dated 8th October 1937, entitled the Contributory Pensions (Exempt and Excepted Persons) Regulations, 1937.

Copy of Order, dated 1st September 1937, entitled the County of Durham Joint Vagrancy Committee (Amendment) Order, 1937.

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

Colonel Muirhead presented, by His Majesty’s Civil Air Command,—Copy of Agreement between the Secretary of State for Air and Imperial Airways, Limited, relating to the operation of the air service between England and South Africa.

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

Earl Winterton presented, pursuant to the Air directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order in Council, dated 29th July 1937, entitled the Air Navigation (Amendment) (No. 4) Order, 1937.
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Earl Winterton also presented, pursuant to the directions of a Measure,—Copies of Schemes of the Cathedral Commissioners of England relating to—

(1) Bradford;
(2) Carlisle;
(3) Hereford;
(4) Chichester;
(5) Exeter.

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

Mr. Secretary Elliot presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations, dated 11th October 1937, entitled—

(1) the Scottish Agricultural Wages Board Regulations, 1937;
(2) the Agricultural Wages Committees (Scotland) Regulations, 1937.

Copy of Order, dated 11th October 1937, entitled the Agricultural Wages Committees (Definition of Districts) (Scotland) Order, 1937.

Copies of Orders, dated 30th August 1937, entitled—

(1) the Scottish Milk Marketing Scheme (Amendment, No. 2) Order, 1937;
(2) the Scottish Milk Marketing Scheme (Directions) Order, 1937.

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

Mr. William Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Order, dated 9th August 1937, entitled the Sugar Refining Agreement (Assessment of Contributions) Scheme (Approval) Order, 1937.


Copy of Scheme made under the Agriculture Act, 1937, entitled the Land Fertility Scheme, 1937.

Copy of Regulations, dated 24th August 1937, made under the Agriculture Act, 1937, entitled the Barley and Oats Subsidy Payments Regulations, 1937.

Copies of Regulations dated—

(1) 25th June 1937, entitled the Agricultural Produce (Grading and Marking) (Plums) Regulations, 1937;
(2) 19th July 1937, entitled the Agricultural Produce (Grading and Marking) (Wheat Flour and Wheat Flakes) Regulations, 1937;
(3) 10th August 1937, entitled the Agricultural Produce (Grading and Marking) (Fruit Products) Regulations, 1937;
(4) 20th September 1937, entitled the Agricultural Produce (Grading and Marking) (Lancashire Cheese) Regulations, 1937;

(5) 28th September 1937, entitled the Agricultural Produce (Grading and Marking) (Canned Vegetables) Regulations, 1937.

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

Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Orders made under the Shops Acts by the Councils of the undermentioned local authorities, and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department:—

(1) County Borough of Birkenhead;
(2) Borough of Ealing;
(3) City of Liverpool;
(4) City of London;
(5) County of London;
(7) Borough of Southall.


Copy of Order, dated 11th September 1937, Supreme Court Fees and Percentages to be taken in the Supreme Court of Judicature of Northern Ireland.

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

Lord Stanley presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Amendments of the Council of State and Legislative Assembly Electoral Rules made by the Governor-General of India in Council, with the sanction of the Secretary of State, under Sections 64 and 129A of the Ninth Schedule to the Government of India Act, 1935.

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

Mr. Secretary Hore-Belisha presented, Army, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Amendments to Regulations under the Regimenal Debts Act, 1893, and Additional (Active Service) Regulations under the Regimenal Debts Act, 1893.

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

Mr. Ramsbotham presented, by His Majesty's Ministry of Command,—Copy of List of Exceptions to the Regulations as to Pay, Non-effective Pay, and Allowances sanctioned during the year ended 31st March 1937.

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

Mr. Ernest Brown presented, by His Majesty's League of Command,—Copy of Draft Conventions and Recommendations adopted by the International Labour Conference at its Twenty-third Session, Conference,) 3rd to 23rd June 1937 (Authentic Texts).
Mr. Ernest Brown also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations, dated 29th July 1937, entitled the Unemployment Insurance (Inconsiderable Employments) (Amendment) Regulations, 1937.

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

Mr. Stanley presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of First Annual Report of the Spindles Board.

Copy of Statistical Abstract for the British Empire for each of the ten years 1927–1936 (Trade and Commerce Section), Sixty-sixth Number.

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

Mr. Burgin presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Drafts of Special Orders proposed to be made under the Gas Undertakings Acts on the application of—

(1) the Hartlepool Gas and Water Company;

(2) the Penzance Gas Company, Limited;

(3) the urban district council of Teignmouth.

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

Mr. Bury also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations, dated—

(1) 7th July, 1937, entitled the London Traffic (Prescribed Routes) (No. 29) (Uxbridge Road, Southall) Regulations, 1937;

(2) 7th July, 1937, entitled the London Traffic (Prescribed Routes) (No. 30) (Hainault Road, Ilford) Regulations, 1937;

(3) 7th July, 1937, entitled the London Traffic (Prescribed Routes) (No. 31) (Broadway, Crouch End) Regulations, 1937;

(4) 12th July, 1937, entitled the London Traffic (Prescribed Routes) (No. 32) (Rodmere Street, Greenwich) Regulations, 1937;

(5) 16th July, 1937, entitled the London Traffic (Prescribed Routes) (No. 33) (St. John's Wood) Regulations, 1937;

(6) 21st July, 1937, entitled the London Traffic (Prescribed Routes) (No. 34) (Brent Street, Hendon) Regulations, 1937;

(7) 9th August, 1937, entitled the London Traffic (Prescribed Routes) (No. 35) (Belsize Road, Hampstead) Regulations, 1937;

(8) 27th August, 1937, entitled the London Traffic (Prescribed Routes) (No. 36) (Wood Lane, Dagenham) Regulations, 1937;

(9) 27th August, 1937, entitled the London Traffic (Prescribed Routes) (No. 37) (Sevenoaks) Regulations, 1937;

(10) 14th September, 1937, entitled the London Traffic (Prescribed Routes) (No. 38) (Hospital Bridge Road, Twickenham) Regulations, 1937;

(11) 20th September, 1937, entitled the London Traffic (Parking Places) (Amendment) (No. 7) Regulations, 1937;

(12) 24th September, 1937, entitled the London Traffic (Parking Places) (Amendment) (No. 8) Regulations, 1937;

(13) 11th October, 1937, entitled the London Traffic (Prescribed Routes) (No. 39) (Leyton) Regulations, 1937;

(14) 14th October, 1937, entitled the London Traffic (Prescribed Routes) (No. 40) (Commercial Road, East) Regulations, 1937.

Copies of Provisional Regulations, dated—

(1) 8th June, 1937, entitled the Public Service Vehicles (Conditions of Fitness) (Amendment No. 2) Provisional Regulations, 1937;

(2) 29th September, 1937, entitled the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) Provisional Regulations, 1937;

(3) 30th September, 1937, entitled the Public Service Vehicles (Conditions of Fitness) (Amendment No. 3) Provisional Regulations, 1937.

Copy of Special Order made under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, fixing a scale of depreciation in relation to the purchase of Electricity Undertakings.

Copies of Special Orders made under the Electricity (Supply) Acts and the Public Works Facilities Act, 1930,—

(1) in respect of part of the Rural District of Williton, in the County of Somerset;

(2) in respect of the Townships of Ightenhill and Worsthorn-with-Hurstwood and part of the Township of Habergham Eaves, all in the Rural District of Burnley, in the County Palatine of Lancaster.

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 existing in the Records of the Finance Division of His Majesty's Office of Works which are not considered of sufficient public value to justify their preservation in the Public Record Office.


The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of a Measure, was also laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—

Copy of Scheme for effecting the unions (1) of Union of the Benefice (being a Rectory) of Saint George, Hanover Square, with a part of the Benefice (being a Vicarage) of Regent Street, Hanover Chapel, otherwise known as Davies Street, Saint Anselm, and (2) of the Benefice (being a Vicarage) of North Audley Street, Saint Mark, with the remaining part of the said Benefice of Davies Street, Saint Anselm, all of which Benefices are situate in the County of Middlesex and in the Diocese of London.
Mr. Speaker reported His Majesty's Speech, and read it to the House as followeth:

My Lords and Members of the House of Commons,

My relations with Foreign Powers continue to be friendly.

I have invited the King of the Belgians to visit Me in November and a similar invitation has been extended to the King of Roumania for the spring of next year. I shall welcome the visits of Their Majesties to My capital and trust that they will conduce towards the consolidation of the friendly relations existing between our nations.

My Ministers have followed with growing concern the continuance of the conflict in Spain. It is their aim to do everything which lies in their power to assist towards the restoration of peace among the Spanish people. They believe that a strict application of the international policy of non-intervention in Spain will materially contribute to this end.

The position in the Far East will continue to engage the earnest attention of My Government, who will persist in their policy of attempting, in co-operation with other Governments, whether members of the League of Nations or not, to mitigate the suffering caused by the conflict and to bring it to a conclusion.

I am looking forward with interest and pleasure to the time when it will be possible for Me to visit My Indian Empire.

Members of the House of Commons,

The Estimates for the Public Services will be laid before you.

My Lords and Members of the House of Commons,

With the full co-operation of My people the work of expanding and equipping My defence forces is now making rapid progress.

My Ministers are anxious that energetic steps shall be taken to complete the measures for the protection of the civilian population against air raids. A Bill to put the necessary arrangements on a statutory basis will be brought forward for your consideration.

I rejoice to know that the outlook for trade and industry remains favourable, and that there is every indication that the progress made in the last year will be maintained.

My Government will continue to take all possible measures to encourage industrial activity at home, and to develop our overseas trade.

A Bill will be submitted to you to provide for the unification of coal royalties under national control and for the furtherance of reorganisation in the coal-mining industry.

A Measure for improving the distribution of electricity will be laid before you.

My Government have announced their intention to assist the production and to increase the consumption of milk, and to facilitate the improvement of milk distribution. A Bill to this end and further proposals for the welfare of agriculture will be submitted to you.

You will be invited to pass legislation to provide for the reorganisation of the white fish industry, and for other matters related to sea fisheries.

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A comprehensive publicity campaign is being undertaken to ensure the fullest use of the public health services and to encourage their expansion. The policy of improving housing conditions will be energetically pursued.

My Government will further develop their social policy by introducing legislation to enable meals to be supplied to boys and girls attending junior instruction centres; to provide medical care for young persons who have left school and entered employment; to reduce the age limit for the award of pensions to blind persons; to enable further information to be obtained for the study of the population problem; to amend the financial provision for slum clearance and the abatement of overcrowding; and to make further provision for the improvement of agricultural housing.

A Measure will be laid before you to amend the penal law and to enable improved arrangements to be made for dealing with offenders, including juveniles and those who commit repeated offences.

Proposals will be laid before you for providing such additional judicial strength for the Probate, Divorce and Admiralty Division as will enable the High Court to discharge the additional duties laid upon it by the Matrimonial Causes Act of last Session; for carrying out some of the recommendations of the Royal Commission on the Despatch of Business at Common Law; and for giving effect to certain recommendations of the Law Revision Committee on the subject of the limitation of actions.

Among other Measures which you will be invited to pass will be Bills to amend the present scheme for securing the renting and exhibition of a certain proportion of British films; to prevent frauds in share dealings; to make better provisions for preventing abuses of the law relating to clubs; to improve the efficiency of the organisation of the fire brigade services of the country; and to regulate wages and conditions of employment in the transport of goods by road.

Scottish affairs will continue to receive the close attention of My Ministers. Legislation on the subject of rural housing in Scotland and on other matters of Scottish interest will be submitted to you.

Other Measures of importance will be laid before you and proceeded with as time and opportunity offer.

I pray that, under the blessing of Almighty God, the outcome of your deliberations may advance the happiness and well-being of My people and the peace of the world.

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—(Captain Balfour): And a Debate arising thereupon;
Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.

(Captain Dagdale.)

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed tomorrow.

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

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

[No. 2.]

Wednesday, 27th October 1937.

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

PRAYERS.

Sir Irving Abney, Colonel Clifton Brown, Sir Charles Edwards, Colonel Gretton, Captain Gunston, Mr. Lamb, Sir Charles MacAndrew, Mr. Paling, Mr. Parkinson, Sir David Reid, and Sir Hugh Steely were nominated Members of the Committee of Selection.—(Mr. James Stuart.)

Earl Winterton presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Copy of Regulations made by the University of Oxford, on 25th May 1937, amending existing Statutes of the University.

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

Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare presented, by His Majesty’s Command, Copy of Statistics as to the operation and administration of the Laws relating to the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors in England and Wales for 1936.

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

Mr. Secretary Elliot presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Copy of Regulations, dated 6th August 1937, entitled the National Health Insurance (Panel and Pharmaceutical Committees) Regulations (Scotland), 1937.

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

Mr. Secretary Elliot presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Copy of Order, dated 25th October 1937, made under the Beef and Veal Customs Duties Act, 1937, entitled the Beef and Veal Duties (Drawback) (No. 2) Order, 1937.

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

Mr. William Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, to the House of Commons, copies of Orders, dated—

(1) 16th August 1937, entitled the Wheat Commission (Approval of Byelaws) No. 10 Order, 1937;
(2) 13th August 1937, entitled the Wheat (Ascertained Average Price) Order, 1937;
(3) 14th September 1937, entitled the Wheat (Quota Payments) No. 3 Order, 1937;
(4) 14th September 1937, entitled the Wheat (Anticipated Supply) No. 2 Order, 1937.

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

Sir Kingsley Wood presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, to the House of Commons, copies of Regulations, dated 28th July 1937, entitled—

(1) the Local Government (Adjustment of Gains and Losses in County Districts) Regulations, 1937;
(2) the Local Government (Special and Parish Rates) (Third Fixed Grant Period) Regulations, 1937.

Copy of Regulations, dated 7th August 1937, entitled the Therapeutic Substances (Amendment) Regulations, 1937.

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

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

Account of the advances made under Part II British Shipping (Assistance) Act, 1935, and of the sums received by way of interest on, or in payment of, such advances for the year ended 31st March 1937, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

Mr. Stanley, supported by Mr. Secretary Cinematograph Films Bill, presented a Bill to make further provision for securing the renting and exhibition of a certain proportion of British cinematograph films, and for restricting blind booking and advance booking of cinematograph films; and to provide for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Sir Kingsley Wood, supported by Mr. Secretary Elliot, Colonel Colville and Mr. Bernays, presented a Bill to amend the National Health Insurance (Guvnors and Young Persons) Bill, to the House of Commons, to amend the National Health Insurance (Guvnors and Young Persons) Bill.

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

Colonel Colville presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Copy of Order, dated 25th October 1937, made under the Beef and Veal Customs Duties Act, 1937, entitled the Beef and Veal Duties (Drawback) (No. 2) Order, 1937.

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

Sir Kingsley Wood, supported by Mr. Secretary Elliot, Colonel Colville and Mr. Bernays, presented a Bill to lower from fifty years to forty years the age which blind persons must have attained in order to be entitled to old age pensions under the Old Age Pensions Act,
Ordered, That no Bills, other than Government Bills, be introduced in anticipation of the Ballot, and that all Members who desire to ballot for Bills do hand in their names at the Table during the Sitting of the House on Thursday 28th October, and that a copy of the Notice of such Ballot be handed in at the latest during the Sitting of the House on Thursday 28th October.

Ordered, That the Ballot for the precedence of the said Bills be taken on Thursday 28th October, at a convenient time and place, to be appointed by Mr. Speaker, and that the presentation of Bills on Friday 29th October be taken at the commencement of Public Business.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Ordered, That all Members who desire to ballot for Motions for Wednesdays 3rd and 10th November do hand in their names at the Table during the Sitting of the House on Thursday 28th October, and that the Ballot for precedence of such Motions be taken after Questions at that day's Sitting.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Ordered, That no Notices of Amendments on going into Committee of Supply be given until the first Thursday after the Adjournment of the House for Christmas.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

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

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

Ordered, That Five be the quorum of the Committee.—(Captain Margesson.)

Ordered, That this House do now adjourn.—(Captain Margesson.)

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

[No. 3.]

Thursday, 28th October 1937.

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

PRAYERS.

Mr. Burgis presented, pursuant to the Road Traffic directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy Acts, of Regulations, dated 7th September 1937, entitled the Motor Vehicles (Variation of Speed Limits) Regulations, 1937.

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

Mr. Secretary Elliot presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy Acts. entitled the Contributory Pensions (Pauper Lunatics) Regulations (Scotland), 1937.

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

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.

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.—(Captain Margesson.)

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

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

The Committee was accordingly nominated of,—The Prime Minister, Mr. Attlee, Mr. Attorny-General, Mr. Churchill, Sir John Gilmour, Mr. Greenwood, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, Sir Hugh O'Neill, and Sir Archibald Sinclair.

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

Ordered, That Five be the quorum of the Committee.—(Captain Margesson.)
28th—29th October. 1937.

Mr. Attorney-General, supported by Mr. Solicitor-General and Colonel Coleville, presented a Bill to amend the Supreme Court of Judicature (Consolidation) Act, 1925, by increasing to four the number of puisne judges that may be appointed to be attached to the Probate, Divorce and Admiralty Division of the High Court; and the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Colonel Coleville presented a Bill to continue certain expiring laws: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Sir Kingsley Wood, supported by Mr. Secretary Elliot and Mr. Bernays, presented a Bill to make further provision for obtaining statistical information with respect to the population of Great Britain; and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 26th day of this instant October, 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.

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

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

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

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, till to-morrow.

In pursuance of Standing Order No. 80 (4):—

I hereby nominate—

Sir Charles Malcolm Barclay-Harvey,
Sir Charles Copper Brown, k.b.e.,
Colonel Douglas Clifton Brown,
Major Sir Cyril Fullard Entwistle, m.c., m.c.,
Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Charles Glen MacAndrew,
Gordon MacDonald, Esquire,
Major James Milner, m.c.,
Major the Right Honourable Sir (Robert William) Hugh O'Neill, Baronet,
Mr. Robert Young, o.b.e., and
Major Gwilym Lloyd George,

[No. 4.]

Friday, 29th October 1937.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

COLONEL Coleville presented, pursuant to the Post Office directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Fund.

Statement showing the Post Office Net Surplus for the year ended 31st March 1937.

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

Mr. Secretary Elliot presented, pursuant to National Insurance Directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Order.

Order for the year ended 31st March 1937.

Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

Mr. Holmes, supported by Sir John Wilthers, Inheritance Tax Regulations (Scotland) Act, 1937.

Copy of Regulations, dated 23rd June 1937, entitled the National Health Insurance (Exclusion and Inclusion) Order (Scotland), 1937.

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

Mr. Malcolm MacMillan, supported by Mr. Annual Wages, Mr. Riley, Mrs. Hardie, Mr. Ellis, Holiday Bill; Mr. Smith, Mr. Lunn, Mr. Robert Taylor, Mr. Bitson, Mr. Edward Williams, and Mr. Tinker, presented a Bill to make provision for an annual holiday for employed persons; and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 12th day of November next; and to be printed.

Mr. John Jones, supported by Mr. Hayday, Workmen's Compensation Bill.

Mr. Hicks, Mr. Thorne, Mr. Frederick Roberts, Mr. Mainwaring, Mr. Cape, Mr. Dobbie, Mr. Rostron Duckworth, Mr. Maitland, and Mr. Rowson, Mr. Ross Taylor, Mr. Bernays, presented a Bill to increase the number of puisne judges that may be appointed to be attached to the Probate, Divorce and Admiralty Division of the High Court; and the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 28th of October next; and to be printed.

Mr. MacLaren, supported by Mr. Wedgwood, Land Values Bill.

Mr. Barr, Mr. McIhe, Mr. Grenfell, Mr. Silverman, Mr. Arthur Henderson, Mr. Viant, Sir Robert Young, and Mrs. Hardie, presented a Bill to enable local authorities to levy rates upon land values and to exempt buildings from rates: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 28th day of November next; and to be printed.
Mr. Locat-Fraser, supported by Mr. Bosson, Mr. Acland, Mr. Ammon, Mr. Grenfell, Mr. Hicks, Sir Thomas Moore, Mr. Noel-Baker, Mr. Godfrey Nicholson, Mr. Roland Robinson, Mr. Henry Strauss, and Sir John Withers, presented a Bill to restrict the use of the same name architect to registered architects and to extend the time within which practising architects may apply for registration: and the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 17th day of December next; and to be printed.

Mr. Frederick Roberts, supported by Mr. Kirby, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Adamson, Mr. Hicks, Mr. Dobbie, Mr. Thorne, and Mr. George Grifﬁths, presented a Bill to provide for the limitation of hours of work for persons employed in or in connection with hospitals and institutions under the control of local authorities; and the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 3rd day of December next; and to be printed.

Miss Wilkinson, supported by Major Mäher, Mr. Jagger, Mr. Turton, Mr. Graham White, Mrs. Hardie, and Mr. Pitt, presented a Bill to amend the law with respect to the hire-purchase and sale upon credit of goods and the law of distress in its relation thereto: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 10th day of December next; and to be printed.

Mr. Parkinson, supported by Mr. Bale], Mr. George Hall, Mr. Tom Smith, Sir William Jenkins, Mr. Grenfell, Sir Charles Edwards, Mr. Rixon, Mr. Tinker, and Mr. Ellis Smith, presented a Bill to nationalise mines and minerals and to provide for the national winning, distribution and sale of coal and other minerals; and for other purposes connected therewith: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 4th day of February next; and to be printed.

Mr. Higgs, supported by Mr. Perkins, Sir Patrick Hannon, Sir Reginald Clarry, Mr. Snowden, Mr. Sir Frank Sanderson, Mr. Rostron Duckworth, Wing-Commander Wright, Mr. Herbert Williams, Mr. Locat-Fraser, and Mr. Lyons, presented a Bill to amend the law as to the enforcement by landlords of obligations to repair and similar obligations arising under leases: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 11th day of February next; and to be printed.

Dr. Hadon Guest, supported by Mr. Banfield, Mr. Rhy Davies, Mr. Short, and Mr. Marshall, presented a Bill to prohibit night work in bakehouses: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 18th day of February next; and to be printed.

Sir William Wayland, supported by Mr. Alan Herbert, Sir Percy Harris, and Sir Patrick Hannon, presented a Bill to make provision for the introduction of proportional representation in local elections; and for other purposes connected therewith: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 25th day of February next; and to be printed.

Mr. Charles Brown, supported by Mr. Paling, Local Authorities (Enabling) Bill.

Mr. Windsor, Major Mäher, Mr. Leach, Mr. Gardiner, and Mr. Groves, presented a Bill to extend the powers of local authorities in matters of finance and municipal trading: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 4th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Lee, supported by Mr. Potts, Mr. Employers’ Mainwaring, Mr. Hicks, Mr. Doebbe, and Local Authorities (Enabling) Bill.

Mr. Joseph Henderson, presented a Bill to amend the law relating to the liability of employers to their workmen for injuries caused by the negligence of fellow workmen: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 11th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Broad, supported by Mr. Latham, Mr. Hicks, Mr. Croeth Jones, Mr. Leslie, and Mr. Simpson, presented a Bill to provide for the payment of compensation for the loss of employment: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 17th day of December next; and to be printed.

Mr. Clement Davies, supported by Mr. Secretary of State for Wales and Monmouthshire Bill.

Sir William Jenkins, Mr. John, Major Owen, Sir Reginald Clarry, Sir Henry Morris-Jones, Mr. Hopkin, Major Lloyd George, and Mr. Temple Morris, presented a Bill to increase the number of Secretaries of State and Under Secretaries capable of sitting and voting in the Commons House of Parliament and to provide for and appoint a Secretary of State for Wales and Monmouthshire and to provide for the transfer of powers and duties to such Secretary of State for Wales and Monmouthshire and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 3rd day of December next; and to be printed.

Mr. Perkins, supported by Mr. Lyons, Mr. Wing-Commander Wright, Mr. Salt, Sir Arnold Grigdy, Major Lloyd George, Mr. Price, and Mr. Kirby, presented a Bill to empower local authorities to close streets to enable them to be used as playgrounds for children: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 10th day of December next; and to be printed.

Colonel Nathan, supported by Mr. Barr, Mr. Groves, Mr. Lansbury, Mr. Thurtle, Mr. Watkins, Miss Wilkinson, and Mr. Thomas Williams, presented a Bill to protect those animals which, though nominally wild, are in fact kept in captivity or confinement and released for the purpose of being hunted or coursed: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 25th day of February next; and to be printed.

Mr. Price, supported by Mr. Hopkins, Mr. Access to Mountains Bill.

Mr. Noel-Baker, Mr. Ellis Smith, Mr. Wedgwood, Miss Wilkinson, and Mr. Cecil Wilson, presented a Bill to secure to the public the right of access to mountains and moorlands: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 18th day of February next; and to be printed.

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The Order of the day being read, for resuming King's Speech and the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 26th day of this instant October, 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 Your Majesty's advisers Foreign Affairs and Standard of Life, by their weak and vacillating policy in Foreign Affairs, which has gravely imperilled the prospects of lasting peace and national security, betrayed the principles of the League of Nations and seriously diminished British influence, and by their lack of any constructive and fundamental proposals for raising the standard of life of the people or for establishing economic prosperity upon a just and enduring basis, have forfeited the confidence of this House."—(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

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

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

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Monday next.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, without Question put, pursuant to Standing Order No. 2, it being then five minutes before Four of the clock, till Monday next.

Mr. Robert Gover, Lieutenant-Commander Agnew, Rear-Admiral Beamish, and Major Braithwaite, presented a Bill to make compulsory the exercise of the parliamentary franchise; and for purposes incidental thereto:—

And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 12th day of November next; and to be printed.

Mr. Herbert Williams, supported by Brigadier-General Clifton Brown, Sir Robert Smith, Major Neven-Spence, Mr. Perkins, Sir Edmund Brocketelbank, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Duckworth, Mr. Henry, Sir Arnold Gridley, supported by Sir Edmund Motor Drivers Brockelbank, Sir Patrick Hannon, Mr. Perkins, (ignited) Bill. Major Lloyd George, Mr. Quibell, and Wing-Commander Wright, presented a Bill to amend the law relating to the signals to be given by the drivers of mechanically propelled vehicles in certain circumstances; and for purposes connected therewith:—And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 4th day of March next; and to be printed.

The adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 26th day of this instant October, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, as followeth:—

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Land Tax Commissioners 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 Supreme Court of Judicature (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 Expiring Laws Continuance Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Population (Statistics) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Sir Irving Albery, Mr. Benson, Sir Edmund Brooke, Colonel Colville, Mr. Culverwell, Mr. Morgan Jones, Mr. Latham, Mr. Mabane, Mr. Peat, Mr. Pethick-Lawrence, Sir Ashton Pownall, Sir Eugene Ramsden, Mr. Wilfred Roberts, Sir Isidore Salmon, and Sir Robert Smith were nominated Members of the Committee of Public Accounts.—(Mr. James Stuart.)

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to control the arrangements for the Kitchen and Refreshment Rooms (House of Commons).
The Committee was accordingly nominated of—Sir Ernest Bennett, Sir Reginald Blazé, Miss Cazalet, Sir John Ganzoni, Sir Nicholas Gratian-Doyle, Mr. Leonard, Mr. Liddall, Sir Thomas Moore, Mr. Robert Morrison, Mr. Muff, Sir Assheton Ponsonby, Sir Serington Savery, Sir Hugh Steely, Mr. Bracewell Smith, Mr. Edouard Stavros, Sir 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.—(Mr. James Stuart.)

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

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

[No. 6.]

Tuesday, 2nd November 1937.

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

PRAYERS.

SECRETARY Sir Samuel Hoare presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order made under the Shops Acts by the Council of the under-mentioned local authority, and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department:—

County of Lancaster (Urban District of Litherland).

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

Cathedral Measures.

Earl Winterton presented, pursuant to a Measure,—Copies of Schemes of the Cathedral Commissioners of England relating to—

(1) Exeter;
(2) Gloucester;
(3) Lichfield;
(4) Worcester.

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

Mr. Burgin presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 28th October 1937, entitled the London Traffic (Prescribed Routes) (No. 42) (Twickenham Road, Hanworth) Regulations, 1937.

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

Lord Stanley presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Return, showing the Results of Elections in India, 1937.

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

Colonel Coeille presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Return of appointments of persons other than distributors of stamps in Scotland to be collectors of taxes in and for Scotland.

Copy of a Certificate, dated 28th October 1937, of the Minister of Transport under the Railways (Agreement) Act, 1935.

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

Mr. Mander, supported by Mr. Acland, Mr. Vyvyan Adams, Lieutenant-Commander Fletcher, Mr. Kingsley Griffith, Mr. Arthur Henderson, Mr. Levent-Fraser, Mr. Harold Macmillan, Mr. Noel-Baker, Miss Rathbone, Mr. Richard Russell, and Mr. Graham White, presented a Bill to incorporate in the statute law of the United Kingdom those obligations in regard to the maintenance of peace and of machinery for the peaceful settlement of international disputes which are embodied in the Covenant of the League of Nations and in other treaties, and for other purposes: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 19th day of this instant November; and to be printed.

Mr. Cary, supported by Mr. Ben Smith, Mr. Smedley Crooke, Sir Arnold Wilson, Sir Edward Grigg, Sir Thomas Moore, and Colonel Sandeman Allen, presented a Bill to amend subsection (1) of section three and subsection (2) of section five, of the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1925, with respect to persons engaged in plying for hire with any vehicle or vessel the use of which is obtained under a contract of bailment; and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 10th day of December next; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 26th day of October last, 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 regret that the Gracious Speech contains no indication that His Majesty's Government are taking adequate steps to provide against a possible diminution of employment occurring either on the completion of the process of rearmament..."
or through a period of commercial depression, firstly by the prosecution of active measures in concert with the Dominions, the United States of America, and other countries, to reduce the economic barriers to world trade; secondly by promoting the fuller development of backward or inadequately populated regions of the Empire; and thirdly by the examination and preparation of definite plans for employing our people on the construction of capital works of national importance and the utilisation of national resources that are at present neglected.”—(Major Lloyd George.)

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

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

Tellers for the  
Sir Percy Harris,  
Sir Hugh Evelyn:
Yea.

Tellers for the  
Captain Margesson,  
Colonel Kerr:
Nae.

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.

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.—(Captain Margesson.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Expiring Laws Continuance Bill:

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

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

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

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charging orders, insanitary dwelling-houses, the recovery of expenses by instalments, the provision of waterclosets, and the making of byelaws as to accommodation for seasonal workers under the provisions of section one hundred and twenty-five of the Public Health (Scotland) Act, 1897; to authorise the making of byelaws with respect to premises used for the accommodation of agricultural workers; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid: 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, in the opinion of this House, experience has shown that the Land Drainage Acts cannot be effectively administered without further State aid, and that amending legislation is urgently required to remove the existing inequalities in the incidence of rating—(Mr. Quibell);—An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question in 1. by leaving out from the word "That," to the end of the Question, and adding the words "this House notes with satisfaction the progress made under the Land Drainage Act, 1933, the Whaling Industry (Regulation) Act, 1933, Part IV of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, and other enactments relating to sea fisheries; and to make provision for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

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Sea Fish Industry Bill, Bill 38. Mr. William Morrison, supported by Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare, Mr. Secretary Elliot, Mr. Stanley, Colonel Cotetelle, and Mr. Ramsbotham, presented a Bill to make provision for the better organisation of the white fish industry; to amend the Sea-Fishing Industry Act, 1933, the Whaling Industry (Regulation) Act, 1933, Part IV of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, and other enactments relating to sea fisheries; and to make provision for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Land Drainage. A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, in the opinion of this House, employment to benefit from the increased productivity of modern industry and realising the full powers of the undivided Committee; 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.

Hours of Labour. A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, in the opinion of this House, the adjustment of hours and wages is a matter primarily for settlement by negotiation between the employers' and workpeople's organisations in each industry; —(Sir Arnold Gridley),—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. Sexton:—123.

Tellers for the Noes, Wing-Commander Wright, Mr. McCorquodale:—139.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being proposed, That the proposed words be there added:—And a Debate arising thereupon;—And it being after Eleven of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

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

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

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

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

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to examine such of the Estimates presented to this House as may seem fit to the Committee, and to suggest the form in which the Estimates shall be presented for examination, and to report what, if any, economies consistent with the policy implied in those Estimates may be effected therein.

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

The Committee was accordingly nominated of,—Mr. Barr, Sir Charles Barrie, Mr. Benson, Sir William Bress, Major Dozier, Mr. Dunoon, Mr. Ede, Mr. Owen Evans, Sir Arnold Gridley, Sir Patrick Haugan, Colonel Henseage, Mr. Leach, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Lovat-Fraser, Mr. Magney, Captain Peter Macdonald, Sir Thomas Moore, Mr. Goeffrey Nicholson, Mr. Parker, Mr. Peat, Captain Ramsay, Sir Leidore salmon, Major Shaw, Mr. Simpson, Mr. Ben Smith, Sir Robert Smith, Sir Archibald Scouplie, and Mr. Watkins.

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.

Ordered, That the Committee have power to report from time to time.—(Mr. James Stuart.)

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

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

[No. 8.]

Thursday, 4th November 1937.

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

PRAYERS.

SECRETARY Sir Samuel Hoare presented, pursuant to an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the City of Chichester.

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

Treaty Series Mr. Secretary Eden presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Notes exchanged between His Majesty's Governments in the United Kingdom, the Commonwealth of Australia and New Zealand, and the Government of India and the Government of Denmark regarding Documents of Identity of Aircraft Personnel. Copenhagen, 21st July 1937.

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

Assizes. Mr. Attorney-General presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Return showing the number of Commissioners of Assize appointed by the Lord Chancellor during the year ended 31st July 1937, the cost of such appointments, and the reasons therefor.

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


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Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare, supported by Air-Raid Precautions Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Kingsley Wood, Mr. Secretary Elliot, Mr. Lloyd, and Mr. Scrymgeour Wedderburn, presented a Bill to secure that precautions shall be taken with a view to the protection of persons and property from injury or damage in the event of hostile attack from the air: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The Cinematograph Films Bill was, according Cinematograph to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

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

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

Mr. Stanley, by His Majesty's Command, Expiring acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of the Motion relating to Expiring Laws Continuance [Money], proposed to be moved, under Standing Order No. 69, in Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Then the House, pursuant to Standing Order No. 69, resolved itself into Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to continue certain expiring laws it is expedient to authorise—
(1) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of such expenses (if any) and the payment into the Exchequer of such receipts (if any) as may be occasioned by the continuance of the Debts Clearing Offices and Import Restrictions Act, 1934, being expenses and receipts directed by section five of that Act to be respectively defrayed out of such moneys and paid into the Exchequer; and
(2) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenses of the Board of Trade under Part I of the Coal Mines Act, 1930, which may be occasioned by the continuance of that part of that Act.

—(Colonel Cowie.)

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The 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 Second Reading of the National Health Insurance (Juvenile Contributors and Young Persons) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Supreme Court of Judicature (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 Population (Statistics) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

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

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

Friday, 5th November 1937.

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 electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough of Hastings, in the room of the Right Honourable Eastace Sutherland Campbell Percy commonly called Lord Eastace Percy, 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, Deaborough and Burnham, in the County of Buckingham.—(Captain Margesson.)

Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare presented, pur. Shops Acts, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament.—Copies of Orders made under the Shops Acts by the Council of the undermentioned local authority, and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department:

City of Liverpool.


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

Mr. Secretary Eden presented, by His Treaty Series Majesty's Command.—Copy of Agreement between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Roumanian Government regarding Commercial Payments. [With Supplementary Agreement of 5th December 1936.] Bucharest, 2nd May 1939.


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

The Order of the day being read, for the Inheritance Second Reading of the Inheritance (Family Provision) Bill;

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

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

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

Mr. Holmes rose in his place, and claimed Closure claimed, but assent withheld.

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

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

The House divided.

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

Tellers for the Mr. Holmes; 159.
Yeas, Mr. Ross Taylor :

Tellers for the Colonel Heneage;
Noses, Major Dower : 29.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being accordingly put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Agricultural Second Reading of the Agricultural Marketing Act (1933) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 11th day of February next.
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply:

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

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

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

Whereupon Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, without Question put, pursuant to Standing Order No. 2, it being then eight minutes after Four of the clock, till Monday next.

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

Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, —Copies of Regulations, dated 29th October 1937, entitled the Training of Teachers Amending Regulations No. 3, 1937.

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

Colonel Colville presented a Bill to extend the powers conferred by certain enactments relating to superannuation so as to include power to grant the like superannuation benefits, and to permit the like allocation of superannuation benefits to spouses and dependants, as could be granted or permitted in respect of persons in the Civil Service of the State; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Colonel Colville presented a Bill to extend the powers conferred by certain enactments relating to superannuation so as to include power to grant the like superannuation benefits, and to permit the like allocation of superannuation benefits to spouses and dependants, as could be granted or permitted in respect of persons in the Civil Service of the State; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Supreme Court of Judicature (Amendment) Bill:

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

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, and adding the words "this House refuses to consent to the addition of two Judges to the Probate, Divorce, and Admiralty Division whose time will be almost wholly occupied with the trial of divorce petitions in London, while this House is of opinion that divorce petitions should be heard and determined by His Majesty's Judges in the King's Bench Division sitting in London and at every assize town,"—(Mr. Clement Davies)—instead thereof.

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

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

Tellers for the [Sir James Edmondson, Mr. Grimston :]
Yees, 192.
Tellers for the [Mr. Clement Davies, Mr. Owen Evans :]
Noes, 103.

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. Grimston.)

Sir Kingsley Wood, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of the Motion relating to Supreme Court of Judicature (Amendment) [Money], proposed to be moved, under Standing Order No. 69, in Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Then the House, pursuant to Standing Order No. 69, resolved itself into Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to amend the Supreme Court of Judicature (Consolidation) Act, 1925, by increasing to four the number of puisne judges who may be appointed to be attached to the Probate, Divorce and Admiralty Division of the High Court, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of the Consolidated Fund and out of moneys provided by Parliament of sums equal to the amount of any increase which may be incurred by reason of the said Act of the present Session in the sums payable under the Supreme Court of Judicature (Consolidation) Act, 1925, out of the said Fund and out of moneys provided by Parliament, respectively.—(Mr. Attorney-General.)

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

Mr. Grimston reported from the Committee on Expiring Laws Continuance [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to continue certain expiring laws it is expedient to authorise—

(1) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of such expenses (if any) and the payment into the Exchequer of such receipts (if any) as may be occasioned by the continuation of the Debts Clearing Offices and Import Restrictions Act, 1934, being expenses and receipts directed by section five of that Act to be respectively defrayed out of such moneys and paid into the Exchequer; and

(2) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenses of the Board of Trade under Part I of the Coal Mines Act, 1930, which may be occasioned by the continuation of that part of that Act.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved Expiring Laws Continuance Bill itself into a Committee on the Expiring Laws Continuance Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 and No. 2 agreed to.

Schedule.

Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 12, at the end, to insert the words,—

"18 & 19 Geo. 6. Interest (Restrictions) Act, 1937."

—(Mr. Greenwood.)

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

Schedule agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

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

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Population Second Reading of the Population (Statistics) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Land Tax Second Reading of the Land Tax Commissioners Commissioners Bill;

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

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, and adding the words "this House declines to give a Second Reading to a Bill which continues the obsolete machinery providing for the administration of the Income Tax, and fails to adopt the recommendations of the Royal Commission of 1920 or the Codification Report of 1936,"—(Mr. Pethick Lawrence),—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 James Edmondson, Captain Dugdale :]
Yees, 181.
Tellers for the [Mr. Whiteley, Mr. Mathers :]
Noes, 97.

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

Ordered, That Members for boroughs and places having Commissioners exercising exclusive jurisdiction within the same under the said Acts do prepare similar lists of Commissioners for executing the said Acts within such boroughs and places, respectively.

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

**Import Duties (Duties Act, 1932) (Wood Felt Hoods.)**

**Resolved, That the Import Duties (No. 8) Order, 1937, dated the eighteenth day of August, nineteen hundred and thirty-seven, made by the Treasury under the Import Duties Act, 1932, a copy of which was presented to this House on the twenty-first day of October, nineteen hundred and thirty-seven, be approved.—(Captain Wallace.)**

**Adjournment.**

A Motion was made, and the question being put, That this House do now adjourn—(Captain Dugdale):

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the

[Nomes]

[241].

Tellers for the

[Nomes] [Noes]

[107].

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

Earl Winterton presented, pursuant to the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865.

Copy of Order in Council, dated 22nd October 1937, approving Admiralty Memorials under the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865.

Copy of Order in Council, dated 22nd October 1937, approving an Admiralty Memorials Hospital Acts.

Copy of Order in Council, dated 22nd Air October 1937, entitled the Air Navigation Navigation Act.

Copy of Order in Council, dated 22nd Carriage by October 1937, entitled the Carriage by Air Air Act, 1932.

Copy of Orders in Council, dated 22nd Merchant October 1937, entitled—

(1) the Merchant Shipping (Spanish Frontiers Observation) (Focal Areas) (Revo-cation) Order, 1937;

(2) the Northern Lighthouse Board (Variation of Establishment) Order, 1937;

(3) the Trinity House (Establishment) Order, 1937.

Copy of Order in Council, dated 22nd War Office October 1937, relating to the constitution of the Army Council.

Copies of Orders in Council, dated 22nd Dockyard October 1937, relating to the Dockyard Ports of Portsmouth, Plymouth and Devonport, Act, 1865.

Chatham and Sheerness, Portland, Pembroke, and Rosyth.

Copy of Order in Council, dated 22nd Foreign October 1937, made under the Foreign Jurisdiction Acts, entitled the Tanganikia (Legislative Council) Amendment Order in Council, 1937.

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

Mr. Duff Cooper presented, by His Majesty's Navy (Pay, Command.—Copy of List of Exceptions to the King's Regulations as to Pay, Non-Effective Pay, and Allowances sanctioned during the financial year 1936.

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

Mr. William Morrison presented, pursuant Livestock to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copies of Orders, dated 23rd July 1937, entitled—

(1) the Cattle Subsidy (Payments) Order, 1937;

(2) the Cattle Subsidy Scheme (Approval) Order, 1937.


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

Colonel Gretton reported from the Committee Selection of Selection; That, in pursuance of Section 1 (Chairmen's Panel) subsection (3), of the Parliament Act, 1911, (Parliament they had appointed Sir Hugh O'Nell and Sir Acts, 1911.)

Robert Young from the Chairmen's Panel, with whom Mr. Speaker shall consult, if practicable, before giving his certificate to a Money Bill.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.
Standing Committees.) following Members appointed to serve on the Select Committee on Standing Orders under Standing Order 98:—Colonel Acland-Troyte, Mr. Frankel, Sir Francis Fremantle, Major Leighton, Mr. Mander, Sir Frank Sanderson, Mr. Annesley Somerville, and Mr. Tinker.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Colonel Gretton further reported from the Committee of Selection: That they had selected the following Eight Members to be the Panel appointed to serve on the Committee on Unopposed Bills under Standing Order 111:—Mr. Boulton, Mr. Brood, Captain Crawford Brown, Major Cofoz, Mr. Crodser, Sir Geoffrey Ellis, Sir Francis Fremantle, Sir George Hume, Sir Paul Latham, Mr. Lee, Mr. Logan, and Mr. Moreing.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Colonel Gretton further reported from the Committee of Selection: That, in pursuance of the provisions of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1936, they had selected the following Twenty-five Members to form the Parliamentary Panel of Members of this House to act as Commissioners:—Barr, Mr. Chapman, Sir Samuel Chapman, the Marquess of Clydesdale, Sir Henry Field, Sir Edmund Findlay, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Guy, Miss Harbrough, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Graham Kerr, Mr. Kirkwood, Captain Ramsay, Mr. Macdonell, Sir Thomas Moore, Major Neven-Spence, Lord William Scott, Captain Shaw, Sir Robert Smith, Mr. Henderson Stewart, Sir Douglas Thomson, Sir John Train, Mr. Watson, Mr. Welsh, and Mr. Young.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Colonel Gretton further reported from the Committee of Selection: That they had appointed the following Members to serve on Standing Committee B:—Sir Adrian Bullie, Colonel Baldwin-Webb, Lord Balniel, Mr. Baxter, Sir Alfred Beit, Mr. Bellenger, Commander Bowes, Mr. Burke, Mr. Calthart, Sir Charles Cuyler, Mr. Channon, Mr. Christie, Mr. Cove, Mr. Trevor Cru, Mr. Day, Mr. Deepn, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Granville, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Leonard, Sir Ernest Graham-Little, Mr. MacDonald, Mr. Robert Morrison, Mr. Harold Nicolson, Mr. Pilkington, Mr. Raikes, Major Rayner, Captain Cunningham-Reid, Admiral Royle, Mr. Sult, Major Shaw, Mr. Sorenson, Major Stuart, Mr. George Strauss, Mrs. Tate, Commander Tufnell, Miss Ward, Mr. Graham White, Miss Wilkinson, and Mr. Charles Wood.

Colonel Gretton further reported from the Committee: That they had added the following Twenty Members to Standing Committee A (in respect of the Cinematograph Films Bill):—Mr. Attorney-General, Mr. Buchan-Hepburn, Mr. Hall Caine, Captain Cobb, Mr. Crodser, Mr. Day, Mr. Alan Herbert, Mr. Kirby, Mr. Mander, Mr. Sexton, Mr. Tom Smith, Solicitor-General, Mr. Stanley, Mr. Henry Strauss, Mr. Walker, Captain Euan Wallace, Major Harvie Wott, Sir William Wayland, Mr. Herbert Williams, and Mr. Tom Williams.

Colonel Gretton further reported from the Standing Committee B: That they had appointed the following Members to serve on Standing Committee B:—Mr. Acland, Sir Robert Aske, Sir Brograve Brashamp, Sir William Brasse, Mr. Charles Brown, Mr. Bull, Mr. Butcher, Mr. Cary, Lord Cadzow, Mr. de Chair, Mr. Dougler, Mr. Dunn, Captain Eckersley, Mr. Gardner, Mr. George Griffiths, Mr. George Hall, Mr. Jogger, Mr. Kimball, Mr. Leslie, Mr. Lovat-Fraser, Captain Peter Macdonald, Captain MacNamara, Mr. Mainwaring, Commander Marden, Colonel Mason, Mr. Maxwell, Colonel Mayhew, Major Mills, Captain Peake, Colonel Pensonbury, Sir Robert Rankin, Miss Bathorne, Colonel Roper, Mr. Samba, Sir Walter Smiles, Captain Strickland, Mr. Touche, Mr. Charles Williams, Lord Willoughby de Eresby, and Mr. Windsor.

Colonel Gretton further reported from the Scottish Committee: That the Standing Committee for the consideration of all Public Bills relating exclusively to Scotland and committed to a Standing Committee consists of the following Members, being Members representing Scottish Constituencies, under Standing Order No. 47 (2):—the Lord Advocate, Brigadier-General Sir William Alexander, Mr. Austruther-Grey, the Duchess of Atholl, Sir Malcolm Barclay-Hardie, Miss Bevan, Mr. Ernest Brown, Mr. James Brown, Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Cassells, Mr. Chapman, Sir Samuel Chapman, the Marquess of Clydesdale, Colonel Colville, Mr. Davidson, Lord Douglas, Mr. Secretary Elliot, Mr. Erskine Hill, Sir Henry Field, Sir Edmund Findlay, Mr. Foot, Mr. Gallacher, Mr. Garro Jones, Mr. Gibson, Sir John Gilmore, Mr. Duncan Graham, Mr. Guy, Mr. Hardie, Mr. Thomas Henderson, Miss Harbrough, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Johnston, Mr. Kennedy, Colonel Kerr, Mr. Graham Kerr, Mr. Kirkwood, Mr. Leonard, Mr. Lindsay, Sir Charles MacAndrew, Sir Murdoch Macdonald, Mr. Ramsey MacDonald, Mr. Secretary Macdonald, Captain McEwen, Mr. McGovem, Mr. McKie, Mr. Mclaglay, Mr. Neil Maclean, Mr. Malcolm MacMillan, Miss Macomber, Mr. Macquisten, Mr. Mathers, Mr. Marton, Sir Thomas Moore, Mr. George Morrison, Major Neven-Spence, Mr. Pethick-Lawrence, Captain Ramsay, Lord William Scott, Captain Shaw, Sir Archibald Sinclair, Sir Robert Smith, Mr. Solicitor-General for Scotland, Mr. Stephen, Mr. Henderson Stewart, Mr. James Stuart, Sir Douglas Thomson, Sir John Train, Mr. Walker, Mr. Watson, Mr. Wedderburn, Mr. Welsh, Mr. Westwood, and Mr. Young.

Colonel Gretton further reported from the Standing Committee: That they had nominated Standing Committee B as the Committee on which Government Bills shall not have precedence.

Colonel Gretton further reported from the Committee: That they had agreed to the following Resolution, which they had directed him to report to the House:—

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.
Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Public Health Act, 1896, with respect to coal-mine refuse liable to spontaneous combustion; and that Mr. Tinker, Mr. Gordon Macdonald, Mr. Betty, Mr. Parkinson, Mr. Rhys Davies, Mr. Ben Smith, Mr. Logan, Mr. Rowson, Mr. Cecil Wilson, Mr. Ellis Smith, and Mr. George Griffiths do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Tinker accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Public Health Act, 1936, with respect to coal-mine refuse liable to spontaneous combustion:

And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 17th day of this instant November; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Housing (Agricultural Population) (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 from the word "That," to the end of the Question, and adding the words "this House, whilst welcoming any increased facilities for the provision by local authorities of houses for agricultural workers, cannot assent to proposals which, at the expense of public funds, perpetuate the system of tied houses under private ownership,"—(Mr. Johnston), 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, Colonel Kerr: 178.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Whiteley: 109.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee on Supreme Court of Judicature (Amendment) (Money) Bill;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Population (Statistics) Bill;

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

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Sea Fish Second Reading of the Sea Fish Industry Bill; Industry Bill.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Air-Raid Second Reading of the Air-Raid Precautions Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the National Health Insurance (Juvenile Contributors and Young Persons) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Blind Person Second Reading of the Blind Persons Bill;

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

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.— Adjournment. (Mr. James Stuart.)

And accordingly 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.
Wednesday, 10th November 1937.

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

PRAYERS.

Death of a Member.

Mr. Speaker made the following communication to the House:

I regret to have to inform the House of the death of the Right Honourable James Ramsay MacDonald, late Member for the Scottish Universities, and desire to express our sense of the loss we have sustained and our sympathy with the relatives.

Mr. Kirkwood, Member for the Dumbarton District of Burghs, 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. 19, relating to disorderly conduct, ordered him to withdraw immediately from the House for the remainder of this day’s Sitting, but Mr. Kirkwood persisted in his disorderly conduct.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker named Mr. Kirkwood for disregarding the authority of the Chair.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That Mr. Kirkwood be suspended from the service of the House—(The Prime Minister):

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

Tellers for the Yeas, Captain Dugdale, Mr. Cross: 178.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Groves, Mr. Charleton: 104.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Coal Bill.

Mr. Stanley, supported by Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Secretary Elliot, Mr. Attorney-General, the Lord Advocate, and Captain Crookshank, presented a Bill to make provision for the acquisition of the property in all unworked coal and mines of coal and in certain associated minerals, and of certain associated property and rights in land, by a Commission with power of management thereover; for amending the enactments relating to facilities for the working of minerals; for empowering the Commission to promote a reduction in the number of coal-mining undertakings; for continuing Part I of the Coal Mines Act, 1930, and for amending the provisions thereof with respect to committees of investigation; for enabling land to be acquired compulsorily for the purposes of the miners welfare committee; 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. Bossom, supported by Mr. Beverley Journalists Baxter, Sir Reginald Clarry, Captain Arthur [Registration] Evans, Sir Percy Hard, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Malboune, Mr. Temple Morris, Mr. Harold Nicolson, and Mr. Graham White, presented a Bill to provide for the registration of journalists; and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 11th day of March next; and to be printed.

Notice taken of the death yesterday evening of the Right Honourable James Ramsay MacDonald, Member for the University of James St. Andrews, the University of Glasgow, the Ramsay University of Aberdeen, and the University of Edinburgh.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till ten minutes after Four 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 Housing (Agricultural Population) (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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Thursday, 11th November 1937.

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

PRAYERS.

SECRETARY Sir Samuel Hoare presented, Air-Raid Precautions Bill by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Statement showing classification of Local Authorities for purposes of calculating Exchequer Grant for Air-Raid Precautions.

Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare also presented, Winter Assize Order for Air-Raid Precautions, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Order in Council, dated 19th October 1937, entitled the Northern Ireland Winter Assize Order, 1937.

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

Standing Committee B.

Coal Bill.

Statistical Review (England and Wales.)

Selection (Standing Committees.)

Standing Committee A.

Standing Committee B.

Scottish Standing Committee.

Dogs Act (1871) Amendment Bill.

Earl Winterton presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Statutes made by (1) the University of Oxford; and (2) the University of Oxford with the approval of Queen's College, Oxford, on 4th May 1937, relating to St. Edmund Hall.

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

Captain Crookshank presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Memorandum explaining the provisions of the Coal Bill.

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


Colonel Gretton reported from the Committee of Selection: That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee A:—Commander Bower, Miss Ward, and Mr. Wood; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Crossley, Captain Peter Macdonald, and Mr. Pickthorn.

Colonel Gretton further reported from the Committee: That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee B:—Sir William Brass and Captain Peter Macdonald; and had appointed in substitution: Sir Robert Gower and Miss Ward.

Colonel Gretton further reported from the Committee: That they had added the following Twenty Members to Standing Committee B, in respect of the Inheritance (Family Provision) Bill:—Mr. Attorney-General, Mr. Bromfield, Sir George Davies, Major Dover, Mr. Erekine Hill, Mr. Ernest Evans, Mr. Grant-Ferris, Colonel Henaage, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Levan, Mr. Lyons, Mr. Muff, Mr. Silverman, Mr. Simpson, Mr. Solicitor-General, Sir Archibald Southby, Mr. Spence, Mr. Henry Strauss, Sir John Wardlaw-Mine, and Sir John Withers.

Colonel Gretton further reported from the Committee: That they had added the following Fifteen Members to the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills (in respect of the Housing (Agricultural Population) (Scotland) Bill):—Admiral Beamish, Sir Reginald Blair, Sir Herbert Cayzer, Mr. Rostron Duckworth, Mr. Emmett, Mr. Fleming, Mr. Richard Law, Mr. Leckie, Dr. Leech, Mr. Mitchell, Sir William Lane-Mitchell, Mr. Orr-Ewing, Mr. Ross Taylor, Sir Alexander West Russell, and Lord Colun Crickton-Stuart.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

Sir Robert Gover, supported by Sir Thomas Moore, Sir George Jones, Captain Caazal, Mr. Arthur Henderson, Sir Cooper Bacon, Major Procter, Mr. Radford, Mr. Lovat-Fraser, Sir Henry Moriss-Jones, and Major Lloyd George, presented a Bill to amend the Dogs Act, 1871. And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 3rd day of December next; and to be printed.

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A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House)—(The Prime Minister); The House divided.

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

Tellers for the [Captain Hope, Yeas,] [Captain Dugdale: 262.]

Tellers for the [Mr. Charlton, Noes,] [Mr. Mathers: 117.]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Blind Persons Bill was, according to Blind Persons Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for Tuesday next.—(Captain Dugdale.)

Sir Kingsley Wood, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House that His Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of the Motion relating to Blind Persons [Money], proposed to be moved, under Standing Order No. 69, in Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Then the House, pursuant to Standing Order No. 69, resolved itself into Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to lower from fifty years to forty years the age which blind persons must have attained in order to be entitled to old age pensions under the Old Age Pensions Act, 1936, and to amend the law with respect to the provision of assistance in relation to such persons by local authorities, it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of moneys provided by Parliament, of any increase of expenditure on account of such pensions which may be occasioned by lowering to forty years the age which blind persons must have attained in order to be entitled to such pensions.—(Sir Kingsley Wood.)

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The National Health Insurance (Juvenile Contributors and Young Persons) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for Tuesday next.—(Captain Morgesson.)

Sir Kingsley Wood, 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 (Juvenile Contributors and Young Persons) [Money], proposed to be moved, under Standing Order No. 69, in Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

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Then the House, pursuant to Standing Order No. 69, resolved itself into Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to amend the National Health Insurance Act, 1936 (hereafter referred to as "the principal Act"), it is expedient to authorise any increase in the sums payable out of moneys provided by Parliament under the principal Act in respect of the cost of, and the expenses of administering, benefits thereunder, which may result from the extension of the right to medical benefit under the principal Act to such persons as may become employed (within the meaning of the principal Act) between the school-leaving age and the age of sixteen.—(Sir Kingsley Wood.)

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

Colonel Colville reported from the Committee on Supreme Court of Judicature (Amendment) [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to amend the Supreme Court of Judicature (Consolidation) Act, 1925, by increasing to four the number of puisne judges who may be appointed to be attached to the Probate, Divorce and Admiralty Division of the High Court, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of the Consolidated Fund and out of moneys provided by Parliament of sums equal to the amount of any increase which may be incurred by reason of the said Act of the present Session in the sums payable under the Supreme Court of Judicature (Consolidation) Act, 1925, out of the said Fund and out of moneys provided by Parliament, respectively.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Supreme Court of Judicature (Amendment) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 and No. 2 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

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

The 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 Superannuation Committee of the Superannuation (Various Services) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Population Second Reading of the Population (Statistics) Bill;

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

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

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday, the 6th day of December next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Sea Fish Industry Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Air-Raid Precautions Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Coal Bill;

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

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

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

In pursuance of Standing Order No. 80 (4), I hereby nominate Mr. Gordon Macdonald Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Inheritance (Family Provision) Bill.

In pursuance of Standing Order No. 80 (4), I hereby nominate Sir Malcolm Barclay-Harvey Chairman of the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills in respect of the Housing (Agricultural Population) (Scotland) Bill.

E. A. Fiz RoY, Speaker.

11th November 1937.
The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means:
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, without Question put, pursuant to Standing Order No. 2, it being then eighteen minutes after Four of the clock, till Monday next.

In pursuance of Standing Order No. 80 (4), I hereby nominate Sir Cyril Eastcote Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the Cinematograph Films Bill.

E. A. Ffwr Roy, Speaker.

12th November 1937.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Annual Holiday 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 welcoming the development of the practice of granting holidays with pay by voluntary agreement, considers that further information is required on the whole problem and cannot assent to the Second Reading of a Bill while a departmental committee is investigating the relevant facts and has not yet reported."—(Mr. Selley), 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. Malcolm Macmillan : 133.
Mr. Watson :

Tellers for the Noes,
Mr. Selley,
Commander Marsden : 134.

So it passed in the Negative.

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

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

Tellers for the Yeas,
Mr. Selley,
Commander Marsden : 130.
Mr. Malcolm Macmillan:
Mr. Watson :

Tellers for the Noes,
Mr. Selley,
Mr. Malcolm Macmillan:
Mr. Watson :

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question, so amended, being proposed:—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 Second Reading of the Parliamentary Elections (Compulsory Voting) Bill;

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

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

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

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Sir Kingsley Wood presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 8th November 1937, entitled the National Health Insurance (Arrears) Regulations, 1937.

Copies of Regulations, dated—
(1) 2nd November 1937, entitled the Contributory Pensions (Approved Societies Returns) Regulations, 1937;
(2) 4th November 1937, entitled the Contributory Pensions (References) Regulations, 1937.

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

Colonel Gretton reported from the Committee of Selection: That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee A (related in respect of the Cinematograph Films Bill) :—Mr. Dodd; and had appointed in substitution: Vice-Admiral Taylor.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Air-Raid Precautions 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 conscious of the regrettable necessity for taking measures to protect life and property in the event of air raids, cannot assent to the Second Reading of a Bill which does not provide for the cost involved being made a national charge,"—(Mr. Herbert Morrison).—instead thereof.

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

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

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

Sir James Edmondson reported from the Committee on Blind Persons [Money.] a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to amend the National Health Insurance Act, 1936 (hereafter referred to as "the principal Act"), it is expedient to authorise any increase in the sums payable out of moneys provided by Parliament under the principal Act in respect of the cost of, and the expenses of administering, benefits thereunder, which may result from the extension of the right to medical benefit under the principal Act to such persons as may become employed (within the meaning of the principal Act) between the school-leaving age and the age of sixteen.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee on National Health Insurance (Juvenile Contributors and Young Persons) [Money,: a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to amend the National Health Insurance Act, 1936 (hereafter referred to as "the principal Act"), it is expedient to authorise any increase in the sums payable out of moneys provided by Parliament under the principal Act in respect of the cost of, and the expenses of administering, benefits thereunder, which may result from the extension of the right to medical benefit under the principal Act to such persons as may become employed (within the meaning of the principal Act) between the school-leaving age and the age of sixteen.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee on National Health Insurance (Juvenile Contributors and Young Persons) [Money,: a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to amend the National Health Insurance Act, 1936 (hereafter referred to as "the principal Act"), it is expedient to authorise any increase in the sums payable out of moneys provided by Parliament under the principal Act in respect of the cost of, and the expenses of administering, benefits thereunder, which may result from the extension of the right to medical benefit under the principal Act to such persons as may become employed (within the meaning of the principal Act) between the school-leaving age and the age of sixteen.

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

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

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

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Superannuation (Various Services) 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 Population (Statistics) 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 Sea Fish Industry 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 Bill:

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

Resolved, That the Order made by the Sunday Secretary of State under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, for extending Act, 1932, section one of that Act to the City of Chichester, which was presented on the 4th day of November 1937, be approved.—(Mr. Lloyd.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being adjourned, proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. James Stuart);

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.
Gas Bill.

Precautions

Air-Raid

the House.

the Lords.

Business of

the House.

Message from the Lords.

MR. Stanley presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Draft of a Special Order proposed to be made under the Gas Undertakings Acts on the application of the Clevelend Gas Company.

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

Mr. William Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order, dated 27th October 1937, entitled the Cattle Subsidy (Payments) ( Amendment) Order, 1937.

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House)—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the 

Captain Hope,

Yeas, Captain Dugdale : 324.

Tellers for the 

Mr. Groves,

Mr. Anderson : 135.

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.

(Captain Dugdale.)

Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare, by His Majesty's Air-Raid Command, acquainted the House that His Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of the Motion relating to Air-Raid Precautions [Money], proposed to be moved, under Standing Order No. 69, in Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Then the House, pursuant to Standing Order No. 69, resolved itself into Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Motion made, and Question proposed, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to secure that precautions shall be taken with a view to the protection of persons and property from injury or damage in the event of hostile attack from the air, it is expedient to provide for the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of such sums as may be necessary to defray—

(a) any expenses incurred by the Secretary of State in the general superintendence and direction of measures taken under the said Act, or in providing such services and training such persons and acquiring such equipment, appliances, and other material as he considers it necessary to furnish for the purpose of affording such protection as aforesaid; and

(b) the cost of grants to local authorities in respect of expenditure approved by the Secretary of State incurred by them whether before or after the passing of the said Act, not exceeding in the case of any authority a percentage of the approved expenditure of the authority not less than sixty per cent, nor more than seventy-five per cent. determined by reference to scales graduated according to the proportion which the estimated population bears to the estimated population:

Provided that, if the approved expenditure of a local authority for any year exceeds the grant to the authority calculated as aforesaid by an amount in excess of the produce of a rate in England of one penny or in Scotland of four-fifths of a penny, the surplus payable in respect of so much of the approved expenditure as would cause the levying of a rate in excess of one penny

And the Question being again proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the 

Captain Hope,

Yeas, Captain Dugdale : 324.

Tellers for the 

Mr. Groves,

Mr. Anderson : 135.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Tellers for the 

Mr. Cross : 285.

Tellers for the 

Mr. Groves,

Mr. Mathers : 120.

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 15th day of this instant November, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Air-Raid Precautions Bill be now read a second time;

Which Amendment was to leave out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, and add the words "this House, whilst conscious of the regrettable necessity for taking measures to protect life and property in the event of air raids, cannot assent to the Second Reading of a Bill which does not provide for the cost involved being made a national charge,"—instead thereof.

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or four-fifths of a penny in the pound, as the case may be, may be a percentage thereof determined by reference to the scales aforesaid but not in any case less than seventy-five per cent, nor more than eighty-five per cent.

For the purposes of this Resolution the expressions “weighted population” and “estimated population” mean respectively the weighted population and the estimated population of the county, county borough, City of London, metropolitan borough, or large burgh, as the case may be, or, in relation to the council of a county district or small burgh, of the county in which the district or small burgh is situated, as determined at the date of the commencement of the said Act for the purpose of the apportionment of the General Exchequer Contribution under the Local Government Acts, 1929. —(Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare.)

Amendment proposed, in l. 46, at the end, to insert the words,—

“Provided also that no grant shall be made to a local authority under the foregoing paragraph (b) except upon the condition that the expenditure of the local authority, apart from the amount of such grant, does not exceed the produce of a rate in England of two pence or in Scotland of one and three-fifths of a penny in the pound.”—(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Whiteley, 149.

Mr. Whiteley,

Tellers for the Noes, Colonel Kerr, 305.

Captain Dugdale:

Main Question put, and agreed to.

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee on the National Health Insurance (Juvenile Contributors and Young Persons) Bill.

Clause No. 1 agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (Contributions by juvenile contributors, their employers and the Treasury.)

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 27, to leave out the words “the contributors and contributions by.”—(Mr. Leslie.)

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Sir James Edmondson, 194.

Mr. James Edmondson,

Tellers for the Noes, Major Herbert, 121.

Mr. Mathers:

Clause agreed to.

Clauses No. 3 to No. 7 agreed to.

Clause No. 8 amended, and agreed to.

A Clause (Applications for membership in approved societies by boys and girls who have not become juvenile contributors),—(Sir Kingsley Wood),—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Schedule 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 thereto.

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

Sir Kingsley Wood, by His Majesty’s Command, acquainted the House that His Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of the Motion relating to Housing (Agricultural (Population) (Scotland) (Money), proposed to be moved, under Standing Order No. 69, in Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Then the House, pursuant to Standing Order No. 69, resolved itself into Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to authorise the giving of financial assistance towards the expenses incurred by local authorities in providing housing accommodation for the agricultural population; to promote the provision of new housing accommodation to replace accommodation which is occupied by members of the agricultural population and is unfit for human habitation or overcrowded; to amend the provisions of the Housing (Scotland) Acts, 1925 to 1935, relating to insanitary dwelling-houses; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid (hereinafter referred to as the said Act of the present Session), it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament —

A. Of such expenses as may be incurred by the Department of Health for Scotland hereinafter referred to as the Department)—

(1) In making contributions towards any expenses incurred by a local authority in providing under Part III of the Housing (Scotland) Act, 1925, housing accommodation for the agricultural population, in so far as such accommodation is provided with the approval of the Department, in houses the erection of which has been, or is, begun on or after the third day of November, nineteen hundred and thirty-seven, so however that such a contribution shall be of such amount, not being less than ten pounds ten shillings, as the Department may with the sanction of the Treasury determine, payable annually for a period of forty years in respect of each house provided with the approval of the Department:

Provided that the amount of the contribution payable in respect of any house shall not exceed fifteen pounds unless the Department are satisfied that the annual expenditure likely to be incurred by the county council in respect of the house is, in consequence of the remoteness of the...
site thereof from centres of supply of building labour and material, substantially greater than the equivalent of nineteen pounds ten shillings per annum for forty years;

(2) in making contributions towards any expenses incurred with the approval of the Department by a local authority in giving assistance on application made within five years after the passing of the said Act of the present Session (such assistance being given by way of payment of a lump sum not exceeding either (a) one-half of the cost of the house; or (b) one hundred and sixty pounds in the case of a house containing three apartments, or two hundred pounds in the case of a house containing more than three apartments) for the provision of housing accommodation in new houses in replacement of—

(a) houses or premises which, being unfit for human habitation and not capable at a reasonable expense of being rendered so fit, are to be demolished or closed under Part II of the Housing (Scotland) Act, 1930, and which are—

(i) houses, or other premises situated on a farm and occupied in accordance with their contracts of service by agricultural workers employed thereon; or

(ii) houses occupied by owner occupiers of farms who are of substantially the same economic condition as agricultural workers, or by statutory small tenants, or by landholders; or

(iii) houses in the Highlands and Islands occupied by members of the agricultural population who are of substantially the same economic condition as landholders;

(b) houses or other premises situated on a farm and occupied in accordance with their contracts of service by agricultural workers employed thereon, which are not in all respects fit for human habitation or are overcrowded and which by the execution of works of reconstruction will be combined with adjoining occupied houses or premises, and will cease to be occupied as separate houses or premises;

So, however, that such a contribution shall be made by way of annual payments for a period of forty years from the completion of the house in respect of which assistance is given, and shall be of an amount equal, in any case where assistance is given in respect of any such house as is mentioned in sub-paragraphs (ii) or (iii) of the foregoing paragraph (a) which is situated in the Highlands and Islands, to seven-eighths, and in any other case in which assistance is given to three-quarters of the estimated average annual payments falling to be made by the local authority in respect of the charges on account of loans raised by them for the purposes of payments made by way of assistance, or which would have fallen to be made if the sums so expended by them had been raised by means of loans;

B. Of such additional sums as may become payable under section twenty-three of the Housing (Scotland) Act, 1930, or under section thirty of the Housing (Scotland) Act, 1935, by reason of any provision of the said Act of the present Session amending section thirty-three of the said Housing (Scotland) Act, 1935, so as to apply to the contributions referred to in sub-paragraph (1) of paragraph A of this Resolution;

C. Of such additional expenses as may be incurred by the Department by reason of any provision of the said Act of the present Session that the provisions of Part II of the Housing (Scotland) Act, 1930, relating to insanitary dwelling-houses shall have effect in relation to premises occupied by agricultural workers in like manner as if they were dwelling-houses notwithstanding that the premises are used for sleeping purposes only.

For the purposes of this Resolution the expression "agricultural population" means persons who are or in their latest occupation were engaged in agriculture or in an industry mainly dependent on agriculture, and includes the dependants of such persons as aforesaid; the expression "agriculture" means the use of land for agricultural or pastoral purposes or for the purpose of poultry-farming or market-gardening or as an orchard or woodlands or for the purpose of afforestation; the expression "Highlands and Islands" means the counties of Argyll, Caithness, Inverness, Ross and Cromarty, Sutherland, Orkney and Zetland; and the expressions "landholder" and "statutory small tenant" have the meanings assigned to them by the Small Landholders (Scotland) Acts, 1886 to 1931.

—(The Lord Advocate.)

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 upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Blind Persons Committee on the Blind Persons Bill;

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

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for 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 Superannuation (Various Services) 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 Population (Statistics) Bill:

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

Adjournment. Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. James Stuart.)

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

[No. 17.]

Wednesday, 17th November 1937.

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

PRAYERS.

Death of a Member.

Mr. Speaker made the following communication to the House:—

I regret to have to inform the House of the death of Guy Rowson, Esquire, late Member for the Farnworth Division of the County of Lancaster, and desire to express our sense of the loss we have sustained and our sympathy with the relatives.

Awards to Inventors (Royal Commission.)

Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Final Report of the Royal Commission on Awards to Inventors.

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

Treaty Series (No. 47, 1937) [Reprint of "Canadian Treaty Series (No. 9, 1936)."

Mr. Secretary Eden presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Agreement between His Majesty, in respect of the Dominion of Canada, and the President of the United States of America regarding Commercial Relations. Washington, 15th November 1935 [Ratifications exchanged at Ottawa, 14th May 1936].

Treaty Series (No. 48, 1937) [Reprint of "Canadian Treaty Series (No. 15, 1936)."

Copy of Convention between His Majesty, in respect of the Dominion of Canada, and the President of the Republic of Poland regarding Commercial Relations. Ottawa, 3rd July 1935 [Ratifications exchanged at Warsaw, 31st July 1936].

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

Agricultural Produce (Grading and Marking) Acts.

Mr. William Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 21st October 1937, entitled the Agricultural Produce (Grading and Marking) (Wensleydale Cheese) Regulations, 1937.

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

Colonel Cobville presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Return showing, so far as particulars are available, the total expenditure in England and Wales under certain Acts of Parliament during the financial years 1906, 1910, 1920, 1930, 1935, and 1936, respectively, and the total number of persons directly benefiting from the expenditure for the financial year 1935, with similar particulars for Scotland (in continuation of Command Paper 5,510).

Copy of Recommendations of the Import Duties Advisory Committee, dated 27th October 1937, relating to the Import Duties (Drawback) (No. 12) Order, 1937.

Colonel Cobville also presented, pursuant to Import Duties the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order, dated 17th November 1937, made under the Import Duties Act, 1932, entitled the Import Duties (Drawback) (No. 12) Order, 1937.

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

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

Copy of Report to the Lord Chancellor of Lunacy, the number of visits made, the number of patients seen, and the number of miles travelled by the visitors of lunatics between 1st April 1937 and 30th September 1937.

Colonel Gretton reported from the Committee of Selection: That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee B.—Sir Robert Acket; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Henry Morris-Jones.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the National Health Insurance (Juvenile Contributors and Young Persons) Bill, as amended in the Committee, be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Civil Aviation. proposed, That this House is of the opinion that a public inquiry should be held to review the present situation of British Civil Aviation and make recommendations.—(Mr. Perkins);

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, in l. 1, by leaving out from the word "House," to the end of the Question, and adding the words "whilst emphasising the importance of a progressive policy for British civil aviation and desiring to impress upon the Government the need of speedy attention to necessary improvements, is not of the opinion that a public inquiry would at present serve any useful purpose,"—(Rear-Admiral Sir Murray Stuart).—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, that the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.—And a Debate arising thereupon;
The Clerk at the Table informed the House of the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker from the remainder of this day's Sitting.

Whereupon Sir Dennis Herbert, the Chairman of Ways and Means, took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Standing Order.

And it being half an hour after Seven of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, realising that the present competitive system in transport has failed to provide satisfactory facilities and involves serious waste, and in view also of the part which transport must play in a proper planning of the nation's economic life, this House is of opinion that co-ordination of transport is essential, and that complete co-ordination can only be secured through unified public ownership.—(Mr. Simpson);

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, in 1. 1, by leaving out from the word "That," to the end of the Question, and adding the words "this House recognises the importance of a properly co-ordinated transport system, but considers that, having regard to the complex nature of transport requirements in this Country and their widely varying conditions, there are definite public advantages in having transport undertakings under both public and private ownership and operating under such measures of statutory regulation and control as may be necessary in the national interest,"—(Colonel Sandeman Allen),—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. Simpson; Mr. Watkins: 95.
 Tellers for the Noes, Colonel Sandeman Allen; Sir Isidore Salmon: 163.

So it passed in the Negative.

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Health (Coal Mine Refuse) Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Air-Raid Precautions Bill;

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

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

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

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.
Sir Kingsley Wood presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 15th November 1937, entitled the National Health Insurance (Duration of Insurance) Regulations, 1937. **Ordered,** That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Burgin presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations, dated 15th November 1937, entitled—

(1) the London Traffic (Prescribed Routes) (No. 45) (West Street, Holborn) Regulations, 1937;

(2) the London Traffic (Parking Places) (Amendment) No. 9 Regulations, 1937. **Ordered,** That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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

Copy of Schedule containing a list and particulars of certain classes of documents existing or accruing in the War Office which are not considered of sufficient public value to justify their preservation in the Public Record Office. The Merchant Shipping (Superannuation Contributions) Bill [Lords] was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Sea Fish Industry Bill

Mr. William Morrison, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House that His Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of the Motion relating to Sea Fish Industry [Money], proposed to be moved, under Standing Order No. 69, in Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Then the House, pursuant to Standing Order No. 69, resolved itself into Committee.

(Resolved.)

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make provision for the better organisation of the white fish industry, to amend the Sea-Fishing Industry Act, 1933, the Whaling Industry (Regulation) Act, 1934, Part IV of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, and other enactments relating to sea fisheries, and to make provision for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid, it is expedient to authorise—

(1) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament—

(a) of such remuneration to the members, officers and servants of the White Fish Commission, the consumers' committee and the committee of investigation which are to be constituted under the said Act, as may be approved by the Treasury; and

(b) of the amounts necessary to defray such expenses of the said Commission (other than expenses which, by virtue of the said Act, are to be defrayed out of a fund to be established under the control of the said Commission), such expenses of the White Fish Industry Joint Council to be constituted under the said Act, and such expenses of the said consumers' committee and committee of investigation, as may be approved by the Treasury;

(c) of the amount of any sum certified, with the approval of the Treasury, to represent the expenses properly incurred by any person in connection with the preparation and promotion of any scheme under the said Act which is therein referred to as a marketing scheme, being expenses incurred in a case where a motion made in Parliament for the approval of the scheme is negatived or withdrawn;

(d) of not more than ten thousand pounds in all to be used, with the approval of the Treasury, in making, during the period of five years beginning at the commencement of the said Act, loans for the purpose of providing for expenses incurred in connection with the initial operation of any scheme under the said Act which is therein referred to as a co-operative scheme; and

(e) of the amounts necessary to defray any expenses incurred in pursuance of the said Act by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries or a Secretary of State; and

(2) the payment into the Exchequer of all sums received under the said Act by the said Commission, other than sums which, by virtue of the said Act, are to be paid into the said fund. **(Mr. William Morrison.)**

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Furness reported from the Committee Air-Raid on Air-Raid Precautions [Money], a Resolution: **Precautions [Money.]**

which was read, as followeth:—

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to secure that precautions shall be taken with a view to the protection of persons and property from injury or damage in the event of hostile attack from the air, it is expedient to provide for the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of such sums as may be necessary to defray—

(a) any expenses incurred by the Secretary of State in the general superintendence and direction of measures taken under the said Act, or in providing such services and training such persons and acquiring such equipment, appliances, and other material as he considers it necessary to furnish for the purpose of affording such protection as aforesaid; and

(b) the cost of grants to local authorities in respect of expenditure approved by the Secretary of State incurred by them whether before or after the passing of the said Act, not exceeding in the case
of any authority a percentage of the approved expenditure of the authority not less than sixty per cent. nor more than seventy-five per cent. determined by reference to scales graduated according to the proportion which the weighted population bears to the estimated population:

Provided that, if the approved expenditure of a local authority for any year exceeds the grant to the authority calculated as aforesaid by an amount in excess of the produce of a rate in England of one penny or in Scotland of four-fifths of a penny in the pound, the grant payable in respect of so much of the approved expenditure as would cause the levying of a rate in excess of one penny or four-fifths of a penny in the pound, as the case may be, may be a percentage thereof determined by reference to the scales aforesaid but not in any case less than seventy-five per cent. nor more than eighty-five per cent.

For the purposes of this Resolution the expressions "weighted population" and "estimated population" mean respectively the weighted population and the estimated population of the county in which the district or small burgh, as determined at the date of the commencement of the said Act for the burgh is situated, as determined in relation to the council of a county district or small burgh, of the county in which the district or small burgh is situated, as determined at the date of the commencement of the said Act for the purpose of the apportionment of the General Exchequer Contribution under the Local Government Acts, 1929.

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

Mr. Furness reported from the Committee on Housing (Agricultural Population) (Scotland) [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to authorise the giving of financial assistance towards the expenses incurred by local authorities in providing housing accommodation for the agricultural population; to promote the provision of new housing accommodation to replace accommodation which is occupied by members of the agricultural population and is unfit for human habitation or overcrowded; to amend the provisions of the Housing (Scotland) Acts, 1925 to 1935, relating to insanitary dwelling-houses; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid (hereinafter referred to as "the said Act of the present Session"), it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament—

A. Of such expenses as may be incurred by the Department of Health for Scotland (hereinafter referred to as "the Department")—

(i) in making contributions towards any expenses incurred by a local authority in providing under Part III of the Housing (Scotland) Act, 1925, housing accommodation for the agricultural population, in so far as such accommodation is provided with the approval of the Department, in houses the erection of which has been, is, begun on or after the third day of November, nineteen hundred and thirty-seven, so however that such a contribution shall be of such amount, not being less than ten pounds ten shillings, as the Department may with the sanction of the Treasury determine, payable annually for a period of forty years in respect of each house provided with the approval of the Department:

Provided that the amount of the contribution payable in respect of any house shall not exceed fifteen pounds unless the Department are satisfied that the annual expenditure likely to be incurred by the county council in respect of the house is, in consequence of the remoteness of the site thereof from centres of supply of building labour and material, substantially greater than the equivalent of nineteen pounds ten shillings per annum for forty years;

(ii) in making contributions towards any expenses incurred with the approval of the Department by a local authority in giving assistance on application made within five years after the passing of the said Act of the present Session (such assistance being given by way of payment of a lump sum not exceeding either (a) one-half of the cost of the house; or (b) one hundred and sixty pounds in the case of a house containing three apartments, or two hundred pounds in the case of a house containing more than three apartments) for the provision of housing accommodation in new houses in replacement of—

(a) houses or premises which, being unfit for human habitation and not capable at a reasonable expense of being rendered so fit, are to be demolished or closed under Part II of the Housing (Scotland) Act, 1930, and which are—

(i) houses, or other premises situated on a farm and occupied in accordance with their contracts of service by agricultural workers employed thereon;

(ii) houses occupied by owner occupiers of farms who are of substantially the same economic condition as agricultural workers, or by statutory small tenants, or by landholders;

(iii) houses in the Highlands and Islands occupied by members of the agricultural population who are of substantially the same economic condition as landholders;

(b) houses or other premises situated on a farm and occupied in accordance with their contracts of service by agricultural workers employed thereon, which are not in all respects fit for human habitation or are overcrowded and which by the execution of works of reconstruction will be combined with adjoining occupied houses or premises, and will cease to be occupied as separate houses or premises;
So, however, that such a contribution shall be made by way of annual payments for a period of forty years from the completion of the house in respect of which assistance is given, and shall be of an amount equal, in any case where assistance is given in respect of any such house as is mentioned in sub-paragraphs (ii) or (iii) of the foregoing paragraph (a) which is situated in the Highlands and Islands, to seven-eighths, and in any other case in which assistance is given to three-quarters of the estimated average annual payments falling to be made by the local authority in respect of the charges on account of loans raised by them for the purposes of payments made by way of assistance, or which would have fallen to be made if the sums so expended by them had been raised by means of loans.

B. Of such additional sums as may become payable under section twenty-three of the Housing (Scotland) Act, 1930, or under section thirty-three of the Housing (Scotland) Act, 1935, by reason of any provision of the said Act of the present Session amending section thirty-three of the said Housing (Scotland) Act, 1935, so as to apply to the contributions referred to in sub-paragraph (1) of paragraph A of such additional expenses as may be incurred by the Department by reason of any provision of the said Act of the present Session that the provisions of Part II of the Housing (Scotland) Act, 1930, relating to insanitary dwelling-houses shall have effect in relation to premises occupied by agricultural workers in like manner as if they were dwelling-houses notwithstanding that the premises are used for sleeping purposes only.

For the purposes of this Resolution the expression "agricultural population" means persons who are or in their latest occupation were engaged in agriculture or in an industry mainly dependent on agriculture, and includes the dependants of such persons as aforesaid; the expression "agriculture" means the use of land for agricultural or pastoral purposes or for the purpose of poultry-farming or market-gardening or as an orchard or woodlands or for the purpose of afforestation; the expression "highlands and islands" means the counties of Argyll, Caithness, Inverness, Ross and Cromarty, Sutherland, Orkney and Zetland; and the expressions "landholder" and "statutory small tenant" have the meanings assigned to them by the Small Landholders (Scotland) Acts, 1886 to 1931.

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

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

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

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Coal Bill. Second Reading of the Coal 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 National Health Insurance (Juvenile Contributors and Young Persons) Bill, as amended in the Committee:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Blind Persons Committee on the Blind Persons Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Superannuation Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Population Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Air-Raid Precautions Bill:

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

Resolved, That the Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1936, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, and the Public Works Facilities Act, 1930, in respect of part of the Rural District of Williton, in the County of Somerset, which was presented on the 26th day of October 1937, be approved.—(Captain Austin Hudson.)

Resolved, That the Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1936, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, and the Public Works Facilities Act, 1930, in respect of the townships of Eghtenhill and Worton with Hurstwood and part of the Township of Habergham Eaves, all in the Rural District of Burnley, in the County Palatine of Lancaster, which was presented on the 26th day of October 1937, be approved.—(Captain Austin Hudson.)

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 signatories 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
The House, according to Order, proceeded Rutherglen Burgh Order Confirmation Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

Mr. Secretary Elliot presented, by His Majesty's Command, a Copy of Report on the Judicial Statistics of Scotland for 1936.

Criminal Statistics.

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

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

Accounts of the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board for the year ended 1st July 1937.

The Order of the day being read, for the Workmen's Second Reading of the Workmen's Compensation Bill;

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

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the words “That” to the end of the Question, and adding the words “this House, while recognising that some of the provisions in the Workmen's Compensation Act call for review, declines to give a Second Reading to a Bill containing proposals of a complex and far-reaching character, which depart widely from the principles of the existing legislation and would throw on industry a heavy burden, the extent and effects of which it has had no adequate opportunity to investigate,”—(Mr. Lyons), instead thereof.

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

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Arthur Henderson; 141.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Lyons; 205.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being proposed, That the proposed 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 Peace Bill.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Parish Second Reading of the Parliamentary Elections (Compulsory Voting) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 17th day of December next.

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

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

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

Whereupon Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, without Question put, pursuant to Standing Order No. 2, it being then ten minutes after Four of the clock, till Monday next.

[No. 20.]

Monday, 22nd November 1937.

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

The Hamilton Burgh Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read the third time and passed.

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

The Rutherglen Burgh Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read the third time and passed.

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

Mr. Secretary Elliot presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Commissioner for the Special Areas in Scotland for the period 7th July 1936 to 31st August 1937.

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

Colonel Colville presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Treasury Warrant, dated 16th November 1937, appointing Frank England, Esquire, to be a Special Commissioner of Income Tax.

Copy of Return of the amount of Notes issued more than forty years, and outstanding on 27th October 1937, which have been written off.

Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 11th November 1937, made under the Public Accounts and Charges Act, 1891, directing the application of certain receipts as Appropriations in Aid of the Vote for the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Coal 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, recognising the importance of coal mining as a basic industry upon which the prosperity of the nation largely depends, is dissatisfied with the policy of amalgamating mining undertakings regardless of the effect upon the life of the local community, and being of opinion that in the national interest, which includes the safety and well-being of mine workers, it is essential that there should be unified control of the whole industry under public ownership, cannot assent to the Second Reading of a measure which, whilst conceding the principle of public ownership of coal, leaves this national asset to be exploited by private interests for their own gain,"—(Mr. Greenwood), instead thereof.

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

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.

—(Sir Charles Edwards.)

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

Mr. Cross reported from the Committee on Sea Fish Industry [Money], a Resolution, which was read, as follows:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make provision for the better organisation of the white fish industry, to amend the Sea-Fishing Industry Act, 1893, the Whaling Industry (Regulation) Act, 1934, Part IV of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, and other enactments relating to sea fisheries, and to make provision for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid, it is expedient to authorise—

(1) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament—

(c) of such remuneration to the members, officers and servants of the White Fish Commission, the consumers' committee and the committee of investigation which are to be constituted under the said Act, as may be approved by the Treasury;

(b) of the amounts necessary to defray such expenses of the said Commission (other than expenses which, by virtue of the said Act, are to be defrayed out of a fund to be established under the control of the said Commission), such expenses of the White Fish Industry Joint Council to be constituted under the said Act, and such expenses of the said consumers' committee and committee of investigation, as may be approved by the Treasury;

(e) of the amount of any sum certified, with the approval of the Treasury, to represent the expenses properly incurred by any person in connection with the preparation and promotion of any scheme under the said Act which is therein referred to as a marketing scheme, being expenses incurred in a case where a motion made in Parliament for the approval of the scheme is negatived or withdrawn;

(d) of not more than ten thousand pounds in all to be used, with the approval of the Treasury, in making, during the period of
The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report Provisional Order Bills on the First Reading 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 (Halifax) Bill.

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

Mr. Ernest Brown presented, by His Majesty’s Unemployment Command,—Copy of Letter from the Chairman of the Unemployment Insurance Statutory Bill Committee to the Minister of Labour on the subject of the Unemployment Fund (General Account).

Copy of Report of the Commissioner for the Special Areas (England and Wales) for the year ended 30th September 1937.

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

Mr. Stanley presented, pursuant to the Wages and Conditions of Employment of Seamen, directions of an Act 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 1936 to 31st March 1937.

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


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

Colonel Gretton reported from the Committee Selection of the following Members to serve on Standing Committee C:—Mr. Adamson, Colonel Sandeman; Mr. Alexander, Mr. Maitland; Mr. Beechman, Mr. Boothby; Major Unemployment, Mr. Crawford Brown, Major Carever, Mr. Chater, Colonel Clarke, Viscountess Davidson, Mr. Ede, Sir Edmund Findlay, Mr. Garro Jones, Colonel Henry Guest, Mr. Harbord, Colonel Heasman, Miss Horrobin, Mr. Graham Kerr, Mr. Law, Mr. Lipson, Mr. Lipton, Sir Murdoch MacDonald, Mr. Maitland, Mr. Markham, Mr. Marklely, Mr. Messer, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Muff, Major Neven-Spence, Major Owen, Mr. Pethick, Mr. Alan Reid, Mr. Roland Robinson, Sir Alexander Watt Russell, Sir Servington Savery, Mr. Skinwell, Mr. William Joseph Stewart, Sir Douglas Thomson, Sir Lambert Ward, and Mr. Windsor.
Colonel Gretton further reported from the Committee: That they had added the following Ten Members to Standing Committee C (in respect of the Sea Fish Industry Bill)—Mr. Alexander, Mr. Robert Hudson, Mr. Logan, Mr. William Morrison, Mr. Orr-Ewing, Mr. Henderson Steuart, Mr. Robert Taylor, Mr. Tree, Mr. Wedderburn, and Mr. Young.

Colonel Gretton further reported from the Committee: That they had discharged the following Member from the Standing Committee of Scottish Bills (added in respect of the Housing (Agricultural Population) (Scotland) Bill) — Mr. Leckie; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Maguay.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Ernest Brown, supported by Mr. Secretary Elliot, Mr. Attorney-General, Colonel Colville, Mr. Butler, Mr. Sycamore Wedderburn, and Mr. Lindsay, presented a Bill to extend the powers of education authorities with respect to the whole instruction provided under the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1935; to render certain employments insurable in like manner as employment in agriculture; to amend the provisions of the said Act relating to the discharge of the liabilities of the Unemployment Fund and to Treasury advances to that Fund; and to amend the law as to the insurance of discharged seamen, marines, soldiers, and airmen: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House)—(The Prime Minister): The House divided:

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

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. James Stuart, Mr. Munro: 255.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Whiteley, Mr. Mathers: 113.

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 22nd day of this instant November, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Coal 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, recognising the importance of coal mining as a basic industry upon which the prosperity of the nation largely depends, is dissatisfied with the policy of amalgamating mining undertakings regardless of the effect upon the life of the local community, and being of opinion that in the national interest, which includes the safety and well-being of mine workers, it is essential that there should be unified control of the whole industry under public ownership, cannot assent to the Second Reading of a measure which, whilst conceding the principle of public ownership of coal, leaves this national asset to be exploited by private interests for their own gain," instead thereof;

And the Question being again proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

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

Tellers for the Yeas, Colonel Kerr: 301.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John, Mr. Groves: 139.

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 Thursday next.—(Captain Margesson.)

The Prime Minister, by His Majesty's Coal Command, acquainted the House that His Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of the Motion relating to Coal [Money], proposed to be moved under Standing Order No. 69, in Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Then the House, pursuant to Standing Order No. 69, resolved itself into Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make provision for the acquisition of the property in all unworked coal and mines of coal by a Commission with power of management thereover, for empowering the Commission to promote a reduction in the number of coal-mining undertakings, for continuing Part I of the Coal Mines Act, 1930, and for amending the provisions thereof with respect to committees of investigation, and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid, it is expedient—

(a) to charge on the Consolidated Fund any sums required by the Treasury for fulfilling any guarantee of the principal and interest on any loans to be raised by the said Commission under the said Act, being loans the aggregate amounts whereof (exclusive of amounts borrowed for paying off loans previously raised) is not more than sufficient to raise seventy-six million four hundred and fifty thousand pounds;

(b) to authorise the payment into the Exchequer of—

(i) any sums received by way of repayment of sums issued out of the Consolidated Fund for fulfilling any such guarantee as aforesaid or of interest thereon;

(ii) any sums received by the Board of Trade from the said Commission in respect of expenses incurred by the Board under the Coal (Registration of Ownership) Act, 1937;

(c) to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of—

(i) any expenses incurred by the Board of Trade in defraying expenditure of the said Commission in connection with the preparation, submission, and carrying out of schemes under Part I of the Mining Industry Act, 1920;
The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the National Health Insurance (Juvenile Contributors and Young Persons) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

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

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

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

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

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

Resolved, That the draft of a Special Order proposed to be made by the Board of Trade under the Gas Undertakings Acts, 1920 to 1934, on the application of the Urban District Council of Teignmouth, which was presented on the 26th day of October and published, be approved.—(Captain Wallace.)

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

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

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In pursuance of Standing Order No. 80 (4), I hereby nominate Major Milner Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Sea Fish Industry Bill.

E. A. FitzRoy,
Speaker.

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And the Question being proposed. That the proposed words be there added:—And a Debate arising thereupon;
And it being after half-past Seven of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed. That, realising that the gross inequalities in the distribution of wealth are the result of the capitalist system which cannot guarantee the necessary standard of life for vast numbers of the population, and realising also the waste of natural resources and productive power involved in a system the mainspring of which lies in the selfish pursuit of private profit, this House declares that legislative effort should be directed towards the substitution of an industrial and social order based upon public ownership and democratic control of the instruments of production and distribution—(Mr. Tinker);

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, recognising that under the economic system of this Country the standard of living of the people has continuously and progressively improved, is unalterably opposed to any scheme of legislation which, by undue interference, would deprive the State of the benefits of private enterprise."—(Mr. Cary), 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. Tinker, Yeas, Mr. Wilson: 117.
Mr. Cary, Noes, Mr. Chapman: 153.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being proposed, That the proposed words be there added:—And a Debate arising thereupon;
And it being after Eleven of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Health (Coal Mine Refuse) Bill;

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

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

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

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

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

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till eight minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Groves, Mr. Charlton : ] 125.

Tellers for the [Mr. Cross, Mr. Grimston : ] 226.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 14, to leave out the words " and persons."—(Mr. Noel-Baker.)

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Major Herbert, Mr. Furness : ] 186.

Tellers for the [Mr. John, Mr. Groves : ] 114.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 15, to leave out the words " after consultation with the county council."—(Major Hills.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause :—

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 37, to leave out the word " regulations," and insert the word " orders."—(Mr. Edes.)

Question put, That the word " regulations " stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir James Edmondson, Mr. Furness : ] 176.

Tellers for the [Mr. Mathers, Mr. Anderson : ] 113.

Clause agreed to.

Resolved, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again.—(Captain Margesson.)

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.

Coal [Money.] Mr. Cross reported from the Committee on Coal [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make provision for the acquisition of the property in all unworked coal and mines of coal by a Commission with power of management thereover, for empowering the Commission to promote a reduction in the number of coal-mining undertakings, for continuing Part I of the Coal Mines Act, 1930, or of any amendment of the said Part I by the said Act of the present Session.

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

Resolved, That the Motor Vehicles (Variation Road Traffic of Speed Limit) Regulations, 1937, which Acts, were presented on the 28th day of October 1937, be approved.—(Captain Austin Hudson.)

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 Merchant Second Reading of the Merchant Shipping (Superannuation Contributions) Bill [Lords];

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Blind Persons Committee on the Blind Persons Bill;

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 (Various Services) Bill;

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Coal 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 Public Health (Coal Mine Refuse) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

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

MR. SPEAKER made the following communication to the House:
I regret to have to inform the House of the death of David Lewis Davies, Esquire, late Member for the Pontypridd Division of the County of Glamorgan, and desire to express our sense of the loss we have sustained and our sympathy with the relatives.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Empire Exhibition (Scotland) Order Confirmation Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next, at half an hour after Seven of the clock.

The Cotton Industry Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Peace 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. 2, it being then eight minutes after Four of the clock, till Monday next.

Mr. Stanley presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Draft of a Special Order proposed to be made under the Gas Undertakings Acts, on the application of the Hampton Court Gas Company.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Land Values Second Reading of the Land Values (Rating) 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. Raikes.)

And the Question being proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:—And a Debate arising thereupon;
Mr. MacLaren rose in his place, and claimed Closure to move, That the Question be now put; but claimed, but Mr. Speaker withheld his assent, and declined to put that Question:—Then the House resumed the Debate.
And the Question being put;
The House divided,
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the [Mr. MacLaren, Mr. McGhee: 118.]
Tellers for the [Mr. Raikes, Mr. Donner: 141.]
So it passed in the Negative.
And the Question being proposed, That the words "upon this day six months" be added at the end of the Question:—And a Debate arising thereupon;
And it being after Four of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Mr. Speaker made the following communication to the House:—
I regret to have to inform the House of the death of David Lewis Davies, Esquire, late Member for the Pontypridd Division of the County of Glamorgan, and desire to express our sense of the loss we have sustained and our sympathy with the relatives.

Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders made under the Shops Acts by the Councils of the under-mentioned local authorities, and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department:—
(1) County Borough of Rochdale;
(2) County of Lancaster (for the Urban Districts of Huyton-with-Roby and Prescot).
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

COLONEL Colville presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Recommendations of the Import Duties Advisory Committee, dated 3rd November 1937, relating to the Import Duties (Exemptions) (No. 13) Order, 1937.


Colonel Colville also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Order, dated 29th November 1937, made under the Import Duties Act, 1932, entitled the Import Duties (Exemptions) (No. 13) Order, 1937.

Copy of Order, dated 29th November 1937, made under the Import Duties Act, 1932, entitled the Import Duties (Exemptions) (No. 14) Order, 1937.

Copy of Rules, dated 28th June 1937, made under the Tithe Acts, entitled the Redemption Annuities (Extinguishment and Reduction) Rules, 1937.

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

Sir Kingsley Wood presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Thirty-fourth Annual Report of the Metropolitan Water Board, for the year ended 31st March 1937.

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

The Quail Protection Bill [Lords] was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday next; and to be printed.

Maurice Robert Hely-Hutchinson, Esquire, Member for the Borough of Hastings, was sworn.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House)—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Captain Hope, Yeas, (Captain Kerr : 197.

Tellers for the [Mr. Mathers, Noes, (Mr. Anderson : 125.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for to-morrow.—(Captain Margesson.)

Sir Kingsley Wood, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House that His Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of the Motion relating to Population (Statistics) [Money], proposed to be moved, under Standing Order No. 69, in Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Then the House, pursuant to Standing Order No. 69, resolved itself into Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Motion made, and Question put, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make further provision for obtaining statistical information with respect to the population of Great Britain and for purposes connected therewith, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenses incurred with the approval of the Treasury by the Minister of Health, the Registrar-General, the Department of Health for Scotland, or the Registrar-General of Births, Deaths and Marriage in Scotland in connection with the performance of their respective functions under the said Act.—(Sir Kingsley Wood.)

The Committee proceeded to a Division.

Tuesday, 30th November 1937:

Tellers for the [Captain Hope, Yeas, (Captain Duplais : 177.

Tellers for the [Mr. Mathers, Noes, (Mr. Anderson : 97.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Blind Persons Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Merchant Shipping (Superannuation Contributions) Bill [Lords];

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Superannuation (Various Services) 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.

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Air-Raid Precautions Bill;

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

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Coal Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Health (Coal Mine Refuse) Bill;

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

And it being after half-past Eleven of the clock on Monday evening, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House, without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then eight minutes after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning, till this day.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

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

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TUESDAY, 30TH NOVEMBER 1937.

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

PRAYERS.

Mr. Secretary Elliot presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, Confirmation 1936, relating to Glasgow Boundaries; and Bill, the same was read the first time; and ordered 56.

Ordered, That the Bill be printed.

Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, the following Acts:

(1) by the University of Oxford, on 24th June 1937, amending an existing Statute of the University;

(2) by the Governing Body of Christ Church, Oxford, on 30th June 1937, amending an existing Statute of the House;

(3) by the Governing Body of Pembroke College, Oxford, on 19th July 1937, amending an existing Statute of the College.

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

Mr. Secretary Elliot presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, Confirmation 1936, relating to Glasgow Boundaries; and Bill, the same was read the first time; and ordered 56.

Ordered, That the Bill be printed.

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

[No. 26.]

Copy of Order for the alteration of Coroners’ Districts in the County of Dorset.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relative to Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, be printed.

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

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

(1) by the University of Oxford, on 24th June 1937, amending an existing Statute of the University;

(2) by the Governing Body of Christ Church, Oxford, on 30th June 1937, amending an existing Statute of the House;

(3) by the Governing Body of Pembroke College, Oxford, on 19th July 1937, amending an existing Statute of the College.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.
Mr. Burgin presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations, dated—

(1) 23rd November 1937, entitled the London Traffic (Prescribed Routes) (No. 47) (The Oval, Bethnal Green) Regulations, 1937;
(2) 23rd November 1937, entitled the London Traffic (Prescribed Routes) (No. 48) (Leyton Square, Romford) Regulations, 1937;
(3) 23rd November 1937, entitled the London Traffic (Prescribed Routes) (No. 49) (Leyton Green) Regulations, 1937;

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

Mr. Stanley presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Drafts of Special Orders proposed to be made under the Gas Undertakings Acts on the application of—

(1) the Pontypool Gas and Water Company;
(2) the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgess of the Borough of Loughborough;
(3) the Brighton, Hove, and Worthing Gas Company;
(4) the Newcastle-upon-Tyne and Gateshead Gas Company;
(5) the Stanley and District Gas Company, Limited;
(6) the City of Chichester Gas Company;
(7) the Swindon United Gas Company.

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

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

Accounts of the Commissioners of Church Temporalities in Wales, No. 7.

Account of the Cinematograph Fund, established pursuant to Section 2 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, showing Receipts and Payments during the year ended 31st March 1937, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.


Ordered, That the said Papers be printed.

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to provide for the separation of Dominica from the Leeward Islands, and for purposes connected therewith; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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The Lords communicate that they have Consolidation Bills come to the following Resolution, viz.: That it is desirable that all Consolidation Bills in the present Session be referred to a Joint Committee of both Houses of Parliament; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Dogs Act Friday next, the Dogs Act (1871) Amendment Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 17th day of December next.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House)—(The Prime Minister);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Captain Dugdale, Yeas, Mr. Farness: 257.

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

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Prevention Bill to enable local authorities in Scotland to make arrangements for the prevention and treatment of blindness, and that Mr. Chapman, Miss Horsbrugh, Mr. Johnston, Sir Archibald Sinclair, Mr. Welsh, Lord William Scott, Sir Douglas Thomson, Mr. Erskine Hill, and Major Neven-Spence do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Chapman accordingly presented a Bill Prevention to enable local authorities in Scotland to make arrangements for the prevention and treatment of blindness: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next: and to be printed.

Mr. Chapman accordingly presented a Bill Prevention to enable local authorities in Scotland to make arrangements for the prevention and treatment of blindness: 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 a Committee on the Air-Raid Precautions Bill.

In the Committee.

Clauses No. 2 to No. 4 agreed to.

Clause No. 5 (Expenditure by local authorities).

Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 16, at the end, to add the words,—

"(3) Any local authority incurring expenditure for the purpose of making provision on private property for the protection of persons and property from injury or damage in the event of hostile attack from the air may make arrangements with the owners of such private property for the reimbursement of the whole or part of the money thus expended by the local authority on such terms as may be arranged mutually by the local authority and the owner of the property and approved by the Secretary of State."—(Sir John Mellor.)

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

An Amendment made.

Question proposed, That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill.
Mr. Shinwell 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. Mathers, Yeas, Mr. Adamson: ] 97.  
Tellers for the [Major Herbert, Noes, Mr. Furness: ] 202.

Original Question put.  
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Cross, Yeas, Mr. Furness: ] 208.  
Tellers for the [Mr. Whiteley, Noes, Mr. Adamson: ] 97.

Clause No. 6 (Exchequer grants).

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Colonel Kerr, Yeas, Sir James Edmondson: ] 213.  
Tellers for the [Mr. Whiteley, Noes, Mr. Adamson: ] 97.

Clauses No. 7 to No. 9 agreed to.

Clause No. 10 (Application to Scotland).

Amendment proposed, in p. 8, 1. at the end, to insert the words,—

"Provided that any small burgh affected shall be taken into consultation in the preparation of any such scheme and in the apportionment and allocation of any such expenditure and, in default of agreement, such small burgh shall have the right of appeal to the Secretary of State whose decision shall be final."—(Mr. Westwood.)

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

An Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 11 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 12 agreed to.

A Clause (Investigation of working of financial provisions).—(Mr. Secretary Elliot),—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Compulsory purchase of land).—(Mr. Solicitor-General),—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Schedule amended, and agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Thursday next; and be printed.

Bill 58.

The Public Works Loans Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for Thursday next.—(Colonel Kerr.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Superannuation (Various Services) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Merchant Shipping (Superannuation Contributions) Bill [Lords];

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Population (Statistics) [Money];

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Population Committee on the Population (Statistics) Bill;—Committee of Supply.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Blind Persons Committee on the Blind Persons Bill;

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

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

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

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Small Landholders (Scotland) Act (1911) Amendment Bill;

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

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

[No. 27.]  

Wednesday, 1st December 1937.

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

PRAYERS.

Mr. Secretary Eden presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of International Agreement for a Uniform System of Maritime Buoyage and Rules annexed thereto [with Diagrams], Geneva, 13th May 1936.  
[The Agreement has not been ratified by His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom.]

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

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Colonel Cobville presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Eighth Annual Reports of the National Radium Trust and Radium Commission, 1936-37, including a Statistical Report.

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

The Dominica Bill [Lords] was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorise the payment by Poor Law authorities of personal allowances to pensioners of the age of sixty-five and over in Poor Law institutions; and that Miss Ward, Captain Cobb, Miss Cazalet, Mr. Hamilton Kerr, Captain Gunston, Dr. Leech, Mr. Magnay, Mr. Glackstein, Lord William Scott, and Mr. Anstruther-Grey do prepare and bring it in.

Miss Ward accordingly presented a Bill to authorise the payment by Poor Law authorities of personal allowances to pensioners of the age of sixty-five and over in Poor Law institutions: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, in the opinion of this House, immediate measures should be taken to establish a scheme of pensions on a scale which will facilitate and encourage elderly workers to retire from industry, and to remove certain anomalies in the operation of the existing law.—(Mr. Gordon Macdonald); An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, in 1, 1, by leaving out from the word “That,” to the end of the Question, and adding the words “this House cannot consent to the Second Reading of a Bill which confirms a Provisional Order setting aside the law governing the sale of excisable liquors in Scotland and which is contrary to the declared wishes of the inhabitants in the area affected by the Order.”—(Mr. Johnston),—instead thereof.

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

Mr. Henderson Stewart rose in his place, and Closure claimed, but Mr. Speaker withheld his assent, and declared to move, That the Question be now put; and the Question being put, the House divided.

The Bill was read a second time, and ordered to be printed.

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

Tellers for the {Mr. Gordon Macdonald.}

Yea, {Mr. Quibell ;}

Noes, {Miss Horshugh ;}

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So it passed in the Negative.

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Empire Exhibition (Scotland) Order Confirmation 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 consent to the Second Reading of a Bill which confirms a Provisional Order setting aside the law governing the sale of excisable liquors in Scotland and which is contrary to the declared wishes of the inhabitants in the area affected by the Order.”—(Mr. Johnston),—instead thereof.

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

Mr. Henderson Stewart rose in his place, and Closure claimed, but Mr. Speaker withheld his assent, and declared to put that Question:—Then the House resumed the Debate.

And the Question being proposed, That the House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the {Mr. McKie,}

Yea, {Mr. Erskine Hill ;}

Noes, {Mr. Thomas Henderson,}

159. 96.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was read a second time, and ordered to be taken into consideration to-morrow.

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

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

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

(Captain Margesson.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till eight minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
The Clydebank Burgh Order Confirmation Clydebank Bill [Lords] was ordered, under Section 7 of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1936, to be taken into consideration to-morrow. 
Ordered, That the Bill be printed.

Mr. Mond, supported by Sir Francis Acland, Works Councillor Bill. 
Mr. Acland, Mr. Ossian Evans, Mr. Ernest Evans, Mr. Foot, Major Lloyd George, Miss Lloyd George, Mr. Kingsley Griffith, Sir Percy Harris, Mr. Wilfrid Roberts, and Mr. Graham White, presented a Bill to provide for the establishment of consultative works councils in factories and workshops for the consideration of various matters of mutual concern to employers and employed persons; and for other purposes relating thereto: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 4th day of February next; and to be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House)—(The Prime Minister);
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the [Mr. James Stuart, Captain Dugdale:]
Tellers for the [Mr. Whiteley, Noes, Mr. Matthers:]
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Order of the day being read, for the Unemployment Insurance Bill.

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

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That," to the end of the Question, and adding the words "whilst this House welcomes the belated recognition that many unemployed juveniles are suffering from lack of food, it cannot assent to the Second Reading of a Bill which, whilst bringing within unemployment insurance certain limited classes, ignores the recommendation of the statutory committee for the inclusion of non-manual workers, and leaves upon a section of the community a national burden incurred in time of depression instead of devoting the surplus in the Unemployment Fund to raising the standard of life of the unemployed,"—[Mr. Greenwood],—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the [Captain Hope, Yeas, Mr. Cross:]
Tellers for the [Mr. Whiteley, Noes, Mr. Adams, Mr. Acland:]
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.—(Captain Margesson.)
Mr. Ernest Brown, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House that His Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of the Motion relating to Unemployment Insurance [Money], proposed to be moved, under Standing Order No. 69, in Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Then the House, pursuant to Standing Order No. 69, resolved itself into Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to extend the powers of education authorities with respect to courses of instruction provided under the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1935 (hereinafter referred to as "the principal Act"); to render certain employments insurable in like manner as employment in agriculture; to amend the provisions of the said Act relating to the discharge of the liabilities of the Unemployment Fund and to Treasury advances to that fund; and to amend the law as to the insurance of discharged seamen, marines, soldiers, and airmen, it is expedient—

(a) to authorise the Treasury to make advances to the Unemployment Fund out of the Consolidated Fund but so that no such advance shall cause the total amount of such advances to exceed an amount equal to the amount by which the outstanding liabilities mentioned in subsection (2) of section sixty of the principal Act would then have been greater if no sums had been applied towards the discharge of those liabilities under any power conferred by the said Act of the present session;

(b) to authorise the Treasury to borrow money by means of terminable annuities charged on the Unemployment Fund for the purpose of repaying to the Consolidated Fund any sums so advanced as aforesaid;

(c) to authorise the Treasury for the purpose of making good any sums by which the moneys of the Unemployment Fund are at any time insufficient to meet any sum due on account of such annuities to make temporary advances out of the Consolidated Fund repayable to the Exchequer with interest within six months;

(d) to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any annuities by which the expenses of the Minister under the principal Act or any education grants under any other Act are increased by reason of any power conferred on education authorities by the said Act of the present Session to provide for persons attending courses of instruction provided by such authorities under section seventy-six of the principal Act; and, in Scotland medical (including surgical and dental) treatment, in like manner as they may be provided for children attending school, or by reason of any power so conferred to provide light refreshment for such persons;

(e) to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any increase in the sums payable out of such moneys by virtue of sections twenty-one, ninety-four, ninety-five or ninety-six of the

principal Act by reason of any provisions of the said Act of the present Session rendering employments insurable in like manner as employment in agriculture or amending the law as to the insurance of discharged seamen, marines, soldiers, and airmen.

—(Mr. Ernest Brown.)

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Merchant Shipping (Superannuation [Money]) Bill [Lords.] was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Standing Committee.

Mr. Stanley, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House that His Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of the Motion relating to Superannuation (Various Services) [Money], proposed to be moved, under Standing Order No. 69, in Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Then the House, pursuant to Standing Order No. 69, resolved itself into Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That, for the purpose of any Act of the present Session containing provisions extending powers conferred by certain enactments relating to superannuation so as to include power to grant the like superannuation benefits, and to permit the like allocation of superannuation benefits to spouses and dependents, as could be granted or permitted in respect of persons in the Civil Service of the State, it is expedient to authorise payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of the amount by which expenditure authorised by any enactment to be paid out of such moneys is increased by reason of the said provisions.

—(Colonel Coleville.)

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the 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.
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Earl Winterton presented, pursuant to the Air Directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Navigation Orders in Council, dated 1st July 1937, entitled—

(1) the Air Navigation (Colonies, Protectorates and Mandated Territories) (Amendment) Order, 1937;
(2) the Air Navigation (Amendment) (No. 3) Order, 1937.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare presented, pursuant to directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders made under the Shops Acts by the Councils of the under-mentioned local authorities, and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department—

(1) Borough of Deal;
(2) Borough of Southampton;
(3) Borough of Hartlepool;
(4) County Borough of Rotherham.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Granville, supported by Dr. Peter, Tithe Mr. Richard Russell, and Mr. Harbord, presented a Bill to amend the law relating to tithe rentcharge and annuities : And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Air-Raid Precautions Bill, as amended in the Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Employment and Institutions) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time.

And the Question being put; the House divided.

Mr. Frederick Roberts rose in his place, and Closure claimed, but supported.

And the Question being proposed, That the words “ this House, in view of the setting up of an inter-departmental committee on the conditions affecting the nursing services, is of opinion that it is premature to proceed with this Bill and declines to give it a Second Reading,”—(Mr. Erskine Hill),—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;

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And the Question being proposed, That the proposed words be there added :—And a Debate arising thereupon;
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The Rothesay Harbour Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read the third time and passed.

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

Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare presented, by His Royal Majesty's Command,—Copy of Sixth Report of the Royal Fine Art Commission.

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

Colonel Coleville presented, by His Majesty’s Import Command,—Copy of Recommendations of the Duties, Import Duties Advisory Committee, dated 27th October 1937, relating to the Import Duties (Exemptions) (No. 15) Order, 1937.

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(a) to authorise the Treasury to make advances to the Unemployment Fund out of the Consolidated Fund but so that no such advance shall cause the total amount of such advances to exceed an amount equal to the amount by which the outstanding liabilities mentioned in sub-section (2) of section sixty of the principal Act would then have been greater if no sums had been applied towards the discharge of those liabilities under any power conferred by the said Act of the present session;

(b) to authorise the Treasury to borrow money by means of terminable annuities charged on the Unemployment Fund for the purpose of repaying to the Consolidated Fund any sums so advanced as aforesaid;

(c) to authorise the Treasury for the purpose of making good any sums by which the moneys of the Unemployment Fund are at any time insufficient to meet any sum due on account of such annuities to make temporary advances out of the Consolidated Fund repayable to the Exchequer with interest within six months;

(d) to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any sums by which the expenses of the Minister under the principal Act or any education grants under any other Act are increased by reason of any power conferred on education authorities by the said Act of the present Session to provide for persons attending courses of instruction provided by such authorities under section seventy-six of the principal Act meals, and in Scotland medical (including surgical and dental) treatment, in like manner as they may be provided for children attending school, or by reason of any power so conferred to provide light refreshment for such persons;

(e) to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any increase in the sums payable out of such moneys by virtue of sections twenty-one, ninety-four, ninety-five or ninety-six of the principal Act by reason of any provisions of the said Act of the present Session rendering employments insurable in like manner as employment in agriculture or amending the law as to the insurance of discharged seamen, marines, soldiers, and airmen.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Unemployment Insurance [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to extend the powers of education authorities with respect to courses of instruction provided under the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1935 (hereinafter referred to as “the principal Act”); to render certain employments insurable in like manner as employment in agriculture; to amend the provisions of the said Act relating to the discharge of the liabilities of the Unemployment Fund and to Treasury advances to that fund; and to amend the law as to the insurance of discharged seamen, marines, soldiers, and airmen, it is expedient—

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Merchant Shipping (Superannuation Contributions) Bill [Lords];

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Merchant Shipping (Superannuation Contributions) Bill [Lords];

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

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Merchant Shipping (Superannuation Contributions) Bill [Lords];

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Population (Statistics) Bill [Lords];

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Population (Statistics) Bill [Money];

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

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Ordered, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.
Mr. Stanley also presented, pursuant to the Seamen's directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy Savings Banks and Money of Account of all Deposits received and repaid by the Board of Trade on account of Orders. Seamen's Savings Banks, under the authority of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, during the year ended 29th November 1936, and of the Interest thereon; and Statement showing the number and amount of Seamen's Money Orders issued and paid at ports in the United Kingdom and at ports abroad during the year ended 31st March 1937.

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

Colonel Muspratt presented, by His Majesty's Empire Air Command,—Copy of Note by the Secretary of State for Air and the Postmaster-General on the proposed extension of the South African mail service (Empire) Agreement and of the Agreement for the operation of an auxiliary service between Kisumu and Lusaka.

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

Sir Kingsley Wood presented, pursuant to contributory directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Special Order, dated 22nd November 1937, entitled the Contributory Pensions (Mercantile Marine) Order, 1937.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Civil Contingency Accounts of the Civil Contingencies Fund and the State for Air and the Postmaster-General under the authority of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, during the year ended 31st March 1937; (2) the Distribution of the Capital of the Fund at the commencement and close of the year; together with a Copy of the Correspondence with the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.—(Colonel Coleville.)

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

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

The Lords have agreed to the Supreme Court of Judicature (Amendment) Bill, without any Amendment.

Miss Ward, supported by Captain Cobb, Miss Cazalet, Captain Gunston, Mr. Hamilton Kerr, Dr. Leech, Mr. Magnay, Mr. Gluckstein, Lord William Scott, and Mr. Anstruther-Gray, presented a Bill to authorise the payment by Poor Law authorities of personal allowances to inmates of the age of sixty-five and over of Poor Law institutions: 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 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 Yeas, Mr. Furness: Mr. Groves: 263.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Charleton: Mr. Gluckstein: 123.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

[No. 31.]

Tuesday, 7th December 1937.

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

P R A Y E R S.

SIR Kingsley Wood presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order of the Minister of Health relating to the borough of Bridgewater: 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. Stanley, presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Standing Committee set up under the Merchandise Marks Act, 1926, respecting door bolts of iron or steel.

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Precautions
Bill.
The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Air-Raid Precautions Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause (Duty of local authorities to assist arrangements for evacuation of civil population).—(Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare),—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. 11, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words " provided always that no scheme shall be approved by the Secretary of State unless it contains satisfactory provisions for the enrolment of volunteer personnel necessary to carry out the scheme." —(Mr. Malan.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 9, l. 14, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words,—

"Provided that any small burgh affected shall be taken into consultation in the apportionment and allocation of any such expenditure and, in default of agreement, such small burgh shall have the right of appeal to the Secretary of State whose decision shall be final."—(Mr. Westwood.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

(On the return of the Chairman.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Captain Hope,
Yea, Mr. Grimston : 299.
Noes, Mr. Mathers : 122.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 4, to leave out from the word "maintenance," to the word "of," in l. 6.—(Mr. Jagger.)

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Captain Hope,
Yea, Colonel Kerr : 203.
Noes, Mr. Anderson : 161.

Ordered, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Greenwood.)

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

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

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

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 to No. 4 agreed to.
Schedule agreed to.
Bill to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Merchant Shipping (Superannuation Contributions) Bill.

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nuation
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Bill
[Lords].)

(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, and made Amendments thereto.

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 the Committee of Supply;

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

Ways and Means.

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

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

Coal Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Coal Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Dominica Bill (Lords);

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

Unemployment Insurance Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Unemployment Insurance Bill;

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

Consolidation Bills.

Ordered, That so much of the Lords Message of the 30th day of November last as communicates the Resolution, "That it is desirable that all Consolidation Bills in the present Session be referred to a Joint Committee of both Houses of Parliament," be now taken into consideration.—(Mr. James Stuart.)

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.—(Mr. James Stuart.)

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to acquaint them therewith, and that the Clerk do carry the said Message.

The Prevention and Treatment of Blindness (Scotland) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing 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 six 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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Wednesday, 8th December 1937.

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

PRAYERS.

The Glasgow Boundaries Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and ordered to be taken into consideration to-morrow.

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


Copy of Order in Council, dated 23rd November 1937, entitled the Copyright (Saraswati) Act, 1911, Order, 1937.


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

Sir Kingsley Wood presented, pursuant to the Contributory directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Special Order, dated 2nd December 1937, entitled the Contributory Pensions (Overseas Voluntary Contributors) Order, 1937.

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

Mr. Burges presented, pursuant to the London Traffic Act, 1924.


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

Colonel Colville presented,—Return to an Civil Contingencies Fund, 1935. No. 10.

Ordered, That the said Return be printed.

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

The Lords have agreed to the National Health Insurance (Juvenile Contributors and Young Persons) Bill, without any Amendment.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to prohibit the granting of rebates of premiums to any persons in connection with the issue of contracts of insurance, to amend the law relating to life assurance companies.
and for other purposes connected therewith; and that Mr. Jagger, Mr. Burke, Mr. Leslie, Sir Ernest Graham-Little, and Major Procter do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Jagger accordingly presented a Bill to prohibit the granting of rebates of premiums to any persons in connection with the issue of contracts of insurance, to amend the law relating to life assurance companies and for other purposes connected therewith; 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, in view of the opinion expressed by this House more than twelve months ago as to the necessity for action to prevent further industrial concentration around London and in the South, this House regrets that His Majesty's Government, instead of recognising the gravity and urgency of the problem from the point of view of defence and the plight of the distressed areas, have been content, whilst the evil grows, to institute a lengthy inquiry into facts already known and to be responsible for the submission of evidence calculated to discourage the early adoption of an effective policy for planning the location of industry in accordance with the national interest,—(Lieutenant-Commander Fletcher);

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, in 1. 5, by leaving out from the word " House," to the end of the Question, and adding the words "approves the appointment of a Royal Commission to investigate the problem in all its aspects and, while conscious of the dangers of interference with the normal course of industrial development necessitate full and exhaustive inquiry, trusts that the work of the Commission may be completed with all speed in order that His Majesty's Government may consider further action in the light of their Report,"—(Mr. Mabane),—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. Jenkins : 124.
Tellers for the 
Mr. Mabane, Mr. Peat : 202.

So it passed in the Negative.

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

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

Resolved, That this House, recognising the importance of the preservation of amenities, wishes to call attention to the desirability of strengthening the Advertisements Regulation Acts and to the anxiety that exists with respect to the activities of the Forestry Commission in the Lake District and other areas of great natural beauty.—(Mr. Godfrey Nicholson.)

The Order made upon the 3rd day of this instant December, That the Quail Protection Bill [Lords] 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 next.—(Sir Thomas Moore.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Public Second Reading of the Public Health (Coal Health (Coal Mine Refuse) Bill;

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

The Poor Law (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill was, Poor Law (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Standing Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Blind Committee on the Blind Persons Bill;

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

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means 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.—Adjournment. (Captain Hope.)

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

In pursuance of the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act, 1919 (9 and 10 Geo. 5, c. 76, s. 2 (2)), I hereby nominate Lieutenant-Commander Peter Garrett Agnew to serve, for the duration of the present Parliament, upon the Ecclesiastical Committee, in the room of Ralph Assheton, Esquire, resigned.

E. A. FitzRoy, Speaker.

8th December 1937.

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 Prevention and Treatment of Blindness (Scotland) Bill is a Bill relating exclusively to Scotland, the Bill will be considered by the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills.
1 Geo. VI. 9th December.

[No. 33.]

Thursday, 9th December 1937.

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

PRAYERS.

Glasgow Boundaries Order Confirmation Bill.

Unemployment Insurance Act, 1932.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Glasgow Boundaries Order Confirmation Bill.

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

Mr. Ernest Brown presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 6th December 1937, entitled the Unemployment Insurance (Special Arrangements) (Amendment) Regulations, 1937.

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

Sir Kingsley Wood presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 3rd December 1937, entitled the National Health Insurance (Decision of Questions) Regulations, 1937.

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

Mr. Secretary Eden presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Notes exchanged between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Roumanian Government modifying the Anglo-Roumanian Payments (Amendment) Agreement of 27th May 1937. London, 12th November 1937.

Copy of Supplementary Convention between His Majesty, in respect of the United Kingdom, the Commonwealth of Australia, New Zealand and the Union of South Africa, and the Acting President of Ecuador to the Treaty of 20th September 1880 regarding Extradition. Quito, 4th June 1934. [Ratifications exchanged at Quito on 8th October 1937.]

Copy of Papers relating to the British War Debt, November/December 1937.

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

Sir Malcolm Barclay-Harvey reported from the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills: That they had gone through the Housing (Agricultural Population) (Scotland) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto, and had amended the Title as followeth: A Bill to authorise the giving of financial assistance towards the expenses incurred by local authorities in providing housing accommodation for the agricultural population; to promote the provision of new housing accommodation to replace accommodation which is occupied by members of the agricultural population and is unfit for human habitation or overcrowded; to amend the provisions of the Housing (Scotland) Acts, 1925 to 1935, relating to charging orders, insanitary dwelling-houses, the recovery of expenses by instalments, the provision of watercisterns, and the making of byelaws as to accommodation for seasonal workers; to amend the provisions of section one hundred and twenty-five of the Public Health (Scotland) Act, 1897; to authorise the making of byelaws with respect to premises used for the accommodation of agricultural workers; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Thursday next; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from His Majesty's Commission, for declaring His Royal Assent to Acts which are agreed upon by both the Lords and the Commons, had been brought from the Lords by the Lords' one of their Clerks, as followeth:—

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Merchant Shipping (Superannuation Contributions) Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on the Coal Bill be the House, exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House) (The Prime Minister);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Cross, Captain Dugdale : 266.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Mathers : 124.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, resolved Coal Bill, itself into a Committee on the Coal Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 2 (General provisions as to functions of the Commission under Part I).

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 10, to leave out the words "other than searching and boring for coal."—(Mr. Herbert Williams.)

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. 11, to leave out from the word "of" to the word "granting," in l. 13.—(Mr. Peake.)

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, to leave out subsection (2).—(Sir Geoffrey Ellis.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "and" in l. 22, stand part of the Clause.

Whereupon the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod being come with a Message, the Chairman left the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

A Message was delivered by Lieutenant-Royal Assent, General Sir William Pulteney, G.C.V.O., 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
The House, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read.

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

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

2. Supreme Court of Judicature (Amendment) Act, 1937.
5. Rutherglen Burgh Order Confirmation Act, 1937.

Then the House again resolved itself into the Committee on the Coal Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Question again proposed, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "and" in l. 23, stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 23, after the word "coal," to insert the words "and the prevention of subsidences."—(Mr. Ellis Smith.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 24, at the end, to add the words,—

"(3) For the purpose of this section the words 'interests, efficiency, and better organisation of the coal-mining industry' shall, without in any way affecting the generality of such words, be deemed to include the following matters:—

(a) The wage standards of the workers employed in the industry;

(b) The full utilisation of all existing social facilities and works such as transport, roads, schools, housing, places of entertainment, lighting, water supply, and other facilities and works."—(Mr. Gordon Macdonald.)

Question put, That those words be there added.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas,
Mr. Whiteley,
120.
Mr. Adamson:

Tellers for the Noes,
Mr. Furness,
186.
Major Herbert:

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 3 (Commission to acquire fee simple in coal).
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Land Tax Commissioners Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee on Population (Statistics) [Money];
Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Population (Statistics) Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Population (Statistics) Bill; [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Unemployment Insurance Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Blind Persons Bill;
Resolved, 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 twenty minutes before Twelve of the clock, till to-morrow.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

SECRETARY Sir Samuel Hoare presented, Pharmacy pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order, dated 2nd November 1937, entitled the Poisons List (Amendment) Order, 1937.

Copy of Rules, dated 2nd November 1937, Pharmacy entitled the Poisons (Amendment) Rules, 1937.

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

Colonel Colville presented, by His Majesty's Import Command,—Copy of Recommendations of the Duties Import Duties Advisory Committee, dated 27th October 1937, relating to the Import Duties (Substitution) (No. 1) Order, 1937.

Colonel Colville also presented, pursuant to Import the directions of several Acts of Parliament, (England.) Copy of Provisional Regulations, dated 2nd December 1937, entitled the Public Health (Imported Food) (Amendment) Regulations, 1937.

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

Sir Kingsley Wood presented, pursuant to Public the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Ordinance, dated 29th November 1937, entitled the Public Health (Imported Food) (Amendment) Regulations, 1937.

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

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Monday, 13th December 1937.

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

PRAYERS.

SECRETARY Sir Samuel Hoare presented, Pharmacy pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order, dated 2nd November 1937, entitled the Poisons List (Amendment) Order, 1937.

Copy of Rules, dated 2nd November 1937, Pharmacy entitled the Poisons (Amendment) Rules, 1937.

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

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

Sir Kingsley Wood presented, pursuant to Public the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Ordinance, dated 29th November 1937, entitled the Public Health (Imported Food) (Amendment) Regulations, 1937.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.
Ordered, That the Peace Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 12, after the word "section," to insert the words "an agreement whereunder a person who has incurred expenditure in or in relation to operations of boring or prospecting for coal holds an option for the grant of a coal-mining lease shall be deemed to be a coal-mining lease but subject to that qualification."—(Mr. Spens.)

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

Other Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 6 (Compensation payable in respect of acquisition as a whole).

Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 29, to leave out the words "sixty-six million, four hundred and fifty," and insert the words "forty-four million, three hundred."—(Mr. George Hall.)

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the

Mr. Whiteley, 

Yeas, 

Mr. Anderson ; 126.

Mr. Furness ; 112.

Mr. Gordon Macdonald.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the

Mr. Whiteley, 

Yeas, 

Mr. Anderson : 215.

Mr. Gordon Macdonald.)

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

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the

Mr. Whiteley, 

Yeas, 

Mr. Anderson : 226.

Mr. Gordon Macdonald.)

Ordered, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again.—(Captain Marpissom.)

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.
2 GEO. VI. 13th December.

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.

Land Tax Commissioners Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Land Tax Commissioners Bill:
Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Population (Statistics) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee on Population (Statistics) [Money].
Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

Dominica Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Dominica Bill [Lords]:
Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Unemployment Insurance Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Unemployment Insurance Bill:
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Blind Persons Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Blind Persons Bill:
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Adjournment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—
(Captain Margesson); And it being Eleven of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.

Performing Animals (Regulation) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Performing Animals (Regulation) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Small Landholders (Scotland) Act (1911) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Small Landholders (Scotland) Act (1911) Amendment Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Tithe (Amendment) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tithe (Amendment) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Secretary of State for Wales and Monmouthshire Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Public Health Second Reading of the Public Health (Coal Mine Refuse) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved Quail Protection Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 and No. 2 agreed to.
Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The Order made upon the 8th day of this Poor Law Amendment December, That the Poor Law (Amendment) (No. 2) 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 Wednesday next.—(Miss Ward.)

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

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

STANDING COMMITTEES.

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

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The Order for reading a second time, upon Parliamentary Friday next, the Parliamentary Elections (Compulsory Voting) Bill was read, and voting Bill discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 18th day of February next.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Business of put, That the Proceedings on the Coal Bill be the House 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 Hope: 241.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Groves : 121.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, resolved Coal Bill itself into a Committee on the Coal Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 7 (Ascertainment and distribution of compensation).

Amendment proposed, in p. 8, l. 30, at the end, to insert the words,—

"(9) At the expiration of three months from the vesting date and at the expiration of every subsequent period of three months if the amounts of the values of all holdings in any region have not then been certified by the Regional Valuation Board for that region under subsection (6) of this section, that Board shall supply to the Commission a statement showing the amount upon which, in their opinion, interest should be paid provisionally for such three months in respect of the compensation for each of such holdings.

(10) Forthwith upon receiving the said statement the Commission shall pay to the person then entitled to the compensation in respect of each such holding interest for such three months at a rate calculated in accordance with subsection (8) of this section on the amount shown in such statement in respect of such holding.

(11) Upon making the final payments of compensation for such region under subsection (7) of this section the Commission shall make any addition to or deduction from the payment in respect of any holding that may be necessary in order to correct the amount of interest thus provisionally calculated and paid in respect of that holding for any such period of three months."—(Mr. Spens.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 8 (Rights and obligations arising from contract for sale to have effect in respect of interim period).

Amendment proposed, in p. 8, l. 43, to leave out from the word "to," to the end of the Clause, and add the words "and in accordance with the following provisions, that is to say:—

(a) the said rules shall have effect subject to such modifications as are requisite by
2 Geo. VI. 14th December.

virtue of the fact that the said premises to are to vest by virtue of this Part of this Act in lieu of being conveyed;

(b) full regard shall be had to the nature of the said premises in all respects and, in particular, in determining whether any act or omission involves a breach of the obligation imposed on a vendor by the said rules to take due care of land that is the subject of a contract for sale, no person shall be treated as under obligation to exercise any greater measure of care in relation to any of the said premises than is exercised under the ordinary practice of the management of mineral estates by prudent owners in relation to property that is to continue in their ownership; and

c) the contract for sale to be assumed for the purposes of the said rules shall be a contract providing expressly that the vendor shall be entitled to the possession and enjoyment of the property until the date fixed for completion and to the benefit of the rents and profits thereof accruing up to that date, and that rents and profits accruing, or coal worked, before that date from a mine of coal that is opened after the date of the contract should be treated in like manner as if the mine had been open at the date thereof.

—(Mr. Keeling.)

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. Groves, Mr. Mathers :
Yees, 114.

Tellers for the Captain Waterhouse, Captain Dugdale :
Noes, 253.

Question put, That the proposed words be there added.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. James Stuart, Captain Dugdale :
Yees, 248.

Tellers for the Mr. Groves, Mr. Adamson :
Noes, 111.

Another Amendment proposed, after the words last added, to add the words,

"(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1) of this section—

(a) the Commission shall on and from the valuation date be liable in the event of any damage caused to a dwelling-house or to the property of a local authority by subsidence consequent upon the mining of coal to compensate the owner of such dwelling-house or the local authority in respect thereof;

(b) the amount of such compensation shall be ascertained by the Commission in accordance with regulations to be made by the Board of Trade based upon the provisions of the Acquisition of Land (Assessment of Compensation) Act, 1919, relating to the assessment and determination of compensation;

(c) the Commission shall ascertain the total amount of such compensation which it shall be liable to pay on or before the vesting date; and

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(d) the provisions of paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subsection shall have effect notwithstanding any term express or implied in any contract, deed, or conveyance other than any contract, deed, or conveyance entered into or executed by the Commission.

—(Mr. Arthur Henderson.)

Question put, That those words be there added.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. Charleton, Mr. Adamson :
Yees, 129.

Tellers for the Captain Dugdale, Mr. Munro :
Noes, 230.

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Captain Hope, Captain Dugdale :
Yees, 234.

Tellers for the Mr. Charleton, Mr. Adamson :
Noes, 122.

Clause No. 9 (Notice to the Commission, and effect, of dispossession made during interim period).

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 10, l. 29, at the end, to add the words,—

"(5) The amount of all costs, charges, and expenses reasonably incurred by any person other than the Commission of, or in connection with, the delivery of any draft or the giving of any notice under subsection (1) or (2) of this section or of or in connection with any such proceedings as are referred to in subsection (3) of this section shall be paid to such person by the Commission."—(Mr. Spens.)

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

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 10 agreed to.

Clause No. 11 (Powers of the Commission for consolidation of leases before the vesting date).

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 13, l. 10, after the word "colliery," to insert the word "undertaking."—(Mr. Wragg.)

Question proposed, That the word "undertaking" be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 12 (Right of freeholder in possession of coal to lease thereof).

Amendment proposed, in p. 13, l. 41, to leave out the words "person entitled to the lease may require," and insert the words "Commission may decide to be in accordance with the best interests of the industry as a whole."—(Mr. Shinwell.)

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Sir James Edmondson, Major Herbert :
Yees, 200.

Tellers for the Mr. Whiteley, Mr. Adamson :
Noes, 122.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 14, l. 5, at the end, to insert the words,—

"Provided that the person entitled to the lease shall have the right on making application x
in writing in that behalf on or before the vesting date to the Commission to surrender to the Commission the compensation as existing on the vesting date to the Commission to surrender in writing in that behalf on or before the 14th December. 1937.

Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 17, l. 8, at the end, to add the words,—

"(2) Where any facility, right, or privilege is required to enable the Commission to search or bore for coal in order that searching or boring may be effectively carried out the Commission shall have power to exercise such facility, right, or privilege subject to the payment of compensation to the person upon or through whose land the said operation, or either of them, is carried out.

(3) In particular, but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing provision, such rights shall include—

(a) a right to let down the surface;
(b) a right of air-way, shaft-way, or surface or underground wayleave, or other right for the purpose of access to or conveyance of minerals or the ventilation or drainage of the borings;
(c) a right to use and occupy the surface for the erection of railways, tramways, roads, buildings, or other works, or of dwellings for persons employed in connection with the borings;
(d) a right to obtain a supply of water or other substances in connection with the borings;
(e) a right to dispose of water or other liquid matter obtained from the borings.

(4) Compensation for the exercise of any such facility, right, or privilege shall be assessed in accordance with the provisions of the Acquisition of Land (Assessment of Compensation) Act, 1919."—[Sir Stafford Cripps.]"

Question put, That those words be there added.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the
Mr. Cripps, Mr. Mathers : 121.
Tellers for the
Captain Hope, Major Herbert : 219.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 16 (Coal not to be alienated from the Commission).

Amendment proposed, in p. 17, l. 14, to leave out from the second word "coal," to the end of the subsection.—[Sir Stafford Cripps.]

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 17, l. 27, to leave out subsection (3).—[Sir Stafford Cripps.]

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the
Colonel Kerr, Mr. Munro : 208.
Tellers for the
Mr. Charleton, Mr. Mathers : 104.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 17 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 18 (Amendments of working facilities enactments).

Amendment proposed, in p. 19, l. 36, after the word "regard," to insert the words "to the full annual value of such right as well as."—[Sir David Reid.]"
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Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.
Clause agreed to.

Ordered, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again.—(Captain Margesson.)

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported that the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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.

Population (Statistics) (Money).

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee on Population (Statistics) (Money);
Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

Dominion Bill [Lords].

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Dominion Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Unemployment Insurance Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Unemployment Insurance Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Blind Persons Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Blind Persons Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.


Resolved, That the draft of a Special Order proposed to be made by the Board of Trade under the Gas Undertakings Acts, 1920 to 1934, on the application of the Clevedon Gas Company, which was presented on the 16th day of November and published, be approved.—(Captain Wallace.)

Resolved, That the draft of a Special Order proposed to be made by the Board of Trade under the Gas Undertakings Acts, 1920 to 1934, on the application of the Hampton Court Gas Company, which was presented on the 26th day of November and published, be approved.—(Captain Wallace.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Assurance Companies (Amendment) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Public Health (Coal Mine Refuse) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Quail Protection Bill [Lords] was, Quail 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.

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-two minutes before Twelve of the clock, till to-morrow.

[No. 37.]

Wednesday, 15th December 1937.

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

Prayers.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported, Private Bills. That, in accordance with Standing Order 87, 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.:

Adelphi Estate.
Blackburn Corporation.
Bombay, Baroda and Central India Railway.
Bristol Corporation.
Chichester Corporation.
Dudley Extension.
The Lords have agreed to the Rothesay Harbour Order Confirmation Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Glasgow Boundaries Order Confirmation Bill, without any Amendment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House, being of the opinion that further provision should be made to protect the public from widespread evils resulting from fraudulent and unscrupulous business and financial operations, calls for the early introduction of legislation to strengthen the law, to amend the Companies Acts, and to establish a national investments board.—(Mr. Bellenger);

The Question was amended, in l. 7, by inserting, after the word "law," the word "and."—(Mr. Spens.)

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, so amended in l. 8, by leaving out from the word "Acts," to the end of the Question, and adding the words "for this purpose,"—(Mr. Assheton),—instead thereof.

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

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Major Milner, Mr. Bellenger: 125.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spens: 186.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the proposed words be added to the word "Acts," in the Main Question, so amended.—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the Main Question, so amended, being put;

Resolved, That this House, being of the opinion that further provision should be made to protect the public from widespread evils resulting from fraudulent and unscrupulous business and financial operations, calls for the early introduction of legislation to strengthen the law, and to amend the Companies Acts for this purpose.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House views with alarm the extent to which the liberty of the subject has suffered encroachment within recent years, and records its opinion that such encroachment threatens the maintenance and impedes the development of a healthy democracy.—(Mr. George Strauss);

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 "remains fully conscious of the paramount importance of the liberty of the subject, recognises that restrictions on civil and political liberty can be imposed only by the authority of Parliament, and affirms that such restrictions should be confined to the minimum essential for the maintenance of.
of law and order, the promotion of the public weal, and the safeguarding of our free institutions,"—(Captain Cazalet),—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.
Teller for the Yeas,
Mr. Bevan 
Mr. George Strauss : 92.
Tellers for the Noes,
Captain Cazalet,
Mr. Henry Strauss : 124.
So it passed in the Negative.

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

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Poor Law (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill.

(On the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Power of Poor Law authorities to grant personal allowances to certain inmates aged sixty-five or upwards of Poor Law institutions).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 16, after "1937," to insert the words "or who is in receipt of an ex-service man's disablement pension."—(Major Whiteley.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 2 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 3 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 an Amendment thereunto.

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

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

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

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

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

[No. 38.]

Thursday, 16th December 1937.

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

ORDERED, That, if at any time the Committee on Chairman of Ways and Means is of opinion that in order to facilitate the progress of the Bills then referred to the Committee on Unopposed Bills under Standing Order 111 the adoption of such a course is desirable, he may apportion the Bills between two Committees on Unopposed Bills, the composition and quorum of each being those prescribed by Standing Order 111 as modified by this Order, and each Committee shall have the assistance of the Counsel to Mr. Speaker, and all the Standing Orders applying to the Committee on Unopposed Bills shall apply to each Committee.

Ordered, That the Chairman of Ways and Means have power to select from the panel appointed under Standing Order 111 one Member to act as chairman at every meeting of a Committee on Unopposed Bills at which neither the Chairman of Ways and Means nor the Deputy Chairman is present, and at any such meeting the Member so selected shall be a Member of the Committee in addition to the three Members mentioned in Standing Order 111.

Ordered, That during the present Session the Committee of Selection have power to add to the panel appointed under Standing Order 111.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Ordered, That in the case of an Opposed Bill promoted by a municipal or other local authority containing clauses by which it is proposed to create powers relating to Police, Sanitary, and other Local Government matters in conflict with, deviation from, or excess of the provisions of the general law, the Committee to which the Bill is referred shall, when considering such clauses as aforesaid, have the assistance of the Counsel to Mr. Speaker.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Mr. Secretary Eden presented, by His Treaty Series Majesty's Command,—Copy of Notes ex No. 54, 1937, containing Local Legislation, between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the French Government regarding Commercial Relations with Tunis. Paris, 14th October 1937.

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

Mr. Ramsey botham presented, pursuant to the Ministry of directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Twentieth Annual Report of the Ministry of Pensions, from 1st April 1936 to 31st March 1937.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon No. 13. The Table; and be printed.
Sir Kingsley Wood presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Reports of the Inter-Departmental Committee on the Rent Restrictions Acts.

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

Colonel Mairhead presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order, dated 27th November 1937, amending in certain respects the Regulations appended to His Majesty’s Order dated 6th March 1937 and included in a volume entitled the King’s Regulations and Air Council Instructions for the Royal Air Force (1928), as amended by subsequent Orders.

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

Mr. Secretary Elliot presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations, dated 16th December 1937, entitled—

(1) the Scottish Agricultural Wages Board Regulations (No. 2), 1937;
(2) the Agricultural Wages Committees (Scotland) Regulations (No. 2), 1937;
(3) the Agricultural Wages (Benefits or Advantages) (Scotland) Regulations, 1937.

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

The Order for reading a second time, upon Monday the 20th day of this instant December, the Tithe (Amendment) Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order for reading a second time, to-morrow, the Dogs Act (1871) Amendment Bill was read, and discharged.

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

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to safeguard the independence of the Judiciary; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords communicate that they have come to the following Resolution, viz.: That it is desirable that in the present Session all Private Bills for the exclusive purpose of consolidating the provisions of existing Private Acts of Parliament, Acts confirming Provisional Orders and Special Orders be referred to the Joint Committee on Consolidation Bills; and that the Joint Committee shall not take into consideration any petition against any such Bill, if the petitioners seek to alter the existing law; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Mr. Gordon Macdonald reported from Standing Committee B: That they had gone through the Inheritance (Family Provision) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Friday the 29th day of April next; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

Col. Gretton reported from the Committee of Selection (Standing Committee B) for the Twenty Members to the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills in respect of the Prevention and Treatment of Blindness (Scotland) Bill:—Sir William Brass, Mr. Burke, Mr. Charlton, Mr. Clynes, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Emslie Small, Mr. Hills, Mr. Fleming, Sir Arnold Gridley, Mr. Joseph Henderson, Mr. Holdsworth, Mr. Leach, Sir Joseph Nall, Mr. Rosalff, Captain Wallace, and Major Harry Watt.

Col. Gretton 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 Prevention and Treatment of Blindness (Scotland) Bill):—Sir Ernest Bennett, Captain Elliot, Mr. Arthur Henderson, Mr. Harold Nicolson, Mr. Quibell, Mr. Rosa Taylor, Mr. Louis Smith, Vice-Admiral Taylor, Mr. Thurtle, and Miss Ward.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That, whilst this House appreciates the work of the Commissioners for the Special Areas, it profoundly regrets the continued failure of His Majesty’s Government to recognise that the plight of these areas is but an indication of the unstable foundations of the present system, and that more fundamental measures are required to enable them to take their proper place in the economic life of the nation and bring to their afflicted communities a definite prospect of reviving industrial activity—(Mr. Whitley);

The House divided.

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

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Mathers, Mr. Adamson: 140.
Tellers for the Noes, Captain Margesson, Colonel Kerr: 352.

So it passed in the Negative.

Resolved, That the Import Duties (Exemption for Special Areas) Bill 1937, dated the twenty-ninth day of November, nineteen hundred and thirty-seven, made by the Treasury under the Custom Duties Act, 1932, a copy of which was presented to this House on the said twenty-ninth day of November, nineteen hundred and thirty-seven, be approved.—(Captain Wallace.)
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.

Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, for extending section one of the Act to the Urban District of Sittingbourne and Milton, which was presented on the 30th day of November 1937, be approved.—(Mr. Lloyd.)

Resolved, That the draft of a Special Order proposed to be made by the Board of Trade under the Gas Undertakings Acts, 1920 to 1934, on the application of the Swindon United Gas Company, which was presented on the 30th day of November and published, be approved.—(Captain Wallace.)

Resolved, That the draft of a Special Order proposed to be made by the Board of Trade under the Gas Undertakings Acts, 1920 to 1934, on the application of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Loughborough, which was presented on the 30th day of November and published, be approved.—(Captain Wallace.)

Resolved, That the draft of a Special Order proposed to be made by the Board of Trade under the Gas Undertakings Acts, 1920 to 1934, on the application of the Chichester Gas Company, which was presented on the 30th day of November and published, be approved.—(Captain Wallace.)

Resolved, That the draft of a Special Order proposed to be made by the Board of Trade under the Gas Undertakings Acts, 1920 to 1934, on the application of the Pontypool Gas and Water Company, which was presented on the 30th day of November and published, be approved.—(Captain Wallace.)

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Housing (Agricultural Population) (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 Committee on the Land Tax Commissioners Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Population (Statistics) Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

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The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee on Population (Statistics) [Money];
Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Dominica Bill;
Ordered, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Poor Law. (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment, proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Captain Margesson);

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.

In pursuance of Standing Order No. 80 (4), I hereby nominate Sir Hugh O’Neill Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Cotton Industry Bill and the Hire-Purchase Bill.

In pursuance of Standing Order No. 80 (4), I hereby nominate Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Charles MacAndrew Chairman of the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills in respect of the Prevention and Treatment of Blindness (Scotland) Bill.

E. A. FitzRoy,
Speaker.
16th December 1937.
Temporary Staffs.

Architects Registration Bill.

Closure claimed, but assent withheld.

Loss of Employment (Compensation) Bill.

[No. 39.]

Friday, 17th December 1937.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

COLONEL Colville presented, pursuant to His Majesty's Command.—Copy of Statement relating to Length of Service of Temporary Clerical and Typing Staffs employed in Government Departments on 1st April 1937.

Ordered, That the said Paper 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; 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 Tasker.) And the Question being proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:—And a Debate arising thereupon; Mr. Lovat-Fraser rose in his place, and claimed to move, That the Question be now put; but Mr. Speaker withheld his assent, and declined then to put that Question:—Then the House resumed the Debate.

And the Question being put; The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left. Tellers for the Mr. Hicks, Yeas, Mr. Bosson: 225. Tellers for the Sir Robert Tasker, Noes, Mr. McEntee: 50. 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. McEntee); The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left. Tellers for the Sir Robert Tasker, Yeas, Mr. McEntee: 35. Tellers for the Mr. Hicks, Noes, Mr. Bosson: 100. So it passed in the Negative.

The Bill was committed to a Standing Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Loss of Employment (Compensation) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 4th day of February next.

[No. 40.]

Monday, 20th December 1937.

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

PRAYERS.

THE Prime Minister presented, by His Pensions for Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of Members of the Departmental Committee on Pensions for Members of the House of Commons. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.


Appropriation Accounts of the sums granted Civil (Appropriation Accounts.) for trial ended 31st March 1937, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon, and upon certain Store Accounts.

Appropriation Accounts of the sums granted Revenue by Parliament for Revenue Departments for the year ended 31st March 1937, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon, and upon Revenue and certain Store Accounts.

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

Earl Winterton presented, by His Majesty's Department Command,—Copy of Report of the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research for 1936–37.

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

Mr. Secretary Hore-Belisha presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, —Copy of Scheme made by the Army Council and the Air Council for the Establishment and
Constitution of an Association for the county of Surrey, under the Territorial and Reserve Forces Act, 1907, as amended by the Territorial Army and Militia Act, 1921, and the Auxiliary Air Force and Air Force Reserve Act, 1924.

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

Mr. Stanley presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Statistical Abstract for the United Kingdom for each of the 15 years 1913 and 1923 to 1936. Eighty-first Number.

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

Colonel Muirhead presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order made by the Secretary of State for Air, applying the Rules for Military Detention Barracks and Military Prisons, and the Rules for Military Prisons in the Field, to the Royal Air Force.

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

Mr. Secretary Elliot presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders, dated—

(1) 7th December 1937, entitled the National Health Insurance (Airdrie Burgh Boundaries) Order, 1937;

(2) 7th December 1937, entitled the National Health Insurance (Castletown Burgh Boundaries) Order, 1937;

(3) 8th December 1937, entitled the National Health Insurance (Greenock Burgh Boundaries) Order, 1937;

(4) 7th December 1937, entitled the National Health Insurance (Motherwell and Wishaw Burgh Boundaries) Order, 1937.

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 Herring Fund Advances Account, established pursuant to Section 9 of the Herring Industry Act, 1935, showing the sums received and paid for the year ended 31st March 1937, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Account of the Post Office Fund established under Section 39 of the Finance Act, 1933, showing Receipts and Expenses during the year ended 31st March 1937, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Accounts of Receipts and Payments by the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt in respect of the Capital and Income of the Local Loans Fund for the year ended 31st March 1937, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Papers be printed.

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Another Amendment proposed, in p. 22, l. 2, at the end, to insert the words "all or any of the following."—(Mr. Peake.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 22, l. 2, at the end, to insert the words,—

"(a) First, rents payable by particular lessees working coal which are, having regard to all the circumstances, more onerous than the average of the rents payable by lessees generally working coal in all of the districts and so as to secure as soon as reasonably practicable that in no case shall the rent payable by any particular lessees in any district be more onerous, having regard to all the circumstances, than the average of the rents payable by all lessees in all of the districts."—(Mr. Owen Evans.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 22, l. 34, to leave out from the word "reserve" to the word "regard," in l. 36, and insert the words "a fair and reasonable rent."—(Mr. Peake.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 23, l. 3, at the end, to insert the words,—

"Provided that the Commission may temporarily or otherwise reduce the rent reserved by a lease or grant relief in respect of other conditions of the lease in any case in which by reason of physical or economic conditions such reduction of rent or other relief appears to the Commission to be reasonable."—(Mr. Peake.)

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

Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill:—The Committee proceeded to a Division.

Colonel Kerr and Sir James Edmondson were appointed Tellers for the Ayes, but there being no Members willing to act as Tellers for the Noes, the Chairman declared that the Ayes had it.

Clauses No. 22 to No. 27 agreed to.

Clause No. 28 (Compence of the Commission to acquire associated minerals and rights).

Amendment proposed, in p. 26, l. 10, after the word "worked," to insert the word "either."—(Mr. Keeling.)

Question proposed, That the word "either" be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 29 (Saving for certain statutory rights).

Amendment proposed, in p. 26, l. 44, at the end, to add the words,—

"(3)—(a) In any case in which the fee simple in any coal or mine of coal and the fee simple in land supported thereby is vested at the passing of this Act in any statutory undertakers, and no coal-mining lease of that coal or mine of coal is subsisting at the passing of this Act, the following provisions shall have effect with respect to that coal or the coal in that mine (hereinafter in this section referred to as ' the reserved coal '):—

(i) the reserved coal shall not be worked except with the consent of the undertakers;

(ii) a coal-mining lease of the reserved coal shall not be granted except with the consent of the undertakers;

(iii) a right to withdraw support from the land supported by the reserved coal shall not be exercised or granted except with the consent of the undertakers:

Provided that this subsection shall not apply to any coal in respect of which the undertakers have been paid compensation under this Act for their acquired interests in that coal:

Provided also that the consent of any statutory undertakers under this subsection shall not be unreasonably withheld and any dispute between any such undertakers and the Commission as to whether any such consent has been unreasonably withheld shall be referred to and determined by the Railway and Canal Commission, who shall have power to dispense with the consent of the undertakers in respect of any reserved coal subject to such terms and conditions for the benefit and protection of the undertakers as that Commission may think fit.

Provided further that if at any time after the vesting date the undertakers cease to require the reserved coal or any part thereof for the purposes of support to their undertaking the undertakers may, notwithstanding anything in this subsection, enter into an agreement with the Commission for the working of that coal on such terms and conditions as may be agreed, and one of the terms may be that the rent or part of the rent payable by the lessees under any coal-mining lease of that coal shall be paid to the undertakers.

(b) In this subsection the expression ' statutory undertakers ' means any person authorised by or under an Act of Parliament, or an order having the force of an Act of Parliament, to construct, work, or carry on any railway, canal, inland navigation, dock, harbour, tramway, gas, electricity, water, or other public undertaking.'"—(Mr. Peake.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 30 (Execution of Registration Act and amendment as to inspection of the register).

Amendment proposed, in p. 27, l. 8, to leave out subsection (2).—(Mr. Ritson.)

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, 
Captain Dugdale: 217.
Tellers for the Noes, 
Mr. Charleton: 97.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses No. 31 and No. 32 amended, and agreed to.

Clauses No. 33 to No. 35 agreed to.

Clause No. 36 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 37 (Definitions for purposes of Part I).
Amendment proposed, in p. 32, l. 29, at the end, to insert the words,—

"Provided that in the case of any coal or mine of coal in respect of which any right was saved by paragraph five of the Twelfth Schedule to the Law of Property Act, 1922, the persons who for the purposes of this definition shall be regarded as interested in that coal or mine shall include any person in whom by the custom of the manor concerned such coal or mine is vested, and any person claiming under him, but shall not include any person whose only interest in such coal or mine is that by the custom of the manor concerned such coal or mine may not be worked without his consent or any person claiming under such last-mentioned person."

(Mr. Herbert Williams.)

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

Clause No. 38 amended, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again.—(Captain Margesson.)

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

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

The 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.

Housing (Agricultural Population) (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Housing (Agricultural Population) (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

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

Land Tax Commissioners Bill.

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

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

Population (Statistics) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Population (Statistics) Bill;

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

Population (Statistics) [Money.]

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee on Population (Statistics) [Money];

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

Dominica Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Dominica Bill [Lords];

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

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The Order of the day being read, for the Unemployment Committee on the Unemployment Insurance Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Blind Persons Committee on the Blind Persons Bill;

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

Resolved, That the draft of a Special Order Gas Undertakings Acts, 1920 to 1934, on the application of the Newcastle-upon-Tyne and Gateshead Gas Company, which was presented on the 30th day of November and published, be approved with the following addition:—

P. 26, Second Schedule, at end, insert,—

"The Common Seal of the Newcastle-upon-Tyne and Gateshead Gas Company was hereunto affixed in the presence of

James W. Ellis, Director,
T. P. Ridley, Secretary.

(Captain Wallace.)

Resolved, That the draft of a Special Order Gas Undertakings Acts, 1920 to 1934, on the application of the Penzance Gas Company, Limited, which was presented on the 28th day of October and published, be approved with the following modification:—

P. 6, Cl. 20, l. 38, leave out "thirteen," and insert "twelve."—(Captain Wallace.)

Resolved, That the draft of a Special Order Gas Undertakings Acts, 1920 to 1934, on the application of the Brighton Hove and Worthing Gas Company, which was presented on the 30th day of November and published, be approved subject to the following modification:—

Cl. 1, p. 1, l. 14, after "1294)," insert " and the Hassocks and District Gas Order, 1926 S.R. & O., 1926, No. 345)."—(Captain Wallace.)

Resolved, That the draft of a Special Order Gas Undertakings Acts, 1920 to 1934, on the application of the Stanley and District Gas Company, Limited, which was presented on the 30th day of November and published, be approved. —(Captain Wallace.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Performing Second Reading of the Performing Animals (Regulation) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Small Landholders (Scotland) Act (1911) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time bill, upon Tuesday the 1st day of February next.
Mr. Burgin presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Electricity (Supply) Acts and Public Works Facilities Act, 1930, for the amendment of—Cotton Industry Bills, without any Amendment.

(1) the Newcastle-upon-Tyne Electricity Orders, 1893 to 1931;
(2) the Newcastle and District Electricity Orders, 1891 and 1932.


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

Colonel Calcot presented, by His Majesty’s Irish Command,—Copy of Account for the Irish Sailors’ and Soldiers’ Land Trust for the year ended 31st March 1937.

Colonel Calcot also presented, pursuant to Supreme Court of Judicature; Accounting General of the Supreme Court in respect of the Funds of Suitors of the Court in the year ended 28th February 1937, and also 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; also Statement of the Liability of the Consolidated Fund, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Abstract Account of Receipts into and Road Fund, Payments out of the Road Fund in the year ended 31st March 1937, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

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

Sir Kingsley Wood presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 22nd November 1937, entitled the Contributory Pensions (Determination of Income) Regulations, 1937.

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

Sir Hugh O’Neill reported from Standing Committee B: That they had gone through oComtio ittee B.

Ordered, That the Standing Committee be taken into consideration upon Tuesday the 1st day of February next.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Air-Raid Air-Raid Precautions Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Public Works Public Works Facilities Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, entitled An Conveyancing Act to amend the law of conveyancing in Amendment Amendment Scotland; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.
Sir Kingsley Wood, supported by Mr. Secretary Elliot, Colonel Coleville, and Mr. Bernays, presented a Bill to amend the National Health Insurance Act, 1936, in relation to persons who are, or who since the first day of August, nineteen hundred and thirty-five, have been, employed in the manner mentioned in subsection (2) of section two of that Act: and to make consequential amendments in the Widows', Orphans' and Old Age Contributory Pensions Act, 1936: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House)—(The Prime Minister);

The House divided.

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

Tellers for the Captain Dugdale, Yeas, Mr. Muir, 228.
Tellers for the Mr. Whiteley, Noes, Mr. Mathers, 114.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Adjournment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Captain Margesson);

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

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

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Extension of powers of education authorities with regard to courses of instruction).

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 4, to leave out from the word "charge," to the end of the Clause.—(Mr. Buchanan.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "proposals," in l. 10, stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 9, to leave out from the word "with," to the word with," in l. 13, and insert the words "regulations to be made by the Minister:"—(Mr. Leslie.)

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Captain Hope, Yeas, Colonel Kerr, 219.
Tellers for the Mr. Groves, Noes, Mr. Mathers, 108.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 2 agreed to.

Clause No. 3 (Power to apply moneys of Unemployment Fund in reduction of instalments payable in redemption of debt).

Question proposed, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Coal Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday the 1st day of February next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Housing (Agricultural Population) (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Tuesday the 1st day of February next.

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

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday the 1st day of February next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Population (Statistics) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday the 1st day of February next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Dominica Bill [Lords];

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Blind Persons Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday the 1st day of February next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That Mr. Denman be added to the Committee of Privileges.—(Mr. James Stuart.)

Ordered, That Mr. Peat be discharged from the Select Committee on Estimates, and that Mr. Bosom be added to the Committee.—(Mr. James Stuart.)

Ordered, That so much of the Lords Message of the 16th day of this instant December as communicates the Resolution, 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, Acts confirming Provisional Orders and Special Orders be referred to the Joint Committee on Consolidation Bills; and that the Joint Committee shall not take into consideration any petition against any such Bill, if the petitioners seek to alter the existing law, be now taken into consideration.—(Mr. James Stuart.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Assurance Companies (Amendment) Bill;

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

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

And it being after half-past Eleven of the clock on Tuesday evening, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then twenty-five minutes before One of the clock on Wednesday morning, till this day.

[No. 42.]

Wednesday, 22nd December 1937.

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

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report Private Bill from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the Petitions for the following Bills the Standing Orders have been complied with, viz.:

Aberystwyth Corporation.
Aldridge Urban District Council.
Bangor Corporation.
Barmouth Gas and Water.
Bradford Extension.
Brighton Corporation (Transport).
Brixham Gas and Electricity.
Canterbury Gas and Water.
Clacton Urban District Council.
Cowes Urban District Council.
Crewe Corporation.
Derrivert Water Board.
Glamorgan County Council.
Green Belt (London and Home Counties).
Guilford Corporation.
Irwell Valley Water Board.
Lee Conservancy Catchment Board.
London and North Eastern Railway.
London County Council (Tunnel and Improvements).
London Midland and Scottish Railway.
London Passenger Transport Board.
Middlesex County Council (Sewerage).
Newcastle and Gateshead Waterworks.
Ossett Corporation.
Radcliffe Farnworth and District Gas.
Redcar Corporation.
Romford Gas.
Southern Railway.
Swinton and Pendlebury Corporation.
Workington Corporation.

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

- Adelphi Estate.
- Blackburn Corporation.
- Bombay Baroda and Central India Railway.
- Bristol Corporation.
- Chichester Corporation.
- Dudley Extension.
- Electric Supply Corporation.
- Gateshead and District Tramways and Trolley Vehicles.
- Gateshead Corporation.
- Lancashire County Council (Rivers Board and General Powers).
- Lee Conservancy.
- London County Council (General Powers).
- Manchester Corporation.
- Middlesex County Council (General Powers).
- Middlesex Hospital.
- Nottingham Corporation.
- Plymouth Extension.
- Riekmansworth and Uxbridge Valley Water.
- Royal Sheffield Infirmary and Hospital.
- St. Bartholomew's Hospital.
- Salford Corporation.
- Saltburn and Marske-by-the-Sea Urban District Council.
- Sheffield Gas.
- Shropshire Worcestershire and Staffordshire Electric Power (Consolidation).
- Stockton-on-Tees Corporation.
- Wakefield Corporation.
- Warrington Corporation Water.
- West Surrey Water.
- West Thurrock Estate.
- West Yorkshire Gas Distribution.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Bridgewater Extension) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

Mr. Secretary Eden presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Delegates of the United Kingdom at the Eighteenth Assembly of the League of Nations to the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, London, 1st December 1937. [In continuation of Miscellaneous No. 2, 1937.]

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
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Mr. Burgin presented,—Return to an Order, Tramways dated the 5th day of May in the last Session of Parliament, for a Return relative to Tramways and Light Railways (Street and Road) and Trolley Vehicle Undertakings.

Mr. Burgin also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 16th December 1937, entitled the London Traffic (Prescribed Routes (Green Street Green)) Regulations, 1937.

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

Mr. Ernest Brown presented, pursuant to the Unemployment Insurance Regulations, dated 22nd December 1937, Act, 1937, entitled the Unemployment Insurance (Insurable Employments) Regulations, 1937.

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

Sir Kingsley Wood presented, by His Local Government and Public Health Consolidation Committee.

Copy of Draft of a Food and Drugs Bill Local Government and Public Health Consolidation Committee.

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

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of a Measure, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Copies of Schemes—

(1) for effecting the union of the benefice (being a vicarage) of Westoe and the benefice (being a vicarage) of South Shields, Saint Hilda, both of which benefices are situate in the county of Durham and in the diocese of Durham;

(2) for effecting the union of the benefice (being a vicarage) of Clifton, Dowry Square, Saint Andrew the Less, the benefice (being a vicarage) of Clifton, Holy Trinity, and the benefice (being a vicarage) of Clifton Wood, Saint Peter, all of which benefices are situate in the county of Gloucester and in the diocese of Bristol.

Colonel Gretton reported from the Committee Selection (Standing Committee) Bill:—Major Mills; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Routlands.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Elliot, supported by the Lord Criminal Advocate, Mr. Solicitor-General for Scotland, and Mr. Scrymgeour Wedderburn, presented a Bill to amend the law of Scotland relating to criminal procedure and to the crime of incest, and to the duties of procurators fiscal in relation to fatal accident inquiries: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.
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.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to prohibit the form of trading or investment known as snowball trading; and that Mr. Edwards and Mr. Kingsley Griffiths do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Edwards accordingly presented a Bill to prohibit the form of trading or investment known as snowball trading: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 11th day of February next; and to be printed.


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

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

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

1. Quail Protection Act, 1937.
4. Empire Exhibition (Scotland) Order Confirmation Act, 1937.
5. Rothesay Harbour Order Confirmation Act, 1937.

Resolved, That this House views with concern the long hours of labour, low wages, and bad conditions of employment prevalent in the distributive trades, and, whilst welcoming the efforts made by the best employers and the trades unions through collective agreements to establish better standards, is of opinion that further measures, including a more strict and uniform administration of the Shops Acts, are necessary to raise the social conditions of this very large section of the working community.—(Mr. Rhys Davies.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House, taking note of the upward trend of prices without a corresponding increase in the income of the average household, is of opinion that the public, especially that section of it already suffering on account of inadequate resources, should be protected by measures for the better organisation of production and distribution and the elimination of profiteering in order to keep the cost of living within proper limits.—(Mr. Lathan.)

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 "recognises that the upward trend of prices from their previous low levels was essential to trade recovery, also that the rise in the cost of living reflects a general revival of demand due to better employment and earnings, and welcomes the efforts of His Majesty's Government to facilitate increased efficiency in production and distribution and to secure satisfactory returns to efficient producers consistently with reasonable prices and adequate supplies to consumers."—(Mr. Raikes)—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. Lathan,
Yea, (Mr. Ridley :)
95.
Tellers for the (Mr. Raikes, (Captain Macnamara :)
Noes, 174.

So it passed in the Negative.

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

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

The Dogs Act (1871) Amendment Bill was, Dogs Act according to Order, read a second time. (1871) Amendment
Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Bill. Amendment
Committee of the whole House for Tuesday the 1st day of February next. (Sir Robert Gower.)

The Order of the day being read, for the National Second Reading of the National Health Insurance (Amendment) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 1st day of February next.

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

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. (Captain Dugdale.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-eight minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
The following Papers, presented by His Parlia-
mentary Papers, were delivered to the Librarian (Aarerurn.)

Adjournment. R E S O L V E D. That this House, at its rising
this day, do adjourn till Tuesday 1st February; provided that if it is represented to Mr. Speaker by His Majesty's Government that the public interest requires that the House should meet at any earlier time during the Adjournment, and Mr. Speaker is satisfied that the public interest does so require, he may give notice that he is so satisfied, and thereupon the House shall meet at the time stated in such notice and the Government Business to be transacted on the day on which the House shall so meet shall, subject to the publication of notice thereof in the Order Paper to be circulated on the day on which the House shall so meet, be such as the Government may appoint, but subject as aforesaid the House shall transact its business as if it had been duly adjourned to the day on which it shall so meet, and any Government Orders of the Day and Government Notices of Motions that may stand on the Order Book for the 1st day of February or any subsequent day shall be appointed for the day on which the House shall so meet.—(The Prime Minister.)

Adjournment. A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—
(Captain Margesson)

And it being Five of the clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House, without Question put, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of the 22nd day of this instant December, till Tuesday the 1st day of February next, pursuant to the Resolution of the House this day.

[No. 43.]

Thursday, 23rd December 1937.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

P R A Y E R S.

Adjournment (Christmas.)

RESOLVED, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn till Tuesday 1st February; provided that if it is represented to Mr. Speaker by His Majesty's Government that the public interest requires that the House should meet at any earlier time during the Adjournment, and Mr. Speaker is satisfied that the public interest does so require, he may give notice that he is so satisfied, and thereupon the House shall meet at the time stated in such notice and the Government Business to be transacted on the day on which the House shall so meet shall, subject to the publication of notice thereof in the Order Paper to be circulated on the day on which the House shall so meet, be such as the Government may appoint, but subject as aforesaid the House shall transact its business as if it had been duly adjourned to the day on which it shall so meet, and any Government Orders of the Day and Government Notices of Motions that may stand on the Order Book for the 1st day of February or any subsequent day shall be appointed for the day on which the House shall so meet.—(The Prime Minister.)

Adjournment. A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—
(Captain Margesson)

And it being Five of the clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House, without Question put, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of the 22nd day of this instant December, till Tuesday the 1st day of February next, pursuant to the Resolution of the House this day.

[No. 44.]

Tuesday, 1st February 1938.

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

P R A Y E R S.

Write issued during the Adjournment.

MR. Speaker acquainted the House, That he had issued, during the Adjournment, 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 Lancaster (Farnworth Division), in the room of Guy Rowson, Esquire, deceased.

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University of St. Andrews, the University of Glasgow, the University of Aberdeen, and the University of Edinburgh, in the room of the Right Honourable James Ramsay MacDonald, deceased.

County of Glamorgan (Pontypridd Division), in the room of David Lewis Davies, Esquire, deceased.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Ipswich 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 Ipswich, in the room of Captain Sir Francis John Childs Ganzoni, Baronet, now Lord Belstead, called up to the House of Peers.

(Captain Margesson.)
Tobago.

Trinidad and Tobago. Marks Act, Merchandise.

Palestine. Compensa-

tion.

Disturbances in Trinidad and Tobago in 1937. Conven-
tion between His Majesty, in respect of the United King-
dom, and the President of the French Republic for the
Abolition of Capitulations in Morocco and Zanzibar [with Protoc-
ol of Signature, Minute, and Notes exchanged]. London, 29th July
1937. [Ratifications exchanged in Paris on 1st December 1937.]

Copy of Report presented by Monsieur van Zeeland to the Governments of the United Kingdom and France on the possibility of obtaining a General Reduction of the Obstacles to International Trade, 26th January 1938.

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

Copy of Report of Commission on the Disturbances in Trinidad and Tobago in 1937.

Copy of Report of the Departmental Committee appointed to inquire into certain questions arising under the Workmen’s Compensation Acts including any Orders or Regulations made thereunder.

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

Mr. William Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Report by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries of his proceedings during 1937 under Part III of the Sea Fisheries Act, 1868.

Copy of Fourth Scheme for increasing the Milk Acts, demand for Milk by Publicity and Propaganda within the area of the Milk Marketing Board for England and Wales.

Copies of Orders, dated 18th January 1938, Wheat Act, 1932, entitled—

(1) the Wheat (Anticipated Supply) No. 1 Order, 1938;
(2) the Wheat (Quota Payments) No. 1 Order, 1938.

Copy of Report by the Minister of Agriculture Land and Fisheries on the River Kent Catchment Board (Appeal of the Beetham and Arnside Drainage Board) Order, 1937.


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

Colonel Colville presented, pursuant to the Public Resolution of the House of the 4th day of March 1879,—Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 10th January 1938, under Section 4 of the Appropriation Act, 1936, and Section 4 of the Appropriation Act, 1937, authorising the temporary application of Surpluses on certain Navy Votes for the year 1936 to meet Deficits on other Navy Votes for the same year.

Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 4th January 1938 Public Accounts, entitled—

(1) 18th December 1938, under Section 4 of the Appropriation Act, 1936, and Section 4 of the Appropriation Act, 1937, authorising the temporary application of Surpluses on certain Army Votes for the year 1936 to meet Deficits on other Army Votes for the same year.

Colonel Colville also presented, pursuant to Import Duties the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—(Import Duties Act, 1932.)

Copy of Order, dated 29th December 1937, Import Duties made under the Import Duties Act, 1932, entitled the Additional Import Duties (No. 11) Order, 1937.

Copy of Order, dated 30th December 1937, Import Duties made under the Import Duties Act, 1932, entitled the Additional Import Duties (No. 12) Order, 1937.

Copy of Order, dated 31st January 1938, Import Duties made under the Import Duties Act, 1932, entitled the Additional Import Duties (No. 1) Order, 1938.

Copy of Order, dated 31st January 1938, Import Duties made under the Import Duties Act, 1932, entitled the Additional Import Duties (No. 2) Order, 1938.
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Accounts of the Gas Fund for the year ended 31st March 1937.

Accounts of the General Lighthouse Fund for the year ended 31st March 1937.

Copy of Draft Order in Council entitled the Merchandise Marks (Imported Goods) No. 1 1926. Order, 1938, relating to Door Bolts of Iron or Steel.

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


Copies of Regulations, dated—

(1) 31st December 1937, entitled the London Traffic (Parking Places) (Amendment) (No. 10) Regulations, 1937;
(2) 4th January 1938, entitled the London Traffic (Prescribed Routes) (No. 1) (Watford) Regulations, 1938;
(3) 6th January 1938, entitled the London Traffic (Prescribed Routes) (No. 2) (Eastcote) Regulations, 1938;
(4) 12th January 1938, entitled the London Traffic (Prescribed Routes) (No. 3) (Brixton) Regulations, 1938;
(5) 18th January 1938, entitled the London Traffic (Prescribed Routes) (No. 4) (Bushey Road, Merton), Regulations, 1938.


Copy of Seventeenth Annual Reports of the Caledonian and Crinan Canals, with Accounts, for the year ended 31st March 1937.

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

Sir Kingsley Wood presented, pursuant to the National directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Provisional Regulations, dated 22nd December 1937, entitled the National Health Insurance (Approved Societies) Amendment Regulations (No. 2), 1937.

Copies of Regulations, dated—

(1) 22nd November 1937, entitled the Contributory Pensions (Special Voluntary Contributors) Regulations, 1937;
(2) 13th December 1937, entitled the Contributory Pensions (Full Time Instruction) Regulations, 1937;
(3) 18th January 1938, entitled the Contributory Pensions (Collection of Contributions for Excepted Persons) Regulations, 1938.

Copy of Scheme made under the Town and Country Planning Act, 1920, entitled the Cleeethorpe Planning Scheme.

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

Mr. Ernest Brown presented, pursuant to the Unemployment directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Special Order, dated 5th January 1938, entitled the Unemployment Insurance (Insurance Industry Special Scheme) (Variation and Amendment) Order, 1938.

Copy of Order, dated 14th January 1938, made under the Finance Act, 1932, entitled the Import Duties (Drawback) (No. 1) Order, 1938.
Copies of Regulations, dated—
(1) 22nd December 1937, entitled the Unemployment Insurance (Credit of Contributions) (Amendment) Regulations, 1937;
(2) 18th January 1938, entitled the Unemployment Insurance (Insurable Employments) Regulations, 1938.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Major Tryon presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Eleventh Annual Report of the British Broadcasting Corporation, for 1937.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Colonel Muirhead presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Letters of Agreement between the Secretary of State for Air and Imperial Airways, Limited, respecting the continuation of the Air Service between Kisumu and Lusaka.

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

Colonel Muirhead also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Warrant, dated 6th January 1938, amending in certain respects the Regulations made under the Regimental Debts Act, 1893, as applied to the Royal Air Force.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

From the Foreign Office:
Copies of Orders in Council, dated 21st December 1937, entitled—
(1) the Geneva Conventions, 1906 and 1929 (Mandated Territories) Order in Council, 1937;
(2) the British Protectorates (Geneva Convention) Order in Council, 1937;
(3) the Geneva Convention Act, 1937 (Colonies) Order in Council, 1937;
(4) the Morocco (French Zone) Order in Council, 1937.

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

Mr. Secretary Elliot presented, pursuant to Public Health the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 14th December 1937, entitled the Public Health (Imported Food) (Amendment) Regulations (Scotland), 1937.

Copy of Order made under the Shops Acts by Shops Acts. the Council of the under-mentioned local authority, and confirmed by the Secretary of State for Scotland:—
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

City and royal burgh of Aberdeen.

Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the urban district of Carshalton.

Copy of Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the urban district of Walton and Weybridge.

Orders for the alteration of Coroners' Coroner. Districts in the county of Derby.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table: and that the Papers relative to the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, be printed.
The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Copy of Additional Rule, dated 11th January 1938, for the disposal of Documents which are not considered of sufficient public value to justify their preservation in the Public Record Office.


Copy of Rules, dated 17th December 1937, entitled the Rules of the Supreme Court (No. 3), 1937.

Copy of Rules, dated 9th December 1937, entitled the Title Rules, 1937.

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, 1936, showing the Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31st March 1937, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Accounts of the National Health Insurance Funds (English, Welsh, and Scottish) established pursuant to the National Health Insurance Act, 1936, and of Funds under the control of the Joint Committee for 1936, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Accounts prepared pursuant to Section 27 (1) of the Tithe Act, 1936, of (a) the sums received into and paid out of the Redemption Annuities Account, and (b) the advances to that Account from the Consolidated Fund, in the period ended 31st March 1937, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Accounts be printed.

The The for reading a second time, upon Friday the 11th day of this instant February, the Snowball Trading Bill was read, and discharged.

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

The Conveyancing Amendment (Scotland) Bill [Lords.] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

George Tomlinson, Esquire, Member for the County of Lancaster (Farnworth Division), was sworn.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House)—(The Prime Minister);

The House divided.

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

Tellers for the [Captain Dugdale,
Yeas, Mr. Munro : 278.
Mr. Groves, 116.
Noes, Mr. Charleston :
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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Ordered, That a Bill (other than a Bill which is required to originate in Committee of Ways and Means) the main object of which is the creation of a public charge may either be presented, or brought in upon an Order of the House, by a Minister of the Crown, and, in the case of a Bill so presented or brought in, the creation of the charge shall not require to be authorised by a Committee of the whole House until the Bill has been read a second time, and after the charge has been so authorised the Bill shall be proceeded with in the same manner as a Bill which involves a charge that is subsidiary to its main purpose.

Ordered, That this Order be a Standing Order of the House.—(The Prime Minister.)

The House, according to Order, resolved 

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time, and after the charge

Clause No. 1 (Power to direct information to be furnished).

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, after the words last added, to add the words,—"Any particulars furnished in pursuance of this Act shall be privileged and shall not in any event be liable to be produced in any court of law."—Sir Archibald Southby.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 2 to No. 7 amended, and agreed to.

Schedule amended, and 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 Bill 74.

The House, according to Order, resolved Blind Persons

Clause No. 2 (Duty of local authorities to promote welfare of blind persons).

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 28, to leave out the words "either assistance in an institution or."—Mr. David Adams.

Question proposed, That the word "either" stand part of the Clause.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 3 (Recovery of cost of assistance by one English local authority from another).

Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 8, at the end, to insert the words,—

"Provided that when at the instance of one council a blind person is resident in the
area of another council for the purposes of being trained or employed in a workshop or other institution such blind person shall for the purposes of the Act be deemed to be ordinarily resident in the area of the first-named council, and nothing in this section shall be deemed to relieve the first-named council of their obligations under this Act in respect of that person, his household, and dependants.”—(Mr. Windsor.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 4 (Provisions as to blind persons employed at institutions in Scotland).

Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 42, after the word “employment,” to insert the words “or is undergoing training.”—(Mr. Chapman.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 5 (Interpretation).

Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 11, at the end, to add the words,—

“Provided that if any dispute arises as to whether or not a person is a blind person within the meaning of this section it shall be the duty of the local authority in whose area the blind person is resident to make arrangements for the person to be examined by two ophthalmic surgeons, whose decision, unless there is disagreement, shall be final, and where there is disagreement the local authority shall arrange for the person to be examined by a third ophthalmic surgeon, whose decision shall be final.”—(Mr. Jagger.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 6 agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Thursday next; and be printed.

Dominica Bill

[ Lords. ]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Dominica Bill (Lords);

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

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning:

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And the Question being put;

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

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for Thursday next.—(Captain Margesson.)
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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Performing Animals (Regulation) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 15th day of this instant February.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Small Landholders (Scotland) Act (1911) Amendment Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Secretary of State for Wales and Monmouthshire Bill;

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Cotton Industry Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Assurance Companies (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 Public Health (Coal Mine Refuse) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Dogs Act (1871) Amendment Bill;

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

And it being after half-past Eleven of the clock on Tuesday evening, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then twenty-one minutes before One of the clock on Wednesday morning, till this day.

[No. 45.]

Wednesday, 2nd February 1938.

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

PRAYERS.

A BILL to make further and better provision for the improvement health local government and finances of the Urban District of Aldridge, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

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further and better provision for the improvement health and local government of the district of the Council; to confer further powers on the Council in regard to their water gas and electricity undertakings lands and other matters, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Cowe Urban District Council Bill.

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

Crewe Corporation Bill.

A Bill to empower the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Crewe to construct street works and waterworks and to empower the said Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses to acquire lands for those and for other purposes; to confer further powers on the Corporation with reference to the supply of water and electricity; to make further provision for the improvement health local government and finance of the Borough, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Derwent Valley Water Board Bill.

A Bill to confer further powers upon the Derwent Valley Water Board, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Glamorgan County Council Bill.

A Bill to provide for alteration of the statutory requirements as to administration of public assistance in the County of Glamorgan, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Green Belt (London and Home Counties) Bill.

A Bill to make provision for the preservation from industrial or building development of areas of land in and around the administrative counties of London; to confer powers for that purpose upon the London County Council and certain other authorities and persons, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Guildford Corporation Bill.

A Bill to authorise the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Guildford to execute street works and to acquire lands for those and other purposes; to empower the Corporation to purchase by agreement the Godalming Navigation and to confer further powers upon them in regard to their water electricity and markets 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.

Irwel Valley Water Board Bill.

A Bill to confirm the purchase by the Irwel Valley Water Board of certain land; to empower the Board to construct waterworks and collect impound take and use waters; to confer further powers upon the Board, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to authorise the Lee Conservancy Lee Catchment Board to execute works and exercise powers with respect to the drainage of their catchment area and for the prevention of floods therein, 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 widen certain North Eastern Railway Bill.

A Bill to empower the London and North Eastern Railway Company to widen certain of their railways; to construct other works in connection with their undertaking and to acquire lands; to confer further powers on 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 London County Council to make a new street street widenings and other works in connection with the southern approach to Wandsworth Bridge; and to construct a tunnel under the River Thames and other works in connection with Blackwall Tunnel; to empower the Council of the Metropolitan Borough and City of Westminster 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 London Scottish Railway Company to construct works and to acquire lands; to amend the Superannuation Scheme of the Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to empower the London Passenger Transport Board to provide certain services of trolley vehicles; to construct new works; to acquire lands; to extend the time for the compulsory purchase of certain lands and the completion of certain works; 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 make further provision for the Middlesex County Council and parts of adjoining counties; to confer further powers upon the Middlesex County Council and local authorities in the said counties, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to make further provision for the riparian and areas of Farnworth and parts of adjoining counties; to confer further powers upon the Radcliffe and Little Lever Joint Gas Board to the Farnworth and Kearsley Gas Company and for the dissolution of the Radcliffe Joint Gas Company Bill.
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of the Board; to change the name of the said Company; to consolidate the capital of the said Company; to extend the limits for the supply of gas by and to confer powers upon the said Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to confer further powers on the Redcar Corporation Bill.

A Bill to confer further powers on the Mayor Aldermen and Burgess of the Borough of Redcar in regard to their electricity gas and water undertakings and to make further and better provision for the improvement health local government and finance of the borough, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to confer further powers on the Romford Gas 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 Southern Railway Company to construct works and to acquire lands; to extend the time for the compulsory purchase of certain lands; to make provision with reference to the rates rents tolls and charges which may be levied at the Southampton Docks of the Company; to confer further 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 confer further powers on the Swinton and Pendlebury Corporation Bill.

A Bill to confer further powers on the Mayor Aldermen and Burgess of the borough of Swinton and Pendlebury in regard to their electricity undertaking lands and other matters; to make further and better provision for the improvement health and local government of the borough; to transfer to the Corporation the powers of a Burial Board, 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 Burgess of the borough of Workington to construct additional waterworks; to take water from the river Derwent; to construct an outfall pipe, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Sir Kingsley Wood presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order of the Minister of Health relating to the borough of Nuneaton: 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. Burgin presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, — Copy of Special Order made under the Electricity (Supply) Acts and Public Works Facilities Act, 1930, in respect of the burghe of Fort William and part of the county of Inverness. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Eden presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Treaty of Commerce between His Majesty in respect of the Commonwealth of Australia and the President Vol. 193.

of the Czechoslovak Republic [with Final Protocol and Notes exchanged]. Canberra, 3rd August 1936. Prague, 19th August 1936. [Ratifications exchanged at Canberra on 11th November 1937.]

Copy of Notes exchanged between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom (No. 10, 1938.) and the Chilean Government constituting a Temporary Commercial Agreement. Santiago, 20th November 1937.

Copy of Notes exchanged between His Treaty Series Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom (No. 11, 1938.) and the Government of India and the Royal Siamese Government for the operation of regular Air Services over Siam and over India and Burma, Bangkok, 3rd December 1937.

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

Earl Winterton presented, pursuant to the Universities directions of an Act of Parliament,— Copy of Oxford and Statute made by the Governing Body of New College, Oxford, on the 6th October 1937, amending an existing Statute of the College. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, — Copy of Order made under the Shops Acts by the Council of the under-mentioned local authority, and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department:—

Borough and county of Berwick-upon-Tweed. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. William Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,— Copy of Report by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries of his proceedings during 1937 under the General Pier and Harbour Acts, 1861 to 1915. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Colonel Mainhead presented, pursuant to the Air Force directions of an Act of Parliament,— Copy of the Air Force Act, 1917. Order, dated 18th January 1938, amending in certain respects the Regulations appended to His Majesty's Order dated 6th March 1937, and included in a volume entitled the King's Regulations and Air Council Instructions for the Royal Air Force (1928), as amended by subsequent Orders. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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

Copy of all Applications made by the First Bank of Lord of the Treasury and the Chancellor of the England, Exchequer to the Governor and Deputy Governor of the Bank of England for advances to Government authorised by Parliament, from 6th January 1937 to 5th January 1938, and the answers of the said Court thereto.
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 "taking note of the effects of the exploitation in the jute industry in Bengal by British and other capital, calls upon the Government to promote an international conference for the purpose of fixing minimum standards of labour conditions and imposing an international prohibition of imports of goods produced under conditions below those standards so long as there is an alternative source of supply of such goods produced under fair and reasonable conditions,"—(Mr. Watson),—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,
Sir Arnold Wilson,
Miss Horborough:

Tellers for the Noes,
Mr. Watson,
Mr. Leonard:

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being again proposed:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

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

Resolved, That in the opinion of this House, Bombing of the growing horror of aerial bombardment of defenceless civilians should be expressed in an international agreement to co-operate in its prohibition, and urges His Majesty's Government to exert its influence to this end.—(Mr. Morgan Jones.)

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 this House do now adjourn.—Adjournment. (Captain Dugdale.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till nineteen minutes after Ten of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
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Thursday, 3rd February 1938.

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

PRAYERS.

Bournemouth Corporation (Trolley Vehiches) Provisional Order Bill. Bill 70.

CAPTAIN Austin Hudson presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order made by the Minister of Transport under the Bournemouth Corporation Act, 1930, relating to Bournemouth Trolley Vehicles: And the same was read the first time.

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

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

Public Petitions. Vide First Report.


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

Trade and Navigation. No. 41.

Mr. Stanley presented,—Return to an Order dated the 2nd 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.

Housing (Scotland) Acts.

Mr. Secretary Elliot presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 17th December 1937, entitled the Housing (Reports on Over-crowding) Regulations (Scotland), 1937.

Copy of Regulations, dated 3rd January 1938, entitled the Contributory Pensions (References) Regulations (Scotland), 1938.

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

Contributory Pensions (Scotland.)

Colonel Creighton reported from the Committee Selection of Selection: That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee B:—Mr. George Hall; and had appointed in Committee B substitution: Mr. Rhyas Davies.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Elliot, supported by the Lord Scottish Land Advocate, Mr. Scrymgeour Wedderburn, and Court Bill. Mr. Solicitor-General for Scotland, presented a Bill to make provision with regard to the tenure of office and superannuation of members of the Scottish Land Court: 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 the Coal Bill be the House, exempted, at this day’s Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House)—(The Prime Minister).

The House divided.

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

Tellers for the [Captain Dugdale, (Mr. Muir); 260.]

Tellers for the [Mr. Groves, 124.

Noes, (Mr. Whiteley]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, resolved Coal Bill, itself into a Committee on the Coal Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 39 agreed to.

Clause No. 40 (Duty of the Commission to reduce number of coal-mining undertakings where necessary in interests of efficiency).

Amendment proposed, in p. 37, to leave out ll. 21 to 25.—(Mr. George Hall.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 37, l. 28, at the end, to insert the words,—

"Provided also that in any action taken under this or the next succeeding subsection to effect a reduction in the number of such undertakings the Commission shall have regard to any representations made to them by any local authority in the area or by the Commissioners for the Special Areas with respect to existing social facilities and works such as transport, roads, schools, housing, places of entertainment, lighting, water supply, and other facilities and works, and shall also have regard to the possible
effect upon the wage standards and hours of labour of the persons employed in such undertakings, and shall take measures to provide for the transference or absorption of workers who may be displaced."—(Mr. Shinwell.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the  

Mr. Groves, 

Yes,  

136.

Mr. Mathers:

Tellers for the  

Captain Dugdale,

Noes,  

224.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 37, l. 29, to leave out subsection (2), and insert the words,—

"(2) The Commission may at any time after the thirty-first day of December, nineteen hundred and thirty-nine, if they are of opinion that adequate progress in the reduction of the number of coal-mining undertakings cannot otherwise be made, make application by petition to the Board of Trade for an order to provide that the powers of the Commission under the said section thirteen of submitting amalgamation and absorption schemes shall become exercisable in any area specified in such petition as an area in which such progress has, in the opinion of the Commission, been inadequate, and on receipt of such petition the Board of Trade may, after public inquiry and after consultation with the owners of the coal-mining undertakings affected, prepare a draft order to carry the said petition into effect, either wholly or in part, and may by such order propose that the number of coal-mining undertakings shall be reduced in that area, or in any part thereof specified in such order, and that the powers aforesaid shall be exercisable either unconditionally or subject to such conditions as may be specified in such order:

Provided that—

(a) any such petition shall be accompanied by a report of the Commission to the Board of Trade setting forth the reasons for which such a scheme as aforesaid will (in the opinion of the Commission) promote the economical and efficient working, treating, and disposing of coal and a copy of such report shall be supplied on demand to the owner of any coal-mining undertaking affected;

(b) any such draft order shall so define the area in which the said powers are to become exercisable as to show so far as practicable what undertakings are likely to be affected by their exercise;

(c) an order under this section shall if opposed be provisional only and shall have no effect until confirmed by Parliament, and the provisions set out in the Schedule (Procedure for making and provisions as to the validity of orders) to this Act shall have effect with respect to the making and validity of such orders;

(d) if a petition is presented to either House of Parliament against any such order the Board of Trade shall, before the expiration of six days after such presentation, lay upon the Table of such House of Parliament a report setting forth the reasons for which such a scheme as aforesaid will, in the opinion of the Board, promote the economical and efficient working, treating, and disposing of coal, and a copy of such report shall be supplied by the Board of Trade on demand to the owner of any coal-mining undertaking affected as aforesaid;

(e) an order made under this section may be revoked, altered, or amended by a subsequent order made by the Board of Trade under and in accordance with the provisions of this section."—(Sir Geoffrey Ellis.)

Question proposed, That the words "The Commission" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 37, l. 29, to leave out the word "may," and insert the word "shall."—(Mr. Robert Taylor.)

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

An Amendment made.

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the  

Captain Hope,  

Yes,  

205.

Colonel Kerr:

Tellers for the  

Mr. Whiteley,  

Noes,  

124.

Mr. Mathers:

Clause No. 41 (Powers of the Commission as to obtaining information for purposes of Part II).

Amendment proposed, in p. 38, l. 28, to leave out the words "specified in the authority," and insert the words "in an area in which the powers of the Commission under section thirteen of the Coal Mines Act, 1939, of submitting schemes are exercisable."—(Colonel Clarke.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 42 agreed to.

Ordered, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again.—(Colonel Kerr.)

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

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

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

Committee of Supply;

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Population (Statistics) Bill, as amended in the Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Blind Persons Bill, as amended in the Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Population (Statistics) Bill, as amended in the Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Dominica Bill [Lords];
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the National Health Insurance (Amendment) Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Housing (Agricultural Population) (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 Criminal Procedure (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 Conveyancing Amendment (Scotland) Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

And it being after half-past Eleven of the clock, 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.

SECRETARY Sir Samuel Hoare presented, Shops Acts.
pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order made under the Shops Acts by the Council of the under-
mentioned local authority, and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Depart-
ment:—
Borough of Rugby.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Elliot presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations dated 1st January 1938, entitled the National Health Insurance (Insurance Committees) Regulations (Scotland), 1938.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—
Account of the Securities held by the National Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt at 31st December 1937 as investments for moneys forming part of (a) the National Health Insurance Funds for England, Wales, and Scotland respectively; (b) the Central Fund; and (c) the Unemployment Arrears Fund, paid over to them under the National Health Insurance Act, 1936.
Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Nationalisation of Mines and Minerals Bill;

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

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

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. Parkinson, 117.  
(Mr. Tinker;)
Tellers for the Noes, (Mr. Wakefield, 167.  
Sir Arnold Gridley;)
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 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 Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Works Councils 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 Loss of Employment (Compensation) 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 Peace Bill;

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

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

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

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

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

Whereupon Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, without Question put, pursuant to Standing Order No. 2, it being then nine minutes after Four of the clock, till Monday next.

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[No. 48.]

Monday, 7th February 1938.

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

PRAYERS.

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

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

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

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

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

The Brighton Corporation (Transport) Bill was read a second time, and committed.

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

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

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

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

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

The Derwent Valley Water Board Bill was read a second time, and committed.

The Glamorgan County Council Bill was read a second time, and committed.

The Green Belt (London and Home Counties) Bill was read a second time, and committed.

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

The Irwell Valley Water Board Bill was read a second time, and committed.

Ordered, That the Lee Conservancy Catchment Board Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Ordered, That the London and North Eastern Railway Bill be read a second time to-morrow, and committed.

Ordered, That the London Midland and Scottish Railway Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Ordered, That the London Passenger Transport Board Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Middlesex County Council (Sewerage) Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

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

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

The Ossett Corporation Bill was read a second time, and committed.
The Radcliffe Farnworth and District Gas Bill was read a second time, and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

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

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

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

Ordered, That the Swinton and Pendlebury Corporation Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

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

Colonel Coleville presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Accounts of the Agricultural Research Council, established by Order in Council made on 29th June 1931, showing the Receipts and Payments in the year ended 31st March 1937, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

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


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

Colonel Gretton reported from the Committee of Selection: That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee B:—Mr. Dugdale; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Dobbie.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on the Coal 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 (Captain Hope, Captain Dougdale: 230.
Tellers for the (Mr. Groves, Mr. Mathers: 108.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Coal Bill.

(In the Committee).

Clause No. 43 (Amendment and continuance of Part 1 of 20 & 21 Geo. 5. c. 34).

Amendment proposed, in p. 40, l. 58, to leave out from the word "the," to the word "and," in l. 49, and insert the words "first day of August, nineteen hundred and thirty-nine."—(Sir Reginald Clarry.)
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the National Health Insurance (Amendment) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Housing (Agricultural Population) (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 National Health Insurance (Amendment) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Conveyancing Amendment Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Consolidation Bills.

Ordered, That the Lords' Message of the 2nd day of this instant February relating to the appointment of a Committee on Consolidation Bills be now taken into consideration.—(Mr. James Stuart.)

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

Ordered, That a Select Committee of Six Members be appointed to join with the Committee appointed by the Lords to consider all Consolidation Bills in the present Session.

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

Ordered, That Three be the quorum of the Committee.

The Committee was nominated of,—Mr. Allen Chapman, Mr. Clement Davies, Captain Ernest Evans, Major Milner, Mr. Radford, and Mr. Ross Taylor.—(Mr. James Stuart.)

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to acquaint them therewith, and that the Clerk do carry the said Message.

Adjournment.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till sixteen minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
Sir Kingstey Wood presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Provisional Special Order, dated 31st January 1938, entitled the National Health Insurance (Subsidiary Employments) Order, 1938.

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

Sir Charles MacAndrew reported from the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills: That they had gone through the Prevention and Treatment of Blindness (Scotland) Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Friday the 6th day of May next.

No. 44.

Business of the House.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on the Coal 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 Margesson : } 129.

Tellers for the {Mr. Adamson : } 127.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Coal Bill.

(In the Committee.)

A Clause (Limitation as to information required to be given under the Registration Act)—(Captain Crookshank)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Sinking or opening of new mines)—(Sir Stafford Cripps)—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, Yeas : } 122.

Teller for the {Mr. Groves, Noes : } 241.

Another Clause (As to existing leases)—(Mr. Peake)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Compensation for employees of mineral agents in case of loss of employment or diminution of emoluments)—(Mr. Ridley)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Leases not to be refused unreasonably)—(Mr. Herbert Williams)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Compensation to mineral surveyors and others displaced)—(Sir George Courthope)—brought up, and read the first time.

Ordered, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again.—(Captain Courthope.)

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, next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

Committee of Supply:

Resolved, That this House will, 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 Housing Second Reading of the Housing (Financial Provisions) Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Scottish Land Second Reading of the Scottish Land Court Bill; Court Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.
Wednesday, 9th February 1938.

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

PRAYERS.

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

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

Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare presented, by Criminal His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Statistics relating to Crime, Criminal Proceedings, and Coroner’s Investigations for England and Wales, for 1936.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Burgis presented, pursuant to the Roads Act, directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of 1929 Regulations, dated 5th February 1938, entitled the Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) Regulations, 1938.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Colonel Colville presented, by His Majesty’s Civil Command,—Estimate of a further sum required to be voted for the service of the year ending 31st March 1938.
Copy of Recommendations of the Import Duties Advisory Committee, dated 6th January 1938, relating to the Import Duties (Drawback) (No. 2) Order, 1938.

Copy of Recommendations of the Import Duties Advisory Committee, dated 13th January 1938, relating to the Import Duties (Drawback) (No. 3) Order, 1938.

Colonel Colville also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,— Copy of Order, dated 9th February 1938, made under the Finance Act, 1932, entitled the Import Duties (Drawback) (No. 2) Order, 1938.

Copy of Order, dated 9th February 1938, made under the Import Duties (Drawback) (No. 3) Order, 1938.

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.

Standing Committee B.

Colonel Gretton reported from the Committee of Selection: That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee B:—Colonel Mason; and had appointed in substitution:—Mr. Rolleston.

Colonel Gretton further reported from the Committee: That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee B (added in respect of the Hire-Purchase Bill):—Sir John Smelley Crooke; and had appointed in substitution:—Mr. Herbert Williams.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, having regard to the experience gained in the great war and the necessity for avoiding or minimising similar risks in any future emergency, this House is of opinion that, in addition to making provision for an adequate supply of essential foodstuffs in this Country, His Majesty's Government should forthwith undertake the building of new or the extension of existing storage plant in suitable places immune from air-attack and by the purposes for which it is imposed, must be judged by the equity of its incidence and by the necessity for rearmament, views with concern the continued growth of expenditure by the central Government and by local authorities, and is of opinion that His Majesty's Government should do everything in their power to lighten the burdens imposed upon all classes of taxpayers and ratepayers—(Captain Balfour);

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question in 1., by leaving out from the word "House," to the end of the Question, and adding the words "realising that the burden of national and local expenditure must be judged by the equity of its incidence and by the purposes for which it is imposed, is of opinion that the maintenance and extension of the social services are an essential part of the national well-being, and is therefore convinced that it is the duty of the State and by the purposes for which it is imposed, is of opinion that the maintenance and extension of the social services are an essential part of the national well-being, and is therefore convinced that it is the duty of the State to develop the national resources to the full and utilise them for the common good,”—(Mr. Ridley),—instead thereof.

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

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

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House, while recognising the great measure of economic recovery and social progress achieved during the last five years and the exceptional expenditure entailed by the necessity for rearmament, views with concern the continued growth of expenditure by the central Government and by local authorities, and is of opinion that His Majesty's Government should do everything in their power to lighten the burdens imposed upon all classes of taxpayers and ratepayers—(Captain Balfour);

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

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

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House, while recognising the great measure of economic recovery and social progress achieved during the last five years and the exceptional expenditure entailed by the necessity for rearmament, views with concern the continued growth of expenditure by the central Government and by local authorities, and is of opinion that His Majesty's Government should do everything in their power to lighten the burdens imposed upon all classes of taxpayers and ratepayers—(Captain Balfour);

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question in 1., by leaving out from the word "House," to the end of the Question, and adding the words "realising that the burden of national and local expenditure must be judged by the equity of its incidence and by the necessity for rearmament, views with concern the continued growth of expenditure by the central Government and by local authorities, and is of opinion that His Majesty's Government should do everything in their power to lighten the burdens imposed upon all classes of taxpayers and ratepayers—(Captain Balfour);

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

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

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

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

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

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House, while recognising the great measure of economic recovery and social progress achieved during the last five years and the exceptional expenditure entailed by the necessity for rearmament, views with concern the continued growth of expenditure by the central Government and by local authorities, and is of opinion that His Majesty's Government should do everything in their power to lighten the burdens imposed upon all classes of taxpayers and ratepayers—(Captain Balfour);

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

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

And it being after half-past Seven of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned.
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[No. 51.]

Thursday, 10th February 1938.

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 Lee Conservancy Catchment Board Bill:

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

Southern Railway Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Southern Railway Bill:

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

Mr. Secretary Elliot presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Report by the Secretary of State for Scotland of his proceedings regarding applications for Provisional Orders under the Harbours, Piers and Ferries (Scotland) Act, 1937.

Shops Acts.

Copy of Order made under the Shops Acts by the Council of the under-mentioned local authority, and confirmed by the Secretary of State for Scotland:

Burgh of Dumfries.

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

Standing Committee A. Cinematograph Films Bill, Bill 81.

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

No. 46.

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 Unemployment Insurance Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to give effect to an International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property and to amend the provisions of the Patents and Designs Acts 1907 to 1932 relating to matters affected by the said Convention; and to give effect to an International Agreement regarding false indications of origin on goods and to amend the provisions of the Merchandise Marks Acts 1887 to 1926 relating to matters affected by the said Agreement; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Unemployment Insurance Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on the Coal 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 [Captain Waterhouse, Yeas, Mr. Grimston:]

250.

Tellers for the [Mr. Groves, Noes, Mr. Mathers:]

127.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, resolved Coal Bill itself into a Committee on the Coal Bill.

(In the Committee.)

First Schedule.

Amendment proposed, in p. 44, l. 19, to leave out the words " a member or."—(Mr. Tom Smith.)

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Cross, Yeas, Sir James Edmondson:]

180.

Tellers for the [Mr. Charleton, Noes, Mr. Whiteley:]

120.

An Amendment made.

Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Second Schedule.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 46, l. 33, to leave out sub-paragraph (3).—(Sir Stafford Cripps.)

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

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 47, l. 41, to leave out the words " to make good, or."—(Mr. Spens.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 47, l. 42, at the beginning, to insert the words " loss or."—(Mr. Wedgwood.)

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

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 48, l. 11, at the end, to insert the words " and the Commission shall also include in such notice an intimation that the underground colliery plans arising from the beneficial exercise or grant of any right as aforesaid shall, subject to such safeguards as they may think fit, be available at any time to—"

(a) prospective builders;
(b) local authorities in connection with town planning and housing schemes;
(c) owners of property desiring to prefer claims for compensation believed to be due to subsidence occasioned by mineral workings.—(Mr. Wedgwood.)
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Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments made.

Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Third Schedule.

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 50, l. 44, to leave out from the word "persons," to the end of l. 4, p. 51.—(Mr. Beresford.)

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

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 51, l. 44, after the word "region," to insert the words "including estates to which section twelve of this Act relates."—(Mr. Rowlands.)

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

Other Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 58, l. 30, after the word "relates," to insert the words "wholly or partially."—(Sir Stafford Cripps.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 58, l. 35, after the word "heard," to insert the words "and giving evidence."—(Mr. Shinwell.)

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

Other Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 60, l. 44, at the end, to insert the words "and the sum total of all such costs shall be deducted from the total sum allocated for compensation in each region in accordance with subsection (4) of section six of this Act before such sum is apportioned amongst the claimants in accordance with subsection (7) of section seven of this Act."—(Mr. William Joseph Stewart.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Whiteley, 107. Yeas, Mr. Adamson:]

Tellers for the [Sir James Edmondson: 190. Noes, Mr. Furness:]

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 61, l. 24, to leave out sub-paragraph (6).—(Sir Stafford Cripps.)

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Captain Waterhouse, 194. Yeas, Mr. Furness:]

Tellers for the [Mr. Groves, 107. Noes, Mr. Adamson:]

Other Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 65, l. 12, to leave out the words "A sum paid under this provision," and insert the words "Provided that no payment on account shall be made under this paragraph, except with the consent of the person entitled, either—

(a) before the first day of January, nineteen hundred and forty; or

Vol. 193. (b) unless the Commission have given to the person entitled not less than three months' notice in writing of their intention to make the payment.)

(2) A payment on account made under this paragraph.—(Captain Crookshank.)

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

Question put, That the proposed words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Captain Hope, 194. Yeas, Sir James Edmondson:]

Tellers for the [Mr. Groves, 98. Noes, Mr. Charletons:]

Other Amendments made.

Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Fourth Schedule.

Amendment proposed, in p. 71, l. 7, to leave out from the word "shall," to the end of l. 11, and insert the words,—

"(a) prepare a draft of the proposed substituted lease of the premises comprised in the subsisting lease the immediate reversion wherein is vested in the Commission (in this Schedule called the transferred premises), and deliver a copy thereof, and a copy of any revision thereof, to each of the persons, other than the Commission, who are for the time being interested in the premises comprised in the subsisting lease whether as lessors or lessees or as consenting to the demise, and shall prove to the reasonable satisfaction of the person or persons for the time being occupying the position of lessor under the subsisting lease (in this Schedule called the existing lessor) that such proposed substituted lease contains all proper provisions for protecting the interests of the persons interested in the premises comprised in the subsisting lease the immediate reversion wherein is not vested in the Commission (in this Schedule called the remaining premises), or in any other premises not being part of the transferred premises against anything which may be done or may happen in, or in connection with, the transferred premises, or any operations therein or connected therewith during the term of the substituted lease of the transferred premises, such provisions being similar to and not less favourable to those persons than the provisions for similar purposes contained in the subsisting lease; and

(b) give notice in writing to the existing lessor requiring the preparation by him of a draft of the proposed substituted lease of the remaining premises and serve a copy of such notice on the lessee under the subsisting lease."—(Mr. Spens.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 71, l. 36, to leave out the words "Board of Trade," and insert the words "President of the Law Society."—(Mr. Spens.)

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

Schedule agreed to.

Ordered, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again.—(Captain Margesson.)

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

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

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

Resolved, That this House will, 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.

Housing (Financial Provisions) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Housing (Financial Provisions) Bill;

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

Scottish Land Court Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Scottish Land Court Bill;

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

Population (Statistics) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Population (Statistics) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

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

Blind Persons Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Blind Persons Bill, as amended in the Committee;

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

Dominica Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Dominica Bill [Lords];

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

National Health Insurance (Amendment) Bill.

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

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

Housing (Agricultural Population) (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Housing (Agricultural Population) (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 Land Tax Commissioners Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Criminal Procedure (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 Conveyancing Amendment (Scotland) Bill [Lords.];

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

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

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

[No. 52.]

Friday, 11th February 1938.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

SECRETARY Sir Samuel Hoare presented, Shops Acts, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order made under the Shops Acts by the Council of the undermentioned local authority, and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department:—

City of Leicester.

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

Mr. Attorney-General presented, pursuant to Standing Order 189,—Copy of Report of the Attorney-General on the Guildford Corporation Bill.

Copy of Report of the Attorney-General on the London County Council (General Powers) Bill [Lords].

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

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

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

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

Ordered, That the Reports be referred to the Committees on the Bills.
Oil from Coal. Sir Thomas Inskip presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Sub-Committee of the Committee of Imperial Defence on Oil from Coal.

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

Typhoid Fever at Croydon. Sir Kingsley Wood presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report on a public local inquiry into an outbreak of typhoid fever at Croydon in October and November 1937.

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

Mr. Stanley presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Draft of a Special Order proposed to be made under the Gas Undertakings Acts on the application of the Spalding Urban District Council.

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

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


Accounts of the Land Purchase Commission, Northern Ireland, for the year ended 31st March 1937, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Accounts of the Unemployment Fund established pursuant to Section 58 (1) of the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1935, showing the Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31st March 1937, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Account of the Wheat Fund, established under the Wheat Act, 1932, showing the Revenue and Expenditure attributable to the cereal year ended 31st July 1937, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Papers be printed.

The Leasehold Property (Repairs) 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 Elections (Motor Cars) 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. Raikes.)

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Monday next.

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

Major Milner rose in his place, and claimed Closure claimed, but Mr. Speaker withheld his assent withholding.

Major Milner rose in his place, and claimed Closure claimed, but Mr. Speaker withheld his assent, and declined then to put that Question:—Then the House resumed the Debate.

Major Milner rose in his place, and claimed Closure claimed, but Mr. Speaker withheld his assent, and declined then to put that Question:—Then the House resumed the Debate.

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

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Agricultural Marketing Act (1933) Amendment Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Public Second Reading of the Public Meeting Act (1908) Amendment Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Works Councils Bill

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Works Second Reading of the Agricultural Marketing Act (1933) Amendment Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Works Second Reading of the Public Meeting Act (1908) Amendment Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Peace 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 Supply 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. 2, it being then one minute after Four of the clock, till Monday next.
Prayers.

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Guildford Corporation Bill:
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 London and North Eastern Railway Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Midland and Scottish Railway Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Middlesex County Council (Sewerage) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

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

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

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

Mr. Attorney-General presented, pursuant to Standing Order 189,—Copy of Report of the Attorney-General on the Blackpool Improvement Bill.

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

Copy of Report of the Attorney-General on the Salford Corporation Bill [Lords.]
Ordered, That the Reports be referred to the Committees on the Bills.

Mr. Stanley presented, pursuant to the Merchant directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Shipping Draft Order in Council, entitled the Merchant Shipping (Light Dues) Order, 1938.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Colonel Muirhead presented, by His Majesty’s Empire Air Command,—Copy of Supplemental Agreement Mail Scheme, between the Secretary of State for Air and the Postmaster-General respecting the continuation of the South African (Empire) Agreement.

Colonel Muirhead also presented, pursuant Air Force (Constitution) Act, 1917, providing for the re-issue, with amendments and additions, of the Regulations included in a volume entitled The King’s Regulations and Air Council Instructions for the Royal Air Force (1928).

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

Arthur Pearson, Esquire, Member for the New Member County of Glamorgan (Pontypridd Division), sworn, was sworn.

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 [Mr. Munro,
Mr. Furness]
Tellers for the [Mr. Charleton,
Mr. Mathers]
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, resolved Coal Bill, itself into a Committee on the Coal Bill.

(In the Committee.)
Fifth and Sixth Schedules amended, and agreed to.

Seventh Schedule.
An Amendment made.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 77, l. 56, to leave out the words “and not otherwise,” and insert the words “or by the payment of a sum of money in cash or partly in securities and partly in cash.”—(Mr. Peake.)
Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule, put, and agreed to.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 78, l. 7, to leave out the words “make provision for the determination of,” and insert the word “specify.”—(Mr. Peake.)
Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Other Amendments made.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 79, l. 17, after the word “are,” to insert the words “in their opinion.”—(Mr. Peake.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 79, l. 19, after the word " calculated," to insert " (i). "—(Mr. Peake.)

Question proposed, That " (i) " be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 79, l. 34, at the end, to insert the words " and unless so satisfied they shall not confirm the scheme. "—(Mr. Peake.)

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

Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Eight Schedule.

Amendment proposed, in p. 79, l. 40, to leave out paragraph 1, and insert the words,

" (2) The chairman and other members of every committee of investigation shall be persons appointed by the Board of Trade and the Board shall appoint as chairman a member of the legal profession and as other members persons who appear to the Board to be substantially independent of the coal industry or of any other industry in which large quantities of coal are used and who are not members or officers or servants of an organisation of employers or workpeople in the coal-mining industry practising mining engineers, or in any other manner directly connected with that industry. "—(Sir Lambert Ward.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 80, l. 29, to leave out from the beginning, to the word " Any," in l. 33,—(Mr. Gordon Macdonald.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 80, l. 43, at the end, to insert the words,

" (3D) Any other question relating to the meetings or procedure of a committee of investigation shall be decided in accordance with directions issued by the Board of Trade for the purpose. "—(Mr. Shinwell.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 82, l. 29, at the end, to insert the words,

" 7. (1) There shall be constituted a Consumers Committee (hereinafter referred to as the ' Consumers Committee,' ) which shall consist of a chairman and not less than six other members who shall be appointed by the Minister to represent the interests of consumers of coal. Such Committee shall be charged with the duty of considering and reporting to the Minister on—

(i) the effect of any marketing scheme which is for the time being in force; and

(ii) any complaints made to the Committee as to the effect of any such scheme on consumers of coal.

(2) If the Consumers Committee reports to the Minister that any provision of a marketing scheme or any act or omission of an executive board administering such a scheme is, in their opinion, contrary to the interests of consumers of coal or is contrary to the interests of any persons affected by the scheme and is not in the public interest, the Minister may, if he thinks fit so to do after considering the report, refer the matter to the Central Appeal Tribunal to be constituted as hereinafter provided for their consideration.

(3) For the purpose of enabling the Committee or the Central Appeal Tribunal to consider any matter which it is their duty under this paragraph to consider, the Council or the Executive Board, administering the scheme to which the matter relates, shall furnish to the Committee or Tribunal such accounts and other information relating to the affairs of the Board as the Committee or Tribunal consider relevant, and shall be entitled to make representation to the Committee or Tribunal with respect to the matter in such manner as may be prescribed by regulations of the Minister.

(4) If the Central Appeal Tribunal reports to the Minister that any provision of a marketing scheme or any act or omission of a board administering such a scheme is contrary to the interests of consumers of coal or is contrary to the interests of any persons affected by the scheme and is not in the public interest, the Minister, if he thinks fit so to do after considering the report—

(a) may by order make such amendments in the scheme as they consider necessary or expedient for the purpose of rectifying the matter;

(b) may by order revoke the scheme;

(c) in the event of the matter being one which it is within the power of the Board administering the scheme to rectify, may by order direct the Board to take such steps to rectify the matter as may be specified in the order;

and it shall be the duty of the Board administering such a scheme to comply with any directions applying to that Board which are contained in an order under head (c) of this sub-paragraph.

Provided that—

(i) every order under head (a) or head (c) of this sub-paragraph shall, as soon as may be after it is made, be laid before Parliament and if either House of Parliament within the next twenty-eight days on which that House has sat after any such order is laid before it, resolves that the order be annulled, it shall thereupon become void, without prejudice, however, to anything previously done thereunder or to the making of a new order;

(ii) an order under head (b) of this sub-paragraph shall not take effect unless and until it has been approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament; and

(iii) before taking any action under this sub-paragraph the Minister shall give the Board administering the scheme notice of the action which he proposes to take, and shall consider any representations made by the Board within fourteen days after the date of the notice. "—(Sir Lambert Ward.)
The Lords Amendment in p. 2, l. 14, leave out from the beginning to the second ("and") in l. 18 and insert ("Every employment specified in the Schedule to this Act that is an employment specified in Part I of the First Schedule to the principal Act shall, on and after the fourth day of April, nineteen hundred and thirty-eight, be an insurable employment for the purposes of the Unemployment Insurance Acts, 1935 and 1936, unless it is an excepted employment").", the first Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 4, l. 34, after ("under") insert ("the foregoing provisions of").

the next Amendment, being read a second time;
And it appearing that the object of the Special Entry. Amendment was to make clear the intentions of the Commons, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 5, l. 20, after ("court") insert ("or to any person who is discharged on account of fraudulent enlistment").

the next Amendment, being read a second time;
And it appearing that the object of the Special Entry. Amendment was to make provision for special cases not previously contemplated by the Commons, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 5, l. 30, leave out from ("benefit") to ("during") in l. 32, the next Amendment, being read a second time;
And it appearing that the object of the Special Entry. Amendment was to make provision for special cases not previously contemplated by the Commons, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 6, l. 16, after Clause 6, insert new clause A (Provisions as to Northern Ireland).

("A.--(1) Any seaman, marine, soldier, or airman who is discharged or dismissed in consequence of having been convicted on any proceedings under the Naval Discipline Act, the Army Act, or the Air Force Act, or by any civil court, shall be subject to the like disqualification for receiving benefit under the enactments relating to unemployment insurance in force in Northern Ireland as is imposed in relation to benefit under the Unemployment Insurance Acts, 1935 and 1936, by subsection (3) of section thirty of the principal Act; and the provisions of the said subsection (3) as to evidence of such discharge or dismissal shall apply for the purposes of such enactments as they apply in relation to claims for benefit under the said Acts.

(2) The provisions of this Act other than this section shall not extend to Northern Ireland save in so far as they affect the provisions of the principal Act which extend to Northern Ireland.").

the next Amendment, being read a second time;
And it appearing that the object of the Special Entry. Amendment was to make provision for special cases not previously contemplated by the Commons, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 6, l. 37, leave out subsection (2), the remaining Amendment, being read a second time;
And it appearing that the object of the Amendment was to make provision for special cases not previously contemplated by the Commons, the same was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Cinematograph Films Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Scottish Land Court 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 Population (Statistics) Bill, as amended in the Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Blind Persons Bill, as amended in the Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Housing (Agricultural Population) (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 Committee on the Land Tax Commissioners Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee. Vol. 193.

The Order of the day being read, for the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Conveyancing Amendment (Scotland) Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-one 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. 54.]

Tuesday, 15th February 1938.

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 therein, have been complied with, viz.:—

Bournemouth Gas and Water Bill.
Brixham Gas and Electricity Bill.
Radcliffe Farnworth and District Gas Bill.
Romford Gas 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 no Standing Orders are applicable thereto.

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.:—

Bournemouth Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order 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 to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Passenger Transport Board Bill:

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

Mr. Secretary Eden presented, by His Majesty's Command.—Copy of Convention between His Majesty in respect of the United Kingdom and the Swiss Federal Council in regard to Legal Proceedings. London, 3rd December 1937. [The Convention has not been ratified by His Majesty.]

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

Mr. Secretary Hore-Belisha presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Estimates for the Army for the financial year 1938.

Copy of Memorandum by the Secretary of State for War relating to the Army Estimates for 1938.

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


Copy of Draft Order, entitled the Government of India (Governors' Allowances and Privileges) (Amendment) Order, 1938.

Copy of Draft Order, entitled the Government of Burma (Governor's Salary, Allowances, and Privileges) (Amendment) Order, 1938.


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

Mr. Ernest Brown presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Special Order, dated 14th February 1938, entitled the Unemployment Insurance (Insurance Industry Special Scheme) (Variation and Amendment) Special Order, 1938.

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

The Patents, &c. (International Conventions) Patents, &c. (International Conventions) Bill [Lords] was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next, and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Housing (Financial Provisions) Bill:

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

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, and adding the words "this House, realising the limited extent to which overcrowding can be abated under the operation of the Housing Act, 1935, and the need for more progressive measures, regrets that, on the contrary, a Bill has been introduced which, in so far as it becomes operative, will result in higher rents, and which substantially reduces the amount of State assistance in respect of slum clearance, abandons the sound principle of basing the subsidy upon the number of persons rehoused, and revives the objectionable policy of subsidising private enterprise in circumstances which will perpetuate the evil system of the tied cottage in rural areas,"—(Mr. Greenwood), instead thereof.

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

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Captain Hope, Colonel Kerr.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Whitley, Mr. Mathers.

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 Thursday next.—(Captain Margesson.)

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.
Wednesday, 16th February 1938:
And the Question being put:—It passed in the Negative.

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 twelve minutes after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning, till this day.

In pursuance of Standing Order No. 80 (4), I hereby nominate Major Lloyd George Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the Superannuation (Various Services) Bill.

In pursuance of Standing Order No. 80 (4), I hereby nominate Colonel Clifton Brown Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Street Playgrounds Bill and the Workmen’s Compensation (Amendment) Bill.

E. A. FitzRoy,
Speaker.

15th February 1938.

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[No. 55.]

Wednesday, 16th February 1938.

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

PRAYERS.

THE Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Midland and Scottish Railway Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this evening, at half an hour after Seven of the clock.

The Bournemouth Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Nuneaton Extension) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

Mr. Ramsbotham presented, pursuant to the War Pensions directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Acts.

Regulations, dated 3rd February 1938, entitled the Commutation (Ministry of Pensions) Amendment Regulations, 1938.

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

Earl Winterton presented, pursuant to the Universities directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Acts.

Mr. Ramsbotham, amending an existing Statute of the College.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
Colonel Muirhead presented, by His Majesty’s Command.—Estimates for the Air Services for the financial year 1938.
Ordered, That the said Estimates be referred to the Committee of Supply; and be printed.

Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, —Copy of Regulations, dated 11th February 1938, made under the Factory and Workshop Acts, entitled the Kiers Regulations, 1938.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Kingsley Wood presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Statement of Government Policy on Rent Restriction.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, having regard to the increasing activity of certain Foreign governments in the field of propaganda, political and cultural, by means of the press, broadcasting, and films, this House urges the Government to give the full weight of its moral and financial support to schemes to further the wider and more effective presentation of British news, views, and culture abroad—(Mr. Lees-Jones);
An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question in 1. 5, by leaving out from the word “ House,” to the end of the Question, and adding the words “ is of opinion that the evil effects of State propaganda of a tendentious or misleading character can best be countered, not by retaliation, but by the widespread dissemination of straightforward information and news based upon an enlightened and honest public policy.”—(Mr. Watkins),—instead thereof.
And the Question being proposed, That, the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question —The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.
The Question was amended, in 1. 5, by inserting, after the word “ House,” the words “ being of opinion that the evil effects of State propaganda of a tendentious or misleading character can best be countered, not by retaliation, but by the widespread dissemination of straightforward information and news based upon enlightened and honest public policy.”—(Mr. Keeling.)
And the Question, so amended, being put; Resolved, That, having regard to the increasing activity of certain Foreign governments in the field of propaganda, political and cultural, by means of the press, broadcasting, and films, this House being of opinion that the evil effects of State propaganda of a tendentious or misleading character can best be countered, not by retaliation, but by the widespread dissemination of straightforward information and news based upon an enlightened and honest public policy, urges the Government to give the full weight of its moral and financial support to schemes to further the wider and more effective presentation of British news, views, and culture abroad.

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

The London Midland and Scottish Railway Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.
A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, in view of the widespread feeling that unmarried women have legitimate grounds for complaint against their treatment under the National Health Insurance and Contributory Pensions Acts, this House is of opinion that a committee should be appointed to inquire into the justice and practicability of acceding to the claims made by organised spinsters for a pension of 10s. per week at 55 years of age and the inclusion in a contributory pensions scheme of all those who do not come under the Acts in question —(Mr. Leach);
An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question in 1. 1, by leaving out from the word “ That,” to the end of the Question, and adding the words “ this House, recognising that the practicability of financing extensions of contributory pensions is a matter for His Majesty’s Government, is none the less anxious that no class of contributors should suffer injustice under the present scheme, and is of opinion that His Majesty’s Government should present to the House a Report by the Government actuary on the position of spinsters under the Contributory Pensions Acts,”—(Mr. Conant),—instead thereof.
And the Question being proposed, That, the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question —And a Debate arising thereupon;
Mr. Leach rose in his place, and claimed to move, That the Question be now put; but Mr. Speaker withheld his assent, and declined to put that Question —Then the House resumed the Debate.
Mr. Leach 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. Leach, Yeas, Mr. Simpson : ] 150.
Tellers for the [Mr. Conant, Noes, Mr. Fleming : ] 98.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
And the Question being accordingly put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question —It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put;
Resolved, That, in view of the widespread feeling that unmarried women have legitimate grounds for complaint against their treatment under the National Health Insurance and Contributory Pensions Acts, this House is of opinion that a committee should be appointed to inquire into the justice and practicability of acceding to the claims made.
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Mr. Secretary Eden presented, by His Treaty Series Majesty's Command,—Copy of Index to Treaty Series, 1937.


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

Colonel Coleville presented, pursuant to the Truste directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Savings Bills.


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

Ordered, That leave be given to the Chairman Unopposed of Ways and Means to make a Report.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That, in pursuance of the Order of the House of the 16th day of December last, he had selected Mr. Boulton, from the Panel appointed under Standing Order 111, to act as Chairman at every meeting of a Committee on Unopposed Bills at which neither the Chairman of Ways and Means nor the Deputy Chairman is present.

Colonel Gretton reported from the Committee Selection of the Standing Committee A:—Mr. Robert Morrison; and had appointed in substitution : Mr. Ritson.

Colonel Gretton further reported from the Standing Committee: That they had added the following Fifteen Members to Standing Committee B (in respect of the Superannuation (Various Services) Bill) :—Sir Robert Ake, Captain Balfour, Rear-Admiral Beamish, Sir Reginald Blaker, Mr. Broad, Colonel Coleville, Mr. Denman, Captain Dogdale, Mr. James Hall, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Mander, Major Neven-Spence, Captain Plugge, Mr. Solicitor-General, and Mr. Walkden.

Colonel Gretton further reported from the Standing Committee: That they had added the following Fifteen Members to Standing Committee B (in respect of the Street Playgrounds Bill) :—Mr. Cluse, Mr. Crossley, Mr. Dewville, Mr. Ernest Evans, Sir Arnold Gridley, Dr. Haden Guest, Mr. Holmes, Captain Austin Hudson, Mr. Kirby, Mr. Lyons, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Price, Mr. Salt, Mr. Wragg, and Wing-Commander Wright.

Colonel Gretton further reported from the Standing Committee: That they had added the following Fifteen Members to Standing Committee B (in respect of the Workmen's Compensation (Amendment) Bill) :—Sir William Brass, Sir Swadley Crooke, Captain Arthur Evans, Sir Edward Gregg, Mr. Holy-Hutchinson, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Palmer, Mr. Wilfred Roberts, Mr. Richard Russell, Mr. Sexton, Mr. Ben Smith, Mr. Ellis Smith, Mr. Solicitor-General, Mr. Tomlinson, and Sir Arnold Wilson.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

P r a y e r s.

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

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

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

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

(Captain Margesson.)

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

[No. 56.]

Thursday, 17th February 1938.

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

Mr. Stanley presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Draft of a Special Order proposed to be made under the Gas Undertakings Acts on the application of the Newport (Monmouthshire) Gas Company.

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

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Mr. Morgan Jones reported from the Committee of Public Accounts: That they had made Progress in the matters to them referred, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.

And the Report was brought up and read.

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 propose that the Joint Committee on Consolidation Bills do meet in Committee Room C, House of Lords, on Wednesday the 23rd February at Eleven o'clock.

The House proceeded to take the said Message into consideration.

Ordered, That the Committee appointed by this House do meet the Lords' Committee as proposed by their Lordships.—(Mr. James Stuart).

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to acquaint them therewith, and that the Clerk do carry the said Message.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House)—(The Prime Minister);

The House divided.

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

Tellers for the {Captain Dupdale, Yeas, Mr. Munro : 263.

Tellers for the {Mr. Groves, Noes, Mr. Mathers : 140.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Sir Kingsley Wood, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House that His Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of the Motion relating to Housing (Financial Provisions) [Money], proposed to be moved, under Standing Order No. 69, in Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Then the House, pursuant to Standing Order No. 69, resolved itself into Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Motion made, and Question proposed, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to amend the law with respect to the making of contributions out of the Exchequer and by local authorities in respect of housing accommodation provided for the working classes, and with respect to arrangements between local authorities and other persons for the provision of housing accommodation, and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament—

A. of such expenses as may be incurred by the Minister of Health (hereinafter referred to as "the Minister") in making to any local authority—

(1) in respect of each new house or new flat completed after the beginning of the year nineteen hundred and thirty-nine which, with the approval of the Minister, is provided by that authority by way of housing accommodation—

(a) rendered necessary by displacements occurring in connection with any action taken by that authority under the Housing Act, 1936 (hereinafter referred to as the "principal Act") for the demolition of insanitary houses, for dealing with clearance or improvement areas, or for closing parts of buildings, or

(b) rendered necessary by displacements occurring in the carrying out of redevelopment under the principal Act, or

(c) required for the abatement of overcrowding,

an annual contribution for forty years of the following amount, that is to say:—

(i) five pounds ten shillings or (in a case in which there are fulfilled the conditions laid down by the said Act of the present Session with reference both to the low level of the rents obtainable from working-class housing accommodation in the area of the local authority and to the inadequacy of the financial resources of that area) six pounds ten shillings; or

(ii) in the case of a flat provided in a block of flats on a site the cost of which, as developed, exceeds one thousand five hundred pounds per acre, an amount not exceeding twenty-six pounds, determined in accordance with the Table appended to this Resolution; and

(2) in respect of each new house or new flat completed after the beginning of the year nineteen hundred and thirty-nine which, with the approval of the Minister, is provided by the local authority by way of housing accommodation required for the agricultural population (as defined by the principal Act) of the area of the local authority, an annual contribution for a period of forty years of ten pounds or, in the special circumstances mentioned in the said Act of the present Session, a greater amount not exceeding twelve pounds; and

(3) in respect of each new house or new flat which, in pursuance of arrangements with the local authority, is provided by some other person, with the approval of the Minister, by way of housing accommodation required for the agricultural population (as defined by the principal Act) of the area of the local authority, an annual contribution for a period of forty years of an amount not exceeding ten pounds; and

B. of such sums as may become payable by the Minister by virtue of any provisions of the said Act of the present Session—

(1) amending the provisions of subsections (1) and (3) of section one hundred and nine of the principal Act, and directing that subsection (2) of that section shall be deemed not to have come into operation until the date of the passing of the said Act of the present Session; or
Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers:—And having returned;

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

Unemployment Insurance Act, 1938.

Then the House again resolved itself into the Committee on Housing (Financial Provisions) [Money].

(In the Committee.)

Question again proposed, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to amend the law with respect to the making of contributions out of the Exchequer and by local authorities in respect of housing accommodation provided for the working classes, and with respect to arrangements between local authorities and other persons for the provision of housing accommodation, and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament—

A. of such expenses as may be incurred by the Minister of Health (hereinafter referred to as "the Minister") in making to any local authority—

(1) in respect of each new house or new flat completed after the beginning of the year nineteen hundred and thirty-nine which, with the approval of the Minister, is provided by that authority by way of housing accommodation—

(a) rendered necessary by displacements occurring in connection with any action taken by that authority under the Housing Act, 1936 (hereinafter referred to as the "principal Act") for the demolition of insanitary houses, for dealing with clearance or improvement areas, or for closing parts of buildings, or

(b) rendered necessary by displacements occurring in the carrying out of redevelopment under the principal Act,

(c) required for the abatement of over-crowding,

an annual contribution for forty years of the following amount, that is to say:—

(i) five pounds ten shillings or (in a case in which there are fulfilled the conditions laid down by the said Act of the present Session with reference both to the low level of the rents obtainable from working-class housing accommodation in the area of the local authority and to the inadequacy of the financial resources of that area) six pounds ten shillings; or

(ii) in the case of a flat provided in a block of flats on a site the cost of which, as developed, exceeds one

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

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

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B. of such sums as may become payable by the Minister by virtue of any provisions of the said Act of the present Session—

(1) amending the provisions of subsections (1) and (3) of section one hundred and nine of the principal Act, and directing that subsection (2) of that section shall be deemed not to have come into operation until the date of the passing of the said Act of the present Session; or

(2) directing—

(a) that, in the circumstances mentioned in the said Act of the present Session, houses and flats are to be treated as having been completed after the beginning of the year nineteen hundred and thirty-nine, notwithstanding that they were in fact completed before the beginning of that year; or

(b) that, in the circumstances so mentioned, two or more buildings containing flats shall be treated as if the several buildings were one building on a single site; or

(3) amending the provisions of subsection (1) of section ninety-four of the principal Act; or

(4) enabling the Minister to continue to make payments by way of a contribution under section one of the Housing, &c., Act, 1923, in respect of any house or flat which, with the assistance of a local authority, has been provided by some other person, notwithstanding that it has become vested in the local authority:

Provided that this resolution shall not, by virtue of sub-paragraph (1) of paragraph A, thereof, authorise the payment of any expenses the payment of which is authorised by virtue of sub-paragraph (2) of that paragraph.
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Old Age Contributory Pensions Act, 1936, it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of moneys provided by Parliament, of the sums necessary to defray such increase in any expenditure which by the National Health Insurance Act, 1936, or the Old Age Pensions Act, 1936, is directed to be defrayed out of moneys provided by Parliament as is attributable to the operation of the said Act of the present Session. — (Sir Kingsley Wood.)

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Blind Persons Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Population (Statistics) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Dominica Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 and No. 2 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The 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 taking into consideration the Cinematograph Films 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 Scottish Land Second Reading of the Scottish Land Court Bill; Court Bill.

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking Housing into consideration the Housing (Agricultural Population) (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 Land Tax Committee on the Land Tax Commissioners Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Criminal Second Reading of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Conveyancing Second Reading of the Conveyancing Amendment (Scotland) Bill [Lords];

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Patents, &c. Second Reading of the Patents, &c. (International Conventions) Bill [Lords];

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Housing Committee on the Housing (Financial Provisions) Bill;

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

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-two minutes after Ten of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
Friday, 18th February 1938.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

SECRETARY Sir Samuel Hoare presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Order made under the Shops Acts by the Council of the undermentioned local authority and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department:—

Borough of Rugby.

Copy of Return of the Official Assignee in Bankruptcy of the King's Bench Division, Northern Ireland, for 1937.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bakehouses 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 recognises the serious social disadvantages entailed on the operatives by the practice of night baking as now prevalent in the industry, but, accepting the findings of the recent departmental committee that legislation to prohibit such practice would fall far short of removing those disadvantages and would work inequitably amongst employers and cause hardship in many cases, and that a more effective amelioration of the conditions of night-work might be secured through improved organisation of the industry, and taking note of the decision of the Minister of Labour to proceed with a draft order applying the Trade Boards Acts to this industry, declines to accept the Motion for Second Reading of the Bill,"—(Sir Assheton Pownall)—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, {Dr. Haden Guest, 147.}

Tellers for the Noses, {Mr. Marshall, 126.}

So it was resolved in the Affirmative. The Bill was read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Access to Mountains 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 Street Trading (Regulation) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Parliamentary Elections (Compulsory Voting) 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 Agricultural Marketing Act (1933) 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 Public Meeting Act (1908) 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 Works Councils 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 Loss of Employment (Compensation) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Peace 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. 2, it being then seven minutes after Four of the clock, till Monday next.

Monday, 21st February 1938.

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

PRAYERS.

The Order of the day being read, for the London and North Eastern Railway Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Passenger Transport Board 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 Middlesex County Council (Sewerage) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Captain Austin Hudson presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order made under section one of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1922, relating to the North West Midlands Joint Electricity Authority: And the same was read the first time. 
Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Twenty-first Report of the Royal Commission on Historical Manuscripts. 
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Duff Cooper presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Estimates for the Navy for the financial year 1938. 
Copy of Statement by the First Lord of the Admiralty, explanatory of the Navy Estimates, 1938. 
Copy of Particulars of the Vessels of Fleets (British Commonwealth of Nations and Foreign Countries). 
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the said Estimates be referred to the Committee of Supply; and be printed.

Colonel Colville presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Estimate of a further Sum required to be voted for the service of the year ending 31st March 1938.

Colonel Colville also 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 1937, also a separate Account of the Capital of the Duchy to the same date. 
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and that the said Estimates be referred to the Committee of Supply; and be printed.

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

Major Tryon, supported by Sir Walter Womersley, presented a Bill to enable the Postmaster-General, for the purposes of the Post Office, to acquire lands in London, Vol. 193.

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

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[Tuesday, 22nd February 1938.

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

Sir Kingsley Wood presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order of the Minister of Health relating to the borough of Scarborough: 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 Colville presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Estimate of Civil and Revenue Departments for the year ending 31st March 1939, with Memorandum. 
Ordered, That the said Estimates be referred to the Committee of Supply; and be printed.

Mr. Burgin presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Report by the Minister of Transport of his proceedings for Session 1937-38 under the General Pier and Harbour Acts.

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Copies of Regulations, dated—
(1) 11th February 1938, entitled the London Traffic (Prescribed Routes) (No. 5) (Westminster) Regulations, 1938;
(2) 16th February 1938, entitled the London Traffic (Prescribed Routes) (No. 6) (High Street, Barnet) Regulations, 1938.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

University Acts.

Mr. Secretary Elliot presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of University Court Ordinance, No. 195 (Aberdeen, No. 35) (Superannuation and Pensioning of Principals and Professors).
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

East India (Constitutional Reforms.)

Lord Stanley presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Statement relating to Resignation of Ministries in Bihar and the United Provinces (February 1938).
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Empire Air Mail Scheme (Indian and Malayan Introducatory Services.)

Colonel Muirhead presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Note by the Secretary of State for Air and the Postmaster-General on the principal provisions proposed to be embodied in an agreement with Imperial Airways, Limited, for the preliminary operation of the Empire Air Mail Scheme on the route between the United Kingdom and Malaya.
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.

New Member sworn.

Richard Rapier Stokes, Esquire, Member for the Borough of Ipswich, was sworn.

Housing (Financial Provisions) (Money) (Amendment) Bill.

Ordered, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee on National Health Insurance (Amendment) [Money];
Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee on National Health Insurance (Amendment) [Money];
Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Post Office Second Reading of the Post Office (Sites) Bill; (Sites) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Increase of Rent and Mortgage Interest (Restrictions) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for, taking Coal Bill, into consideration the Coal Bill, as amended in the Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for, the National Health Insurance (Amendment) Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Cinematograph Films 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 Scottish Land Court Bill, Second Reading of the Scottish Land Court Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Housing (Agricultural Population) (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 Land Tax Commissioners Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.
Wednesday, 23rd February 1938.

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

PRAYERS.

Mr. Secretary Elliot 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, 1936, that they are of opinion (1) that the following Order, namely, the Caledonian Power Order, raises questions of public policy of such novelty and importance that it 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.

Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare presented, by Prison and Wales,) to His Majesty's Command,,—Copy of Report of the Commissioners of Prisons and the Directors of Convict Prisons for 1936.

Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare also presented, Shops Acts, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order made under the Shops Acts, by the Council of the mentioned local authority, and confirmed (with Amendment) by the Secretary of State for the Home Department:—

Borough of Chorley.

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

The Prime Minister presented, by His Ships owned by States (Miscel- laneous, No. 2, 1938.) Copy of Protocol supplementary to the International Convention for the Unification of certain Rules concerning the Immunity of State-owned Ships. Brussels, 10th April 1926. [The Convention has not been ratified by His Majesty.]

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

Mr. William Morrison presented, pursuant Agriculture to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Rules, dated 10th February 1938, made under the Agriculture Act, 1937, entitled the Home Grown Oats (Average Price) Rules, 1938.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills: That they had considered the Order contained in the Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Halifax) Bill; that they were of opinion that the said Order ought to be confirmed; and that they had gone through the Bill and directed him to report the same without Amendment.

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

The House divided.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills: That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bournemouth Gas and Water Bill, and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

The Deputy Chairman further reported from the Committee: That they had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders and had directed him to make a Report thereto to the House.

And the Report was brought up and read.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, and the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Report 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 Yeas, {Mr. Whiteley : } 149.

Tellers for the Noes, {Mr. Grimston : } 201.

So it passed in the Negative.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 14, l. 36, by inserting, after the word " doubled," the words " or trebled".—(Captain Wallace.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 14, l. 36, by inserting, after the second word " the," the words " quota committee of the".—(Vice-Admiral Taylor.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 15, l. 41, by leaving out the words " less than twenty per cent. or more than thirty per cent.," and inserting the words,—

"In respect of the period set out in paragraph (a) of this subsection less than twenty per cent. or more than thirty per cent.;"

In respect of the period set out in paragraph (b) of this subsection, less than twenty-five per cent. or more than thirty-five per cent.;

In respect of the period set out in paragraph (c) of this subsection, less than thirty per cent. or more than forty-five per cent."

—(Sir Adrian Bailey),—instead thereof.
And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 17, l. 10, by inserting at the end thereof, the words,—

"Provided also that if at any time it appears to the Board of Trade that by reason of the restrictions imposed under this section, the bookings of British films are being prejudiced in comparison with the bookings of foreign films owing to the fact that such foreign films have been exhibited and published outside Great Britain before being trade-shown, the Board may, after consulting the Cinematograph Films Council, lay before Parliament the draft of an order providing that the prohibition imposed by this section shall not apply to any undertaking by an exhibitor or exhibitors to take delivery of a British film for public exhibition at a date not being later than twelve months after the date on which the undertaking is given if reasonable arrangements have been made to satisfy the exhibitor or exhibitors concerned that the film, when completed, will have special merit for entertainment."—(Sir Adrian Barrie.)

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. 17, l. 42, by leaving out from the word "date," to the end of l. 43, and inserting the words,—

"(a) In the case of a film which has been publicly exhibited outside Great Britain before being trade-shown later than six months after the date on which he gives the undertaking;

(b) In the case of a British film not publicly exhibited outside Great Britain before being trade-shown later than twelve months after the date on which he gives the undertaking;"

(Sir Adrian Barrie.)—instead thereof.

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

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That further consideration of the Bill, as amended, be now adjourned.—(Captain Mergansen.)

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

Colonel Cobville reported from the Committee on Housing (Financial Provisions) [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to amend the law with respect to the making of contributions out of the Exchequer and by local authorities in respect of housing accommodation provided for the working classes, and with respect to arrangements between local authorities and other persons for the provision of housing accommodation, and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament—

A. of such expenses as may be incurred by the Minister of Health (hereinafter referred to as "the Minister") in making to any local authority—

(1) in respect of each new house or new flat completed after the beginning of the year nineteen hundred and thirty-nine which, with the approval of the Minister, is provided by that authority by way of housing accommodation—

(a) rendered necessary by displacements occurring in connection with any action taken by that authority under the Housing Act, 1936 (hereinafter referred to as the "principal Act") for the demolition of insanitary houses, for dealing with clearance or improvement areas, or for closing parts of buildings, or

(b) rendered necessary by displacements occurring in the carrying out of redevelopment under the principal Act, or

(c) required for the abatement of overcrowding.

an annual contribution for forty years of the following amount, that is to say:—

(i) five pounds ten shillings or (in a case in which there are fulfilled the conditions laid down by the said Act of the present Session with reference both to the low level of the rents obtainable from working-class housing accommodation in the area of the local authority and to the inadequacy of the financial resources of that area) six pounds ten shillings; or

(ii) in the case of a flat provided in a block of flats on a site the cost of which, as developed, exceeds one thousand five hundred pounds per acre, an amount not exceeding twenty-six pounds, determined in accordance with the Table appended to this Resolution; and

(2) in respect of each new house or new flat completed after the beginning of the year nineteen hundred and thirty-nine which, with the approval of the Minister, is provided by the local authority by way of housing accommodation required for the agricultural population (as defined by the principal Act) of the area of the local authority, an annual contribution for a period of forty years of ten pounds or, in the special circumstances mentioned in the said Act of the present Session, a greater amount not exceeding twelve pounds; and

(3) in respect of each new house or new flat which, in pursuance of arrangements with the local authority, is provided by some other person, with the approval of the Minister, by way of housing accommodation required for the agricultural population (as defined by the principal Act) of the area of the local authority, an annual contribution for a period of forty years of an amount not exceeding ten pounds; and
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B. of such sums as may become payable by the Minister by virtue of any provisions of the said Act of the present Session—

(1) amending the provisions of subsections (1) and (3) of section one hundred and nine of the principal Act, and directing that subsection (2) of that section shall be deemed not to have come into operation until the date of the passing of the said Act of the present Session; or

(2) directing—

(a) that, in the circumstances mentioned in the said Act of the present Session, houses and flats are to be treated as having been completed after the beginning of the year nineteen hundred and thirty-nine, notwithstanding that they were in fact completed before the beginning of that year; or

(b) that, in the circumstances so mentioned, two or more buildings containing flats shall be treated as if the several buildings were one building on a single site; or

(3) amending the provisions of subsection (1) of section ninety-four of the principal Act; or

(4) enabling the Minister to continue to make payments by way of a contribution under section one of the Housing, &c., Act, 1923, in respect of any house or flat which, with the assistance of a local authority, has been provided by some other person, notwithstanding that it has become vested in the local authority:

Provided that this resolution shall not, by virtue of sub-paragraph (1) of paragraph A, thereof, authorise the payment of any expenses the payment of which is authorised by virtue of sub-paragraph (2) of that paragraph.

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exceeds £20,000 increased by £1 0 0, for each additional £2,000, or part of £2,000, in the cost per acre of the site as developed.

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

Colonel Colville reported from the Committee on National Health Insurance (Amendment) [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to amend the National Health Insurance Act, 1936, in relation to persons who are, or who since the first day of August, nineteen hundred and thirty-five, have been, employed in the manner mentioned in subsection (2) of section two of that Act, and to make consequential amendments in the Widows', Orphans' and Old Age Contributory Pensions Act, 1936, it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of moneys provided by Parliament, of the sums necessary to defray such increase in any expenditure which by the National Health Insurance Act, 1936, or the Old Age Pensions Act, 1936, is directed to be defrayed out of moneys provided by Parliament as is attributable to the operation of the said Act of the present Session.

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

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

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

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

(Captain Margesson.)

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

[No. 61.]

Thursday, 24th February 1938.

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

PRAYERS.

THE Lee Conservancy Catchment Board Lee Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London and North Eastern Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this evening at half an hour after Seven of the clock.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Passenger Transport Board Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.
The Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Halifax) 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 (Nuneaton 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. Attorney-General presented, pursuant to Standing Order 189,—Copy of Report of the Attorney-General on the Royal Sheffield Infirmary and Hospital Bill [Lords].

Copy of Report of the Attorney-General on the St. Bartholomew's Hospital Bill [Lords].

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

The Prime Minister presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Notes exchanged between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Italian Government modifying the Agreement of 6th November 1936 regarding the Establishment of Air Transport Lines. Rome, 14th December 1937.

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

Colonel Codrille presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Statement of the Sums required to be voted in order to make good Excesses on certain Grants for Civil Departments for the year ended 31st March 1937.

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

Major Lloyd George reported from Standing Committee A: That they had gone through the Superannuation (Various Services) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Tuesday next; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House)—(The Prime Minister):

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left;

Tellers for the Colonel Kerr, Mr. Munro; 245.

Tellers for the Mr. Groves, Mr. Adamson; 122.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into further consideration the Cinematograph Films Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 32, l. 31, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words,—

"(b) to inquire into the practicability of and, if possible, to make recommendations for enabling any group of exhibitors to co-operate in the booking of films."

—(Mr. Robert Morrison.)

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

The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 49, l. 7, column 1, by leaving out " 15 ", and inserting " 20 "—

(Captain Arthur Evans), instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That " 15 " 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.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, in pursuance of the provisions of Section 309 of the Government of India Act, 1935, praying that the Government of India (Adaptation of Acts of Parliament) Order, 1938, be made in the form of the draft laid before Parliament.—(Earl Winterton):—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.

—(Earl Winterton.)

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Monday next.

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, in pursuance of the provisions of Section 309 of the Government of India Act, 1935, praying that the Government of India (Governors' Allowances and Privileges) (Amendment) Order, 1958, be made in the form of the draft laid before Parliament.—(Earl Winterton):—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.

—(Earl Winterton.)

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Monday next.

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A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, in pursuance of the provisions of Section 157 of the Government of Burma Act, 1935, praying that the Government of Burma (Governor's Salary, Allowances, and Privileges (Amendment) Order, 1938, be made in the form of the draft laid before Parliament.

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.

(A. Win). Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Monday next.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, in pursuance of the provisions of Section 157 of the Government of Burma Act, 1935, praying that the Government of Burma (India-Burma Financial Settlement Order.) 1938, be made in the form of the draft laid before Parliament.—(Earl Winterton) — And a Debate arising thereupon:

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Monday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the National Health Insurance (Amendment) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 to No. 3 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Scottish Land (Second Reading of the Scottish Land Court Bill.

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

The Order of the day being read, for, the Scottish Land (Second Reading of the Scottish Land Court Bill.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Patents, &c. (Inter- national Conventions) Bill [Lords];

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Housing (Financial Provisions) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Housing (Financial Provisions) Bill;

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

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

(Captain Dugdale.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-one minutes before Ten of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
The Order of the day being read, for the Middlesex County Council (Sewerage) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Mr. Burgin presented, pursuant to the Electricity directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of and Public Works Facilities Act, 1936, in respect of part of the borough of Derby, the parish of Radbourne, in the rural district of Repton, and the parish of Kirk Langley and part of the parish or township of Mackworth, in the rural district of Belper, all in the county of Derby.

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

(1) by the Governing Body of Jesus College, Oxford, on 13th November 1937, amending existing Statutes of the College;
(2) by the University of Oxford, on 23rd November 1937, amending an existing Statute of the University.

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


Copy of Scheme made under the Town and Country Planning Act, 1932, entitled the Swansea Planning Scheme No. 1.

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

Mr. Secretary Elliot presented, by His Herring Industry Command,—Copy of Report by the Herring Industry Board made pursuant to Section 1 (6) of the Herring Industry Act, 1935, as to the practicability of making provision for the election of members of the Board by persons engaged in the herring industry.

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

Colonel Colville presented, pursuant to the Duchy of directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account of Cornwall, the Receipts and Disbursements of the Duchy of Cornwall for 1937.

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

Mr. Lindsay presented, by His Majesty's Board of Command,—Copy of Memorandum on the Education, Board of Education Estimates, 1938.

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

Mr. Duff Cooper presented, by His Majesty's Navy Command,—Estimate of the further Sum required to be voted for the Navy for the year ending 31st March 1938.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Passenger Board Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

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

Account of the Unemployment Assistance Fund established pursuant to Section 44 (1) of the Unemployment Assistance Act, 1934, showing the Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31st March 1937; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Account of the Cattle Industry Fund established pursuant to Section 1 (1) of the Cattle Industry (Emergency Provisions) Act, 1934, showing the Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31st March 1937, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Account of the Special Areas Fund established pursuant to Section 3 (1) of the Special Areas (Development and Improvement) Act, 1934, showing the Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31st March 1937; and Accounts of the Receipts and Payments of the Commissioner for the Special Areas in England and Wales, and of the Commissioner for the Special Areas in Scotland, prepared in accordance with Section 3 (5) of the Act, for the year ended 31st March 1937; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

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

Civil Estimates and Estimates for Revenue Departments, 1938 (Vote on Account).

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £184,760,000 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, and Exchequer Contributions to Local Revenues) for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1939, viz.:

Civil Estimates.

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<td>Old Age Pensions</td>
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Revenue Departments.

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Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That Item Class II, Vote 8 (Colonial Office), be reduced by £100.—(Mr. Lunn.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, [Mr. Mathers : Mr. Furness.] 194.

Tellers for the Noes, [Mr. James Edmondson.] 101.

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.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment put, That this House do now adjourn—(Captain Margesson);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, [Mr. James Stuart : Mr. James Edmondson.]

Tellers for the Noes, [Mr. Mathers : Mr. Adamson.]

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. 64.]

Tuesday, 1st March 1938.

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

PRAYERS.

MR. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Post Office (Sites) Bill, for Private Bills, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 22nd day of February last, That, in the case of the following Bill, the Standing Orders, which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:

Post Office (Sites) Bill.
Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report
from one of the Examiners of Petitions for
Private Bills, That in the case of the following
Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof,
no Standing Orders are applicable, viz. :-
North West Midlands Joint Electricity
Authority Provisional Order Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
tomorrow.

Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare presented,
pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the urban district of Enfield.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon
the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Burgin presented, pursuant to the
directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of
Regulations, dated 25th February 1938, entitled
the London Traffic (Prescribed Routes) (No. 7)
(Wood Green) Regulations, 1938.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon
the Table.

Mr. William Morrison presented, pursuant
to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of
Order, dated 25th February 1938, authorising
the landing in Great Britain of animals brought from Guernsey, and prescribing
Regulations in relation thereto (Order No. 5,656).
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon
the Table.

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

The Prime Minister presented, by His
Majesty's Command,—Copy of Statement
relating to Defence.

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

The Bombay Baroda and Central India
Railway Bill (Lords.) was read the first time.
Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the
Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the
Standing Committee, be taken into considera-
tion upon Thursday next; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings
of the Committee be printed.
Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £1,800 be granted for the said Service.—(Mr. Rhyys Davies) :—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

Class VI.

3. £10 (Supplementary) for the Salaries and Expenses of the State Management Districts, including the Salaries of the Central Office, and the Cost of Provision and Management of Licensed Premises.

Class I.

4. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £5,000 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1938 for a Grant in Aid of the Government Hospitality Fund.

Mr. Lansbury 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, Mr. Mathers : ] 104.
Tellers for the [Sir James Edmondson, Mr. Grimson : ] 208.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

Class VII.

5. £20,000 (Supplementary) for Expenditure in respect of Art and Science Buildings, Great Britain.

6. £7,350 (Supplementary) for Expenditure in respect of Miscellaneous Legal Buildings, including the whole additional cost of a new Sheriff Court House at Edinburgh.

7. £41,000 (Supplementary) for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Commissioners of His Majesty's Works and Public Buildings.

8. £64,000 (Supplementary) for Expenditure in respect of sundry Public Buildings in Great Britain, not provided for on other Votes, including Historic Buildings, Ancient Monuments, Brompton Cemetery and certain Housing Estates.

9. £10 (Supplementary) for Expenditure in respect of Royal Palaces, including a Grant in Aid.

10. £50,000 (Supplementary) 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.

11. £6,000 (Supplementary) for Expenditure in respect of Public Works and Buildings in Ireland.

Class III.

14. £4,000 (Supplementary) for the Salaries and Expenses of the Law Officers' Department, the Salaries and Expenses of the Departments of His Majesty's Procurator-General and of the Solicitor for the Affairs of His Majesty's Treasury, and of the Department of the Director of Public Prosecutions; the Costs of Prosecutions, of other Legal Proceedings, and of Parliamentary Agency.

Class IV.

15. £50 (Supplementary) for the Salaries and Expenses of the National Library of Scotland, including certain Grants in Aid.

Class V.

16. £197,000 (Supplementary) for the payment of Old Age Pensions, Pensions to Blind Persons, and for certain Administrative Expenses in connection therewith.

Class VI.

17. £50,000 (Supplementary) for Grants to Public Utility Undertakings in Great Britain.

Class VII.

18. £308,160 (Supplementary) for Stationery, Printing, Paper, Binding and Printed Books for the Public Service; for the Salaries and Expenses of the Stationery Office; and for sundry Miscellaneous Services, including Reports of Parliamentary Debates.

Class VIII.

19. £30,000 (Supplementary) for Superannuation and other non-effective Annual Allowances, Additional Allowances and Gratuities under Sundry Statutes; Compassionate Allowances, Gratuities and Supplementary Pensions awarded by the Treasury and, under the Government of Ireland Act, 1920, by the Civil Service Committee for Northern Ireland.

Class VI.

20. £10 (Supplementary) for the Salaries and Expenses of the Anglo-Spanish, Anglo-Roumanian, Anglo-Italian and Anglo-Turkish Clearing Offices under the Debits Clearing Offices and Import Restrictions Act, 1934.

Revenue Departments.

21. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £600,000 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 1938 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Post Office, including Telegraphs and Telephones.

Wednesday, 2nd March 1938:

Question put, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Alexander.)

Resolutions to be reported.
1st—2nd March. 1938.

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 this day.

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, 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.

Superannuation (Various Services) Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Superannuation (Various Services) 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.

Supply (29th February) Report.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 28th day of February last;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 24th day of February last, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, in pursuance of the provisions of Section 309 of the Government of India Act, 1935, praying that the Government of India (Adaptation of Acts of Parliament) (Amendment) Order, 1938, be made in the form of the draft laid before Parliament;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 24th day of February last, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, in pursuance of the provisions of Section 157 of the Government of Burma Act, 1935, praying that the Government of Burma (India-Burma Financial Settlement) Order, 1938, be made in the form of the draft laid before Parliament;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Post Office Second Reading of the Post Office (Sites) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Increase of Rent and Mortgage Interest (Restrictions) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking Coal Bill, into consideration the Coal Bill, as amended in the Committee;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Scottish Land Second Reading of the Scottish Land Court Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking Coal Bill, into consideration the Housing (Agricultural Population) (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 Land Tax Commissioners Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Conveyancing Amendment (Scotland) Bill [Lords];

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Patents, &c. Second Reading of the Patents, &c. (International Conventions) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Housing (Financial Provisions) Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That Mr. Ivor Guest be added to the Select Committee on Kitchen and Refreshment Rooms (House of Commons).—(Mr. James Stuart.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Performing Animals (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 Small Landholders (Scotland) Act (1911) Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Secretary of State for Wales and Monmouthshire 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 Assurance Companies (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 Public Health (Coal Mine Refuse) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which upon the 11th day of February last was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Elections (Motor Cars) 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 Protection of Animals Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Marriage 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 Access to Mountains Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Street Trading (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 Parliamentary Elections (Compulsory Voting) 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 Agricultural Marketing Act (1933) Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday 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 Works Councils Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Loss of Employment (Compensation) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Merchandise Marks (Amendment) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Merchandise Marks (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 Tuesday evening, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House, without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then twenty-six minutes before One of the clock on Wednesday morning, till this day.

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

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[No. 65.]

Wednesday, 2nd March 1938.

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

PRAYERS.

London Passenger Transport Board Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Passenger Transport Board Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next, at half an hour after Seven of the clock.

North West Midlands Joint Electricity Authority Provisional Order Bill.

The North West Midlands Joint Electricity Authority Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

Corporal Punishment.

Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Departmental Committee on Corporal Punishment.

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

Road Traffic Acts.

Mr. Burgin presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 4th February 1938, entitled the Removal of Vehicles Regulations, 1938.

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

Unemployment Insurance Acts.

No. 68. Mr. Ernest Brown presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Reports of the Unemployment Insurance Statutory Committee, in accordance with Section 59 of the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1935, and Section 8 of the Unemployment Insurance (Agriculture) Act, 1936, on the financial condition of the Unemployment Fund on 31st December 1937.

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

No. 70. Copy of Draft Order, entitled the Draft Unemployment Insurance (Additional Benefits) Order, 1938.

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


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

New Member sworn.

The Right Honourable Sir John Anderson, g.c.b., g.c.s.i., g.c.i.e., Member for the University of St. Andrew's, the University of Glasgow, the University of Abercrom, and the University of Edinburgh, was sworn.

Registration of Still-births (Scotland.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the registration of still-births in Scotland.—(Major Neven-Spence);

And, the Motion being opposed, after a brief Question put 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. 10:—And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That Major Neven-Spence, Miss Horsbrugh, Dr. Howitt, Mr. Johnston, Mr. Graham Kerr, Mr. Mathers, Mr. George Morrison, Sir Archibald Sinclair, Mr. Henderson Stewart, and Sir Douglas Thomson do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Major Neven-Spence accordingly presented a Registration Bill to provide for the registration of still-births in Scotland:—And the same was read the first Bill, 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 Increase of Rent and Mortgage Interest (Restrictions) Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question Bill 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 regrets the proposal to deprive many tenants of the protection of the law and thus increase the hardships of a section of the community; it rejects the assumption that the remaining measure of control can only be temporary, and records its opinion that, as the need for protecting tenants will continue indefinitely, permanent tenancy courts should be established to control the relations between landlord and tenant in respect of all dwelling-houses,"—(Mr. Johnston)—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 Captain Hope, 258. Colonel Kerr.

Tellers for the Mr. Mathers, 138. Noes, Mr. Adamson.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

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

Resolved, That this House will, 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 receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 1st day of this instant March;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.
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2nd—3rd March.

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

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

In pursuance of Standing Order No. 80 (4), I hereby nominate Sir Robert Young Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Architects Registration Bill.

E. A. FitzRoy, Speaker.

2nd March 1938.

[No. 66.]

Thursday, 3rd March 1938.

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

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table, Report of the Committee on the Prisoners (Temporary Disability) Act, 1935, and made Amendment thereto, have been complied with, viz.:

Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Scarborough) Bill.

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

Earl Winterton presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Agricultural Research Council, for the period October 1935—September 1937.

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

Mr. Burgis presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Special Order made under the Electricity (Supply) Acts in respect of the royal burgh of Dornoch and parts of the counties of Sutherland and Ross and Cromarty.

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

Colonel Cocksfiled presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Recommendations of the Import Duties Advisory Committee, dated 2nd February 1938, relating to the Import Duties (Drawback) (No. 4) Order, 1938.

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

Colonel Cocksfiled also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order, dated 3rd March 1938, made under the Finance Act, 1932, entitled the Import Duties (Drawback) (No. 4) Order, 1938.

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

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Sir Kingsley Wood presented, pursuant to the Town and Country Planning Act, 1932, entitled the Hailsham Planning Scheme No. 1.

Copy of the Registrar-General's Statistical Review of England and Wales for 1936 (New England and Wales.)

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

Mr. Secretary Elliot presented, pursuant to Housing the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Draft Order, entitled the Housing (Scotland) Acts (Continuance of Contributions) Order, 1938.

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

Colonel Clifton Brown reported from Standing Standing Committee B : That they had gone through the Street Playgrounds Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

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

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

Colonel Gretton reported from the Committee Selection of Selection: That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee B :—Mr. Hutchinson; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Herbert Williams.

Colonel Gretton further reported from the Scottish Standing Committee: That Sir John Anderson, being a Member representing a Scottish constituency, is added to the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills under Standing Order No. 47 (2).

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to amend the law of Scotland with regard to divorce and nullity of marriage; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House)—(The Prime Minister);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, {Captain Hope, 263.}

Mr. Furness; {Mr. Groves, 126.}

Mr. Whiteley.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Housing (Financial Provisions) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (General provision for contributions in respect of housing accommodation provided by local authorities).

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 16, to leave out the word "urban," and insert the word "county."—(Sir Percy Hurd.)

Question proposed, That the word "urban" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (Contributions in respect of agricultural housing accommodation provided by district councils).

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 33, to leave out from the word "population," to the end of the subsection.—(Colonel Acland-Troyte.)

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

Other Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 3 (Contributions in respect of agricultural housing accommodation provided by private enterprise).

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 7, to leave out the words "are satisfied," and insert the words "prove to the satisfaction of the Minister."—(Mr. Price.)

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Captain Dugdale, Yeas, Mr. Grimston : 205.
Tellers for the [Mr. Groves, Mr. Whiteley : 126.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 8, to leave out the words "owing to special circumstances," and insert the words "in any particular case."—(Major Mills.)

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Groves, Mr. Mathers : 125.
Tellers for the [Sir James Edmondson, Mr. Grimston : 208.

Proposed words there inserted.

Other Amendments made.

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Colonel Kerr, Captain Dugdale : 205.
Tellers for the [Mr. Mathers, Mr. Adamson : 114.

Clause No. 4 agreed to.

Clause No. 5 (Review of contributions).

Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 26, to leave out the word "forty-one," and insert the word "forty-three."—(Captain Conant.)

Question proposed, That the word "forty-one" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 6 (Local authorities' contributions).

Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 18, to leave out the word "half," and insert the word "one-third."—(Mr. Thomas Williams.)

Question put, That the word "half" stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Munro, Yeas, Mr. Furness : 181.
Tellers for the [Mr. Whiteley, Mr. Adamson : 113.

Amendments made.

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Munro, Yeas, Mr. Furness : 182.
Tellers for the [Mr. Charlton, Mr. Mathers : 110.

Clause No. 7 amended and agreed to.

Clauses No. 8 and No. 9 agreed to.

Clause No. 10 amended and agreed to.

Clauses No. 11 and No. 12 agreed to.

Schedule.

Amendment proposed, in p. 13, l. 4, after the word "land," to insert the words "including additional expenses incurred by the local authority in the construction of any special foundations to the building proposed to be erected on the site: "—(Mr. Silkén.)

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

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, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Bill 96.
Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

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

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

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 1st day of this instant March:

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.
The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Sea Fish Industry 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 receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 28th day of February last;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 24th day of February last, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, in pursuance of the provisions of Section 309 of the Government of India Act, 1935, praying that the Government of India (Adaptation of Acts of Parliament) (Amendment) Order, 1938, be made in the form of the draft laid before Parliament;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 24th day of February last, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, in pursuance of the provisions of Section 309 of the Government of India Act, 1935, praying that the Government of India (Governor's Allowances and Privileges) Amendment Order, 1938, be made in the form of the draft laid before Parliament;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 24th day of February last, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, in pursuance of the provisions of Section 157 of the Government of Burma Act, 1935, praying that the Government of Burma (Governor's Salary, Allowances, and Privileges) (Amendment) Order, 1938, be made in the form of the draft laid before Parliament;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 24th day of February last, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, in pursuance of the provisions of Section 157 of the Government of Burma Act, 1935, praying that the Government of Burma (India-Burma Financial Settlement) Order, 1938, be made in the form of the draft laid before Parliament;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Post Office Sites Bill;

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

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

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

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In pursuance of Standing Order No. 80 (4), I hereby nominate Major Lloyd George Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the Increase of Rent and Mortgage Interest (Restrictions) Bill.

E. A. FitzRoy,
Speaker.

3rd March 1938.

[No. 67.]

Friday, 4th March 1938.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Bournemouth Gas and Water Bill.

Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Scarborough) Bill.


Local Authorities (Enabling) Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Bournemouth Gas and Water Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Scarborough) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

Earl Winterton presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copies of Statutes made on 6th December 1937—

(1) by the Governing Body of Wadham College, Oxford, amending an existing Statute of the College;
(2) by the Governing Body of Peterhouse, Cambridge, amending existing Statutes of the College.

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

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

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

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

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

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. Charles Brown : 109.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Levy : 160.

So it passed in the Negative.

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

Then the Main Question, so amended, being put;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Motor Drivers (Signals) (Signals) 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. 2, it being then five minutes after Four of the clock, till Monday next.

[No. 68.]

Monday, 7th March 1938.

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

PRAYERS.

The Middlesex County Council (Sewerage) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

Mr. Secretary Hore-Belisha presented, by His Majesty's Command.—Copy of General Annual Report on the British Army for the year ended 30th September 1937, with which is incorporated the Annual Report on Recruiting.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means;

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Housing (Financial Provisions) 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 the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 1st day of this instant March;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Sea Fish into consideration the Sea Fish Industry Bill, Industry 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 the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 28th day of February last;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 24th day of February last. That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, in pursuance of the provisions of Section 309 of the Government of India Act, 1935, praying that the Government of India (Adaptation of Acts of Parliament) (Amendment) Order, 1938, be made in the form of the draft laid before Parliament;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 24th day of February last. That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, in pursuance of the provisions of Section 309 of the Government of India Act, 1935, praying that the Government of India (Governors’ Salary, Allowances, and Privileges) (Amendment) Order, 1938, be made in the form of the draft laid before Parliament;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 24th day of February last. That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, in pursuance of the provisions of Section 157 of the Government of Burma Act, 1935, praying that the Government of Burma (Governors’ Salary, Allowances, and Privileges) (Amendment) Order, 1938, be made in the form of the draft laid before Parliament;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 24th day of February last. That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, in pursuance of the provisions of Section 157 of the Government of Burma Act, 1935, praying that the Government of Burma (Financial Settlement Order.)

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till to-morrow.
in pursuance of the provisions of Section 157 of the Government of Burma Act, 1935, praying that the Government of Burma (India-Burma Financial Settlement) Order, 1938, be made in the form of the draft laid before Parliament;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till to-morrow.

Post Office (Sites) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Post Office (Sites) Bill;

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

Coal Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Coal Bill, as amended in the Committee;

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

Scottish Land Court Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Scottish Land Court Bill;

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

Housing (Agricultural Population) (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Housing (Agricultural Population) (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

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

Land Tax Commissioners Bill.

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

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

Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Bill;

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

Conveyancing Amendment (Scotland) Bill [Lords].

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Conveyancing Amendment (Scotland) Bill [Lords];

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

Patents, &c. (International Conventions) Bill [Lords].

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Patents, &c. (International Conventions) Bill [Lords];

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

Lands Valuation (Scotland) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lands Valuation (Scotland) Amendment Bill;

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

Registration of Still-births (Scotland) Bill.

The Registration of Still-births (Scotland) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.
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Mr. Attorney-General presented, pursuant to Standing Order 189.—Copy of Report of the Attorney-General on the Bradford Extension Bill.

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Committee on the Bill.

Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, —Copy of Order made under the Shops Acts, by the Council of the mentioned local authority, and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department:—

County Palatine of Lancaster (for the Parish of Farlington).

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

Earl Winterton presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Statutes made for effecting the transfer of the Cathedral Commissioners of England for York Cathedral; and the measures now forming part of the endowment of York Cathedral.

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

Colonel Gretton further reported from the Standing Committee:—That they had added the following Members from Standing Committee A:—Mr. Ammon, Mr. Attorney-General, Mr. Bernays, Mr. Bevan, Sir Edward Campbell, Mr. Groom-Johnson, Mr. Gardiner, Mr. Duncan Graham, Mr. Grinstead, Miss Horborough, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Jenkins, Mr. Johnston, Major Owen, Mr. Solicitor-General, Mr. Solicitor-General for Scotland, Mr. Spens, Mr. Stephen, Mr. Henry Strauss, Sir John Train, Mr. Turton, Mr. Seryngton Wedderburn, Mr. Watsooo, Sir Kingsley Wood, and Mr. Young.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

Colonel Gretton further reported from the Standing Committee:—That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee B:—Sir Robert Gower and Mr. Lovat-Fraser; and had appointed in substitution: Colonel Acland-Tynte and Sir Patrick Hannoun.

Colonel Gretton further reported from the Standing Committee:—That they had added the following Members from Standing Committee C:—Mr. Broad, Mr. Clune, Mr. Clement Davies, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Lyttelton, Sir John Melior, Mr. Palmer, Mr. Solicitor-General, and Rear-Admiral Sir Murray Sueret.

Colonel Gretton further reported from the Standing Committee:—That they had added the following Members to Standing Committee A (in respect of the Increase of Rent and Mortgage Interest (Restrictions) Bill):—Mr. Ammon, Mr. Attorney-General, Mr. Bernays, Mr. Bevan, Sir Edward Campbell, Mr. Groom-Johnson, Mr. Gardiner, Mr. Duncan Graham, Mr. Grinstead, Miss Horborough, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Jenkins, Mr. Johnston, Major Owen, Mr. Solicitor-General, Mr. Solicitor-General for Scotland, Mr. Spens, Mr. Stephen, Mr. Henry Strauss, Sir John Train, Mr. Turton, Mr. Seryngton Wedderburn, Mr. Watsooo, Sir Kingsley Wood, and Mr. Young.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Earl Winterton also presented, pursuant to the directions of a Measure,—Copy of Scheme of the Cathedral Commissioners of England for effecting the transfer to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners of certain lands and hereditaments now forming part of the endowment of York Cathedral.

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

Colonel Muirhead presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Note by the Secretary of State for Air on the proposed arrangements with Imperial Airways, Limited, for the continued operation of air services connecting Hong Kong and West Africa with the main Empire air routes.

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

Captain Ernest Evans reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Consolidation Bills: That they had considered the Trade Marks Bill [Lords], now pending in the House of Lords, and had agreed to a Report in respect thereof which they had directed him to make to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them; and the Report was brought up and read.

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

Colonel Gretton reported from the Committee of Selection: That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee A:—Sir Adrian Bailey, Sir Alfred Best, Mr. Buller, Mr. Channon, Mr. Christie, Mr. Core, Mr. Crossley, Mr. Day, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Leaou, and Mr. Pickthorn; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Ralph Beaumont, Mr. Beechman, Captain Casael, Sir Francis Fremahide, Mr. Kirby, Mr. Seely, Mr. Silkfin, Mr. Sillers, Mr. Simpson, Mr. Watsooo, and Major Whiteley.

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for consideration at half-past Seven of the clock, this evening, by direction of the Chairman of Ways and Means, be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House)—(The Prime Minister);
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Munro, 265.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Furness, 118.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

(In the Committee.)
Civil Estimates and Estimates for Revenue Departments, Supplementary Estimate, 1937.

Class II.
1. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £10 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1938 for Sundry Colonial and Middle Eastern Services under His Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, including certain Non-effective Services and Grants in Aid.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £5 be granted for the said Service.—(Mr. Morgan Jones.)

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. 6, further Proceeding was postponed without Question put.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Passenger Transport Board 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. Parker.)
And the Question being proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question—
And a Debate arising thereupon;
And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Debate be now adjourned.—(Mr. Denman);
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Denman, 186,
Tellers for the Noes, Sir Joseph Nall, 131.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Thursday next.

Postponed Proceeding on Question proposed Supply, on Consideration of Question, 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 1938 for Sundry Colonial and Middle Eastern Services under His Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, including certain Non-effective Services and Grants in Aid, resumed.

Question, That a sum not exceeding £5 be granted for the said Service, put, and negatived.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again.—(Captain Margesson.)

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 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 Means;

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

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply and asking leave to sit again, the Report from the Committee of Supply of [1st March] Report.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Housing into consideration the Housing (Financial Provisions) Bill, as amended in the Committee; Bill.

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking Sea Fish into consideration the Sea Fish Industry Bill, 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 Supply [28th February] Report.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Government of India Act, 1935 (Amendment) Order in pursuance of the provisions of Section 309 of the Government of India Act, 1935, praying Order.) that the Government of India (Adaptation of Acts of Parliament) (Amendment) Order, 1938, be made in the form of the draft laid before Parliament;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till to-morrow.
The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 24th day of February last, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, in pursuance of the provisions of Section 309 of the Government of India Act, 1935, praying that the Government of India (Governor's Salaries, Allowances and Privileges) (Amendment) Order, 1938, be made in the form of the draft laid before Parliament;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 24th day of February last, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, in pursuance of the provisions of Section 157 of the Government of Burma Act, 1935, praying that the Government of Burma (Governor's Salary, Allowances, and Privileges) (Amendment) Order, 1938, be made in the form of the draft laid before Parliament;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 24th day of February last, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, in pursuance of the provisions of Section 157 of the Government of Burma Act, 1935, praying that the Government of Burma (Governor's Salary, Allowances, and Privileges) (Amendment) Order, 1938, be made in the form of the draft laid before Parliament;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 24th day of February last, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, in pursuance of the provisions of Section 309 of the Government of India Act, 1935, praying that the Government of India (Governor's Salaries, Allowances and Privileges) (Amendment) Order, 1938, be made in the form of the draft laid before Parliament;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till to-morrow.
Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—
(Captain Margesson.)

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

STANDING COMMITTEES.

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

Mr. Speaker being of opinion that the Registration of Still-births (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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Wednesday, 9th March 1938.

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

PRAYERS.

Death of a Member.

Mr. Speaker made the following communication to the House:—

I regret to have to inform the House of the death of Sir Cyril Cobb, K.B.E., M.V.O., late Member for the Borough of Fulham (West Division), and desire to express our sense of the loss we have sustained and our sympathy with the relatives.

Mr. Secretary Elliot presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1936, relating to Paisley Corporation: And the same was ordered, under Section 7 of the Act, to be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Bill be printed.

Diseases of Animals Acts.

Mr. William Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—

Copy of Order, dated 5th March 1938, authorising the continuation of prohibition on the landing of animals from Jersey (Order No. 5,072).

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

The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of a Measure, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—

Copy of Scheme for effecting the union of the parishes of Canterbury, Saint Alphege, Canterbury, Saint Mary, Northgate, and Canterbury, All Saints, being some of the parishes of the united benefice of Canterbury, Saint Alphege with Saint Margaret, in the county of Kent and in the diocese of Canterbury.

Copy of Supplementary Scheme for making certain alterations and additions in relation to the provisions of the Order in Council, dated 29th March 1935, for effecting the union of the benefice of Everton, Saint Peter, the benefice of Everton, Saint Ambrose, and the benefice of Liverpool, All Saints, all in the county of Lancaster and in the diocese of Liverpool.

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to modify certain provisions of the Adelphi Estate Act 1933; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Middlesex Hospital Bill [Lords.] was read for the first time.

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

The Middlesex Hospital Bill [Lords] was read the Middlesex Hospital Bill [Lords.] was read the first time.

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House)—(The Prime Minister):

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right:

Tellers for the Yeas:—

Mr. Whiteley: 228.

Mr. Munro: 136.

The Noes to the Left:

Tellers for the Noes:—

Mr. Groves: 228.

Mr. Whiteley: 136.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

(in the Committee.)

Civil Estimates and Estimates for Revenue Departments, Supplementary Estimates, 1937.

Class II.

1. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £85,664 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, 1938, for the Expenses in connection with His Majesty's Embassies, Missions and Consular Establishments Abroad, and other expenditure chargeable to the Consular Vote: certain special Grants and Payments, including Grants in Aid; and Sundry Services arising out of the War.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a sum not exceeding £85,664 be granted for the said Service.—(Mr. Grose.)
improvement of cultivation, drainage, &c.,
regulation of agricultural wages, agricultural
credits, and marketing, control of diseases of
of fish, fishery development; and sundry other
services.

7. Motion made, and Question proposed,
That a Supplementary sum not exceeding
£87,810 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
1938 for the Salaries and Expenses of the
Department of Overseas Trade, including
Grants in Aid of the Imperial Institute
and the Travel and Industrial Development
Association of Great Britain and Ireland.

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Question put, and agreed to.

8. £15,200 (Supplementary) for the Salaries
and Expenses of certain Services transferred
from the Mercantile Marine Fund and other
Services connected with the Mercantile Marine,
including Services under the British Shipping
(Assistance) Act, 1935, the Coastguard, General
Register and Record Office of Shipping and
Seamen and Merchant Seamen's Fund Pensions.

Civil Estimates, Excesses, 1936.

9. £12,737 9s. 6d., to make good Excesses
on certain Grants for Civil Departments for
the year ended the 31st day of March 1937:

Resolutions to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Deputy Chairman also acquainted the
Committee 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 Ways and
Committee of Ways and Means;

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

The Order of the day being read, for receiv-
ing the Report from the Committee of Supply [1st March]
report.

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 8th day of this instant March;
Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Post Office Sites 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 Scottish Land Court Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Housing (Agricultural Population) (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Conveyancing Amendment (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 Patents, &c. (International Conventions) Bill [Lords.];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 24th day of February last, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, in pursuance of the provisions of Section 309 of the Government of India Act, 1935, praying that the Government of India (Governors' Salary, Allowances, and Privileges) (Amendment) Order, 1938, be made in the form of the draft laid before Parliament;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 24th day of February last, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, Financial Settlement) Order, 1938, be made in the form of the draft laid before Parliament;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 24th day of February last, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, in pursuance of the provisions of Section 157 of the Government of Burma Act, 1935, praying that the Government of Burma (Governor's Salary, Allowances, and Privileges) (Amendment) Order, 1938, be made in the form of the draft laid before Parliament;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

Resolved, That the draft of a Special Order Gas Undertakings Acts, 1920 to 1934, on the application of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the borough of Workington, which was presented on the 1st day of February and published, be approved.
—(Captain Wallace.)

Resolved, That the draft of a Special Order Gas Undertakings Acts, 1920 to 1934, on the application of the Spalding Urban District Council, which was presented on the 11th day of February and published, be approved.—(Captain Wallace.)

Resolved, That the draft of a Special Order Gas Undertakings Acts, 1920 to 1934, on the application of the Newport (Monmouthshire) Gas Company, which was presented on the 17th day of February and published, be approved.—(Captain Wallace.)

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Workmen's Compensation (Amendment) Bill, as amended Bill, in the Standing Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

And it being after half-past Eleven of the clock on Wednesday evening, Mr. of the Deputy Speaker adjourned the House, without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then twenty-two minutes before Two of the clock on Thursday morning, this day.
Thursday, 10th March 1938.

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

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the Petition for the following Bill, intended to be introduced pursuant to the provisions of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1936, the Standing Orders, which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz. :

Caledonian Power Bill (Substituted Bill).

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 8th day of this instant March, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the London Passenger Transport Board Bill be now read a second time ;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday the 24th day of this instant March.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Paisley Corporation (General Powers) Order Confirmation Bill.

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

Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Report of the Inspector under the Inebriates Acts, for 1937.

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

Mr. Ernest Brown presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 7th March 1938, entitled the Unemployment Insurance (Insurable Employments) (Agriculture) Regulations, 1938.

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

Colonel Colville presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Recommendations of the Import Duties Advisory Committee, dated 3rd February 1938, relating to the Additional Import Duties (No. 3) Order, 1938.

Colonel Colville also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order, dated 16th March 1938, made under the Import Duties Act, 1932, entitled the Additional Import Duties (No. 3) Order, 1938.

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

Mr. Duff Cooper presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Account showing the Receipts and Expenditure of Naval Prize Bounty, Salvage and other Moneys between 1st April 1936 and 31st March 1937.

Account of Deposits in Naval Savings Banks, Naval Savings Bank and the payments thereof and the interest thereon, &c., during the financial year 1936.

Ordered, That the said Papers 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 Blind Persons Blind Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Population Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to prohibit the docking and nicking of horses and importation of docked and nicked horses; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Docking and Nicking of Horses (Prohibition) Bill [Lords] was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 22nd day of this instant March; Bill [Lords.] and to be printed.

Sir George Harvey reported from the Committee on Group A of Private Bills : That, for the convenience of parties, the Committee had adjourned till Tuesday next, at Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House)—(The Prime Minister):

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Captain Dugdale : 270.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Groves : 117.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply (Army Estimates.)

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair (for Committee on the Army Estimates)—(Mr. Secretary Hore-Belisha):

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 Democrat-House, the present Army system governing the conditions of the serving soldier and under which officer commissions are almost wholly reserved for the sons of the well-to-do is out of date in a democratic country."—(Mr. Batey), instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question;
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The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the \{Colonel Kerr, Yeas, Captain Dugdale : \} 208.
Tellers for the \{Mr. Whiteley, Noes, Mr. Mothers : \} 105.
So 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 \{Colonel Kerr, Yeas, Captain Dugdale : \} 200.
Tellers for the \{Mr. Groves, Noes, Mr. Adamson : \} 100.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Army Estimates, 1938.

1. Motion made, and Question proposed,
That a number of Land Forces, not exceeding 170,000, all ranks, be maintained for the Service of the United Kingdom at Home and abroad, exclusive of India and Burma, during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1939.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put,
That a number, not exceeding 169,900, all ranks, be maintained for the said Service.—
(Mr. Lawson.)

The Committee divided.
Tellers for the \{Mr. Mothers, Yeas, Mr. Adamson : \} 99.
Tellers for the \{Colonel Kerr, Noes, Captain Grimston : \} 196.

Original Question put and agreed to.

2. £10,819,000 for the Pay, &c., of His Majesty's Army at Home and abroad, exclusive of India and Burma.

3. £9,775,000 for the Army Reserve (to a number not exceeding 142,500, all ranks), Supplementary Reserve (to a number not exceeding 56,396, all ranks), Territorial Army (to a number not exceeding 201,707, all ranks), Officers Training Corps, and Colonial Militia, &c.

4. £6,515,000 for Works, Buildings and Lands, including military and civilian staff and other charges in connection therewith.

5. £1,022,000 for Miscellaneous Effective Services.


7. £4,648,000 for the Royal Hospital, Chelsea; for Out-Pensions, Rewards for Distinguished Service, Widows' Pensions and other Non-Effective Charges for Warrant Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers, Men, &c.

Friday, 11th March 1938:

8. £204,000 for Civil Superannuation and other Non-Effective Annual Allowances, Additional Allowances and Gratuities.

Army (Royal Ordnance Factories) Estimate, 1938.

9. £684,000 to defray the charge (reduced by a sum, not exceeding £50,000, to be transferred from the Supplies Suspense Account), for the Expense of the Royal Ordnance Factories, the Cost of the Productions of which will be charged to the Navy, the Army, the Air Force, &c.

Army Supplementary Estimate, 1937.

10. £100 (Supplementary) for expenditure not provided for in the Army Estimates for the year.

Schedule.

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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 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, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed in pursuance of the provisions of Section 309 of the Government of India Act, 1935, praying that the Government of India (Adaptation of Acts of Parliament) (Amendment) Order, 1938, be made in the form of the draft laid before Parliament;

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

And the Question being put;

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, in pursuance of the provisions of Section 309 of the Government of India Act, 1935, praying that the Government of India (Adaptation of Acts of Parliament) (Amendment) Order, 1938, be made in the form of the draft laid before 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.
The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 24th day of February last, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, in pursuance of the provisions of Section 309 of the Government of India Act, 1935, praying that the Government of India (Governor's Allowances and Privileges) (Amendment) Order, 1938, be made in the form of the draft laid before Parliament;

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

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Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Criminal Procedure (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 Conveyancing Amendment (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 Patents, &c. (International Conventions) 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 ten minutes after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning, till this day.

In pursuance of Standing Order No. 80 (4), I hereby nominate Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Charles MacAndrew Chairman of the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills in respect of the Registration of Still-births (Scotland) Bill.

E. A. FrrzRoy,
Speaker.

10th March 1938.

[No. 72.]

Friday, 11th March 1938.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Paisley Corporation (General Powers) Order Confirmation Bill.

A Bill to incorporate and confer powers upon the Paisley Corporation; and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

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

Caledonian Power Bill (Undated Bill.)

Mr. William Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders, dated 9th March 1938, authorising the landing—

(1) at Hull, from Finland, of four Reindeer (Order No. 5,679);
(2) at London, from India, of one pair of Axis Deer and one pair of Blackbuck (Order No. 5,680);

and prescribing Regulations in relation thereto.

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E. A. FrrzRoy,
Speaker.

10th March 1938.
2 Geo. VI. 11th—14th March.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply:
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

Whereupon Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, without Question put, pursuant to Standing Order No. 2, it being then eight minutes after Four of the clock, till Monday next.

[No. 73.]

Monday, 14th March 1938.

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

PRAYERS.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means:
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

The House adjourned till Monday next.

Copy of the Marriage (Licensing of Chapels) Measure, 1938, passed by the National Assembly of the Church of England.

Ordered, That the said Papers be printed.

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

   No. 75.

   No. 76.

   No. 77.

   No. 78.

The following Persons, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were appointed in Committee A:—Mr. George Strauss, and had appointed in Committee B:—Mr. De Chair.

1. The Divorce and Nullity of Marriage (Scotland) Bill [Lords] was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

   Colonel Gretton reported from the Standing Committee Selection: That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee A:—Mr. George Strauss; and had appointed in Committee A substitution: Mr. Davidson.

   Colonel Gretton further reported from the Standing Committee B:—Mr. De Chair; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Hayworth.
Colonel Gretton further reported from the Committee: That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee B (added in respect of the Children and Young Persons Act (1933) Amendment Bill): --Sir John Mellor and Admiral Sir Murray Sweter; and had appointed in substitution: Miss Cazetel and Mr. Lindsay.

Colonel Gretton further reported from the Committee: That they had added the following Fifteen Members to Standing Committee B (in respect of the Registration of Still-births (Scotland) Bill): --Sir Thomas Cook, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Crowder, Sir Arnold Gridley, Mr. Hannah, Mr. Haslam, Dr. Howitt, Mr. Liddall, Mr. Magnay, and Mr. Isidore Salmon.

Colonel Gretton further reported from the Committee: That they had added the following Ten Members to the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills (in respect of the Registration of Still-births (Scotland) Bill): --Mr. Barfield, Mr. Chapman, the Marquess of Clydesdale, Mr. Fleming, Miss Lloyd George, Dr. Hades Guest, Mr. Guy, Mr. James Hall, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. McCorquodale, Mr. McKie, Mr. Marshall, Mr. George Morrison, Mr. Palmer, and Sir Isidore Salmon.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a sum not exceeding £84,760,000 be granted to His Majesty, on account for and towards defraying the charges for the following Civil and Revenue Departments, 1938 (Vote on Account).

That a sum not exceeding £184,760,000 be granted to His Majesty, on account for and towards defraying the charges for the following Civil and Revenue Departments (including Pensions, Education, Insurance, and other Grants, and Exchequer Contributions to Local Revenues) for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1939, viz.: --

Civil Estimates.

Class II.

Colonial Office - - - - 25,000

Class III.

Home Office - - - - 200,000

Air Raid Precautionary Services - - 2,800,000

Broadmoor Criminal Lunatic Asylum - - 24,600

Police, England and Wales - - 6,800,000

Prisons, England and Wales - - 700,000

Apprved Schools, &c., England and Wales - - 645,000

Colonial Development Fund - - 100,000

Imperial War Graves Commission - - 900,000

Class IV.

Board of Education - - 18,500,000

British Museum - - 98,000

British Museum (Natural History) - - 45,000

Imperial War Museum - - 4,000

London Museum - - 2,000

National Gallery - - 16,700

National Maritime Museum - - 4,000

National Portrait Gallery - - 3,000

Wallace Collection - - 4,000

Scientific Investigation, &c. - - 100,000

Universities and Colleges, Great Britain - - 900,000

Broadcasting - - 1,100,000
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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 it being Eleven of the clock, Mr. Speaker Question put proceeded, pursuant to Standing Order No. 14, forthwith to put forthwith the Question necessary to S. No. 14,) dispose of the Report of the Resolution.

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

Mr. Lennox-Boyd reported from the Com- Supply Committee of Supply of the 1st day of this Instant March, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

### Civil Estimates and Estimates for Revenue Departments, Supplementary Estimates, 1937.

#### Class III.

1. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding Prisoners, £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, 1938 for Grants in respect of the Prison Commissioners and of the Prisons in England and Wales.

2. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding Approved £61,900 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, 1938 for Grants in respect of the expenses of the Managers of Approved Schools in England and Wales; the expenses of Local Authorities in respect of children and young persons committed to their care; and the expenses of the Councils of Counties and County Boroughs in respect of Remand Homes.

#### Class VI.

3. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding State £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, 1938.
March 1938 for the Salaries and Expenses of the State Management Districts, including the Salaries of the Central Office, and the Cost of Provision and Management of Licensed Premises.

Class I.

4. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £5,000 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1938 for a Grant in Aid of the Government Hospitality Fund.

Class VII.

5. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £20,000 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 1938 for Expenditure in respect of Art and Science Buildings, Great Britain.

6. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £7,550 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 1938 for Expenditure in respect of Miscellaneous Legal Buildings, Great Britain.

7. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £81,000 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 1938 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Commissioners of His Majesty’s Works and Public Buildings.

8. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £64,000 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 1938 for Expenditure in respect of sundry Public Buildings in Great Britain, not provided for on other Votes, including Historic Buildings, Ancient Monuments, Brompton Cemetery and certain Housing Estates.

9. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £10 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1938 for Expenditure in respect of Royal Palaces, including a Grant in Aid.

10. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £59,000 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 1938 for Expenditure in respect of sundry Revenue 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.

11. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £6,000 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 1938 for Expenditure in respect of Public Works and Buildings in Ireland.

12. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £10 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1938 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of His Majesty’s Most Honorable Privy Council.

13. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £1,850 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 1938 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Lord Privy Seal.

14. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £4,000 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 1938 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Law Officers’ Department, the Salaries and Expenses of the Departments of His Majesty’s Procurator-General and of the Solicitor for the Affairs of His Majesty’s Treasury, and of the Department of the Director of Public Prosecutions; the Costs of Prosecutions, of other Legal Proceedings, and of Parliamentary Agency.

15. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £50 be granted to His Majesty, for sundry Miscellaneous Services, including certain Grants in Aid.

16. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £197,000 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 1938 for the Salaries of the National Library of Scotland, including certain Grants in Aid.

17. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £64,000 be granted to His Majesty, for sundry Miscellaneous Services, including Reports of Parliamentary Debates.
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Class VIII.

19. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £30,000 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 1938 for Superannuation and other non-effective Annual Allowances, Additional Allowances and Gratuities under Sundry Statutes; Compassionate Allowances, Gratuities and Supplementary Pensions awarded by the Treasury and, under the Government of Ireland Act, 1920, by the Civil Service Committee for Northern Ireland.

Class VI.

20. 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 1938 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Anglo-Spanish, Anglo-Roumanian, Anglo-Italian and Anglo-Turkish Clearing Offices under the Debts Clearing Offices and Import Restrictions Act, 1934.

Revenue Departments.

Post Office (Supplementary.)

21. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £900,000 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1938 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Post Office, including Telegraphs and Telephones.

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


The 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 to-morrow.


The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 9th day of this instant March;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

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

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

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee 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 10th day of this instant March;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

Coal Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Coal Bill, as amended in the Committee;

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

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The Order of the day being read, for taking Housing into consideration the Housing (Financial Provisions) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking Sea Fish into consideration the Sea Fish Industry 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 Post Office Second Reading of 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 Scottish Land Second Reading of the Scottish Land Court Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking Housing into consideration the Housing (Agricultural Provisions) (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 Land Tax Committee on the Land Tax Commissioners Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Conveyancing Amendment of the Conveyancing (Scotland) Bill (Lords);

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Patents, &c. Second Reading of the Patents, &c. (International Conventions) Bill (Lords);

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Ratification and Second Reading of the Ratification and Valuation (Postponement of Valuations) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Lands Second Reading of the Lands Valuation (Scotland) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 28th day of this instant March.

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

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

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Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following 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 Bill.
- Southern Railway 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 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.:

- Adelphi Estate Bill [Lords].
- Middlesex Hospital Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

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

- London and North Eastern Railway Bill.
- Middlesex County Council (Sewerage) Bill.

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

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

- Oxford Corporation (Electricity) [Lords].

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

Mr. Burgess presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Provisional Regulations, dated 7th March 1938, entitled the London Traffic (Parking Places) (Amendment) (No. 3) Provisional Regulations, 1938.

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

Copy of Regulations, dated 11th March 1938, entitled the London Traffic (Prescribed Routes) (No. 8) (Willesden Lane) Regulations, 1938.

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

Sir Robert Young reported from Standing Committee C: That they had gone through the Architect's Registration Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, and the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

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

No. 74.

Tuesday, 15th March 1938.

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

PRAYERS.

Mr. Stanley presented, pursuant to the Gas directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Undertakings Acts. Drafts of Special Orders proposed to be made, under the Gas Undertakings Acts, on the application of—

(1) the Basingstoke Gas Company;
(2) the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgess of the borough of East Retford.

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

Lord Stanley presented, pursuant to the East India directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Superior Civil Authorities, and Records, and Rules made by the Secretary of State for India, under Section 246 of the Government of India Act, 1935.

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

Colonel Coleville presented, pursuant to the High Court directions of an Act of Parliament,—Annual Account of the High Court of Justice (Northern Ireland), Probate Division, for 1937.

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

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Sir George Harvey reported from the Committee on Group A of Private Bills: That they had considered the Order contained in the Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Bridgewater Extension) Bill; that they were of the opinion that the said Order ought to be confirmed; and that they had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

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

Sir Alexander Russell reported from the Committee, and the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Reports 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.:

- Adelphi Estate Bill [Lords].
- Middlesex Hospital 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, the Standing Orders have not been complied with, viz.:

- London and North Eastern Railway Bill.
- Middlesex County Council (Sewerage) Bill.

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

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

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Mr. Burgess presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Provisional Regulations, dated 7th March 1938, entitled the London Traffic (Parking Places) (Amendment) (No. 3) Provisional Regulations, 1938.

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

Copy of Regulations, dated 11th March 1938, entitled the London Traffic (Prescribed Routes) (No. 8) (Willesden Lane) Regulations, 1938.

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

Sir Robert Young reported from Standing Committee C: That they had gone through the Architect's Registration Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Friday the 13th day of May next; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

No. 79.
A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House)—(The Prime Minister):

The House divided.

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

Tellers for the Captain Hope, Yeas, Mr. Munro: 267.
Tellers for the Captain Dugdale, Noes, Mr. Whiteley: 110.

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 Air Estimates)—(Colonel Muirhead):

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, taking note of the admitted delay in carrying out the Government's programme for the provision of aircraft, is not satisfied that the existing arrangements are either administratively efficient or financially sound."—(Lieutenant-Commander Fletcher), 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 Captain Hope, Yeas, Mr. Munro: 253.
Tellers for the Captain Dugdale, Noes, Mr. Mathers: 139.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being again proposed;

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning;

Wednesday, 16th March 1938:

And the Question being put;

The House divided.

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

Tellers for the Colonel Kerr, Yeas, Captain Waterhouse: 243.
Tellers for the Mr. Groves, Noes, Mr. Mathers: 92.

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.)

Air Estimates, 1938.

1. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a number, not exceeding 82,000, all ranks, be maintained for the said Service.—(Mr. Montague).

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. Mathers, Yeas, Mr. Anderson: 90.
Tellers for the Captain Hope, Noes, Captain Dugdale: 234.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

2. £10,175,000 for the Pay, &c., of the Royal Air Force at Home and abroad, exclusive of those serving in India.

3. £2,800,000 for Works, Buildings, and Lands, including Civilian Staff and other Charges connected therewith.

4. £42,631,000 for Technical and Warlike Stores (including Experimental and Research Services).

Air Supplementary Estimate, 1937.

5. £100 (Supplementary) for expenditure beyond the sum already provided in the grants for Air Services for the year.

Schedule.

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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 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.

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of [5th March] Report.

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of [9th March] Report.

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 10th day of this instant March;
Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Coal Bill, as amended in the Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Housing (Financial Provisions) Bill, as amended in the Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Sea Fish Industry 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 Performing Animals (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 Small Landholders (Scotland) Act (1911) Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Secretary of State for Wales and Monmouthshire 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 Assurance Companies (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 Public Health (Coal Mine Refuse) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 11th day of February last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Elections (Motor Cars) 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 Protection of Animals Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Access to Mountains Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Street Trading (Regulation) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Parliamentary Elections (Compulsory Voting) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Agricultural Marketing Act (1933) Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday 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 Works Councils Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Loss of Employment (Compensation) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Peace Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Merchandise Marks (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 Tuesday evening, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House, without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then four minutes after One of the clock on Wednesday morning, till this day.
THE Vice-Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, That their Addresses of the 10th day of this instant March, relative to Government of India Act, 1935, and Government of Burma Act, 1935 (Orders), 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 Addresses praying that the Government of India (Governors' Allowances and Privileges) (Amendment) Order, 1938; the Government of Burma (Governor's Salary, Allowances and Privileges) (Amendment) Order, 1938; the Government of India (Adaptation of Acts of Parliament) (Amendment) Order, 1938; and the Government of Burma (India-Burma Financial Settlement) Order, 1938, be made in the form of the respective drafts laid before your House. I will comply with your request.

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Bridgewater Extension) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

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

Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, — Copy of Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the borough of Finchley.

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

Mr. William Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, — Copy of Order, dated 8th March 1938, entitled the Wheat (Quota Payments) No. 2 Order, 1938.

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

Mr. Burgin presented, pursuant to the Road Traffic directions of an Act of Parliament,— Copy of Acts.

Provisional Regulations, dated 29th February 1938, entitled the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) Provisional Regulations, 1938.

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

Captain Crookshank presented, by His Coal Bill, Majesty's Command,—Copy of Statement of Assurances given by the Central Council of Colliery Owners in connection with the Schemes for Organised Selling in the Coal Industry.

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 Poor Law (No. 2) Bill, with Amendments, (Amendment) Order, 1938; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Mr. Attlee, Member for the Limehouse Division of Stepney, 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 lack of any Ministerial policy to counter the grave menace to British interests arising out of the armed intervention in Spain by certain Foreign Powers;" but the pleasure of the House not having been signified, Mr. Speaker called on those Members who supported the Motion to rise in their places, and, not less than 40 Members having accordingly risen;

The Motion stood over, under Standing Order No. 8, until half an hour after Seven of the clock this evening.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Business of the House.

Put, That the Proceedings on the Report of the Supply of 9th March be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House)—The Prime Minister;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Captain Dugdale, Yes, (Mr. Munro : ) 261.

Tellers for the [Mr. Groves, Noes, (Mr. Charleton : ) 132.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Agricultural Bill to abolish the powers of boards established under the Agricultural Marketing Acts, 1931 to 1933, to impose and recover monetary penalties from registered producers, to amend the said Acts and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid; and that Major Procter, Mr. Macquisten, Mr. Lyons, Lord Willoughby de Eresby, Mr. De la Bere, Mr. Beechman, Mr. Petherick, Sir Arnold Wilson, Mr. Foot, and Mr. Herbert Williams do prepare and bring in.
A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House approves the Observations of His Majesty's Government on the Report of the Committee of Inquiry into Civil Aviation—(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 "in view of the disclosures of long-standing Ministerial neglect and of gross inefficiency in the management of a heavily subsidised company, the explanations and proposals of His Majesty's Government cannot be regarded as adequate to allay public concern,"—(Mr. Attlee)—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 leave having been given to move the Adjournment of the House under Standing Order No. 8, further Proceeding was postponed, without Question put.

The House divided.

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

Tellers for the [Mr. Whitley, Yeas, 141. Mr. Mathers: ]
Tellers for the [Captain Hope, Noes, Colonel Kerr: 317.]
So it passed in the Negative.

The postponed Proceeding on the Amendment to the Question, That this House approves the Observations of His Majesty's Government on the Report of the Committee of Inquiry into Civil Aviation, was resumed.

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

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

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

Mr. Robert Hudson reported from the Committee of Supply of the 9th day of this instant March, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Civil Estimates and Estimates for Revenue Departments, Supplementary Estimates, 1937.

Class II.

1. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £85,664 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 1938 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of His Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

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4. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £500,000 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 1938 for a Grant to the British Broadcasting Corporation.

Class V.

5. 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 1938 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Ministry of Labour, including sums payable by the Exchequer to the Unemployment Fund, Grants to Local Authorities, Associations and other bodies under the Unemployment Insurance, Labour Exchanges and other Acts; Grant in Aid of the National Council of Social Service; Expenses of Transfer and Resettlement; Expenses of Training of unemployed persons and, on behalf of the Army Council and Air Council, of soldiers and airmen for employment; Contribution towards the Expenses of the International Labour Organisation (League of Nations); Expenses of the Industrial Court; and sundry services.

Class VI.

6. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £229,450 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 1938 for the Salaries of His Majesty's Embassies, Missions and Consular Establishments Abroad, and other expenditure chargeable to the Consular Vote; certain special Grants and Payments, including Grants in Aid; and Sundry Services arising out of the War.
of cultivation, drainage, &c., regulation of agricultural wages, agricultural credits, and marketing, control of diseases of fish, fishery development; and sundry other services.

7. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £87,810 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 1938 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of Overseas Trade, including Grants in Aid of the Imperial Institute and the Travel and Industrial Development Association of Great Britain and Ireland.

8. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £15,200 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1938 for the Salaries and Expenses of certain Services transferred from the Mercantile Marine Fund and other Services connected with the Mercantile Marine, including Services under the British Shipping (Assistance) Act, 1935, the Coastguard, General Register and Record Office of Shipping and Seamen and Merchant Seamen’s Fund Pensions.

Civil Estimates, Excesses, 1936.

9. That a sum not exceeding £12,737 9s. 6d. be granted to His Majesty, to make good Excesses on certain Grants for Civil Departments for the year ended the 31st day of March 1937:

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

The Eighth Resolution being read a second time:

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution;

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Thursday morning;

**Thursday, 17th March 1938:**

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

Then the remaining 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, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply Report from the Committee of Supply of the 8th day of this instant March;

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply Report from the Committee of Supply of the 10th day of this instant March;

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Coal Bill, into consideration the Coal Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Housing (Financial Provisions) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Sea Fish Industry Bill into consideration the Sea Fish Industry 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 receiving Supply Report from the Committee of Supply of the 15th day of this instant March;

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

And it being after half-past Eleven of the clock on Wednesday evening, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House, without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then six minutes after Twelve of the clock on Thursday morning, till this day.

**Thursday, 17th March 1938.**

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.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Bridgewater 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.

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Mr. Secretary Elliot presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 10th March 1938, entitled the Air-Raid Precautions (Fire Schemes) (Scotland) Regulations, 1938. 

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

Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations, dated 10th March 1938, entitled—

(1) the Air-Raid Precautions (General Schemes) Regulations, 1938;

(2) the Air-Raid Precautions (Fire Schemes) Regulations, 1938.

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


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Mr. Lindsay presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 8th March 1938, entitled the Elementary Education Grant Amending Regulations No. 1, 1938.

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

Colonel Coleville 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 1938.

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

Mr. Secretary Hore-Belisha presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Statement relating to Improvements in the Pay, Allowances, &c., of the Regular Army.

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

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills: That they had considered the Order contained in the North West Midlands Joint Electricity Authority Provisional Order Bill; that they were of opinion that the said Order ought to be confirmed; and that they had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

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

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Bombay, Baroda and Central India Railway Bill [Lords], and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same without Amendment.

The Deputy Chairman further reported from the Committee: That they had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders, and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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

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made Amendments thereunto, and had amended the Title as followeth: A Bill to authorise the Corporation of Bangor to suspend or modify the working of the ferry between Bangor Pier and Llandegfan; to sell the pier undertaking: to make better provision for the health local government and finance of the borough; and for other purposes.

The Deputy Chairman further reported from the Committee: That they had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders, and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, and the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Report be printed.

Sir George Harvey reported from the Committee on Group A of Private Bills: That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Glamorgan County Council Bill, but the same not having been proved to their satisfaction, they had directed him to report the Bill without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill do lie upon the Table.

Sir Alexander West Russell reported from the Committee on Group B of Private Bills: That, for the convenience of parties, the Committee had adjourned till Tuesday next, at Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Colonel Gretton reported from the Committee of Selection (Standing Committees) to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by Sir Alexander West Russell, the Marquess of Clydesdale, and Mr. Chapman, the Marquess of Lansdowne, Mr. Groves, Mr. James Stuart, Mr. Mathers, and Mr. Whiteley; as followeth:

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Friday the 13th day of May next; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

The Welsh Church (Amendment) Bill [Lords] was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Poor Law (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill be taken into consideration upon Friday the 29th day of April next; and 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 Yeas, [Mr. James Stuart], 278.
Tellers for the Noes, [Mr. Matthews]; 113.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair (for Committee on the Navy Estimates)—(Mr. Shakespeare); The House divided.

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

Tellers for the Yeas, [Sir James Edmondson]; 211.
Tellers for the Noes, [Mr. Whiteley]; 114.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

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

(In the Committee.)

Navy Estimates, 1938.

1. Motion made, and Question proposed, That 110,000 Officers, Seamen, Boys, and Royal Marines be employed for the Sea
Service, together with 913 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 1939.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That 118,900 Officers, Seamen, Boys, and Royal Marines be employed for the said Service.—(Mr. Alexander.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Mathers, Mr. Adamson :]> 115.

Tellers for the [Captain Hope, Captain Dugdale :]> 223.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

2. £15,027,000 for Wages, &c., of Officers and Men of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines, and Civilians employed on Fleet Services.

3. £4,421,000 for Victualling and Clothing for the Navy, including the cost of Victualling Establishments at Home and Abroad.

4. £5,718,000 for the Fleet Air Arm.

5. £2,317,000 for Works, Buildings and Repairs at Home and Abroad, including the cost of Superintendence, Purchase of Sites, Grants and other Charges connected therewith.

6. £3,949,000 for Non-Effective Services (Naval and Marine)—Officers.

7. £5,485,500 for Non-Effective Services (Naval and Marine)—Men.

8. £1,362,200 for Civil Superannuation, and other Non-Effective Annual Allowances, Additional Allowances and Gratuities.

9. £100 (Supplementary) for expenditure not provided for in the Navy Estimates for the year.

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Resolutions to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received 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, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

1. Resolved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year ended on the 31st day of March 1937, the sum of £12,737 9s. 6d. be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.—(Colonel Colville.)

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 1938, the sum of £2,573,824 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.—(Colonel Colville.)

3. Resolved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1939, the sum of £310,701,700 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.—(Colonel Colville.)

Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Secretary Ormsby-Gore reported from the Supply Committee of Supply of the 8th day of this instant March, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

Civil Estimates and Estimates for Revenue Departments, Supplementary Estimate, 1937.

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That a Supplementary sum not exceeding Colonial and £10 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of services payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1938 for Sundry Colonial and Middle Eastern Services under His Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, including certain Non-Effective Services and Grants in Aid.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Post Office Second Reading of the Post Office (Sites) Bill; [Sites Bill, Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Scottish Land Second Reading of the Scottish Land Court Bill; [Court Bill, Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.
The Order of the day being read, for taking 
into consideration the Housing (Agricultural 
Population) (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the 
Standing Committee;
 Ordered, That the Bill be taken into con-
sideration upon Tuesday next.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the 
Second Reading of the Criminal Procedure 
(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 Conveyancing Amend-
ment (Scotland) Bill [Lords];
 Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time 
upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the 
Second Reading of the Rating and Valuation 
(Pending of Valuations) Bill;
 Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time 
to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to 
Order Bill.

And accordingly the House, having con-
tinued to sit till thirteen minutes after 
Eleven of the clock, adjourned till 
to-morrow.

Friday, 18th March 1938.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

T HE North West Midlands Joint Electricity 
Authority Provisional Order Bill was, 
according to Order, read the third time and 
passed.
 Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to 
the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, proceeded 
to take into consideration the Ministry of 
Health Provisional Order (Scarborough) Bill, 
as amended in the Committee.
 Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time 
upon Monday next.

Sir Kingsley Wood presented, pursuant to Town and 
the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy 
of Scheme made under the Town and Country 
Planning Act, 1932, entitled the Erith Planning 
Scheme.
 Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon 
the Table.

Mr. Butler presented, by His Majesty's Treaty Series 
Command,—Copy of Commercial Agreement (No. 18, 1938) 
between His Majesty's Government in the 
United Kingdom and the Italian Government. 
London, 18th March 1938.

Copy of Agreement between His Majesty's Treaty Series 
Government in the United Kingdom and the 
Italian Government modifying the Agreement 
of 6th November 1936 regarding Commercial 
Exchanges and Payments [with Notes ex-
changed]. London, 18th March 1938.

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

Ordered, That the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills do examine the Welsh Church (Amendment) Bill [Lords], with respect to 
compliance with the Standing Orders relative to 
Private Bills.
Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords communicate that they have come to the following Resolution, viz.: That it is expedient that the Collecting Charities (Regulation) Bill [Lords] be referred to a Joint Committee of both Houses of Parliament, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Trade Marks Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Housing (Financial Provisions) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House in respect of the Amendments in Clauses 1, 2 and 7 standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Sir Kingsley Wood. (Sir Kingsley Wood.)

The House immediately resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)
Clause No. 1 amended, and agreed to.
Clause No. 2 amended, and agreed to.
Clause No. 7 amended, and agreed to.
Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made Amendments to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, and on re-committal, be now taken into consideration.

The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill in p. 5, l. 12, by leaving out the words "some person other than the council," and inserting the words "a society, body of trustees, or company to which this section applies,"—(Mr. Tomlinson), instead thereof.

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

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right:
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the Yeas, (Mr. Cross, Major Herbert: 134.
Tellers for the Noes, (Mr. Adamson, Mr. Anderson: 63.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
The Bill was read the third time and passed.

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

The Rating and Valuation (Postponement of Ratings and Valuations) 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.—(Sir James Edmondson.)

The House, according to Order, resolved Land Tax itself into a Committee on the Land Tax Commissioners Bill.

(In the Committee.)
Clausos No. 1 and No. 2 agreed to.
Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Sir Robert Young reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.
The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, 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.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till one minute after Three of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.
Monday, 21st March 1938.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker made the following communication to the House:

I regret to have to inform the House of the death of James Alexander Lovat-Fraser, Esquire, late Member for the County of Stafford (Lichfield Division), and desire to express our sense of the loss we have sustained, and our sympathy with the relatives.

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 Fulham (West Division), in the room of Sir Cyril Stephen Cobb, K.B.E., M.V.O., deceased.—(Captain Marmeyson.)

The Bombay, Baroda and Central India Railway Bill [Lords] was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Blackpool Improvement Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Adelphi Estate Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

The Middlesex Hospital Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Colonel Muirhead presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order, dated 3rd March 1938, amending in certain respects His Majesty’s Order, dated 21st January 1937, as amended by His Majesty’s Order dated 22nd July 1937, providing for the government, discipline and pay of the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Accounts of Moneys received and paid by the Chamberlain of the City of London in relation to the Metropolitan Cattle Market for the year ended 31st March 1937, also an Account of extraordinary works executed, other than general repairs, for the same period.

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Copy of Order for the alteration of Coroners’ Districts in the county of Worcester.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Colonel Colville 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 Royal Ordnance Factories, the cost of the productions of which has been charged to Army, Navy, Air Force, &c., for the year ended 31st March 1937, and the Manufacturing Accounts for the same year, also the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Accounts of all Moneys received on account Government of Contracts for the Grant of deferred Life Annuities and for Payments on Death and of Annuities, the disposal thereof, and of the Contracts made for 1937.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Major Tryon presented, pursuant to the Post Office directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Imperial and Foreign Post, (except the Imperial and Foreign Post Amendment Parcels.) (No. 3) Warrant, 1938.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Elliot presented, pursuant to Milk and the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Dairy’s Order, dated 18th February 1938, entitled the Milk (Special Designations) Amendment Order (Scotland), 1938.

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:

Copies of Statements of the Funds of the Soane’s Museum of the late Sir John Soane—

(1) on 5th January 1937;

(2) on 5th January 1938.

Account of the Transactions of the County Accountant-General of the Supreme Court Courts, under the County Court Funds Rules for 1936, and Account of the National Debt Commissioners for the same year in respect of Funds held by them on behalf of the County Court Funds Investment Account, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to County Courts be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Road a Return, showing the number of accidents resulting in death or personal injury in which vehicles and horses were concerned and known Injury, by the police to have occurred in streets, roads, or public places, together with the number of persons killed or injured by such accidents, in Great Britain during the year ended the 31st day of December 1937 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper No. 89, of Session 1936–37).—(Captain Austin Hudson.)
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 Superannuation (Various Services) Bill, without any Amendment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this day, notwithstanding anything in Standing Order No. 14, the Report of the Air Supplementary Estimate, 1937, may be considered, and Business other than the Business of Supply may be taken before Eleven of the clock, and that the Proceedings on the Report of Supply of 15th March may be taken after Eleven of the clock, and that the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, at this day, from the Provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House)—(The Prime Minister);

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the (Captain Hope, Mr. Whiteley) : 267.
Tellers for the (Mr. Groves, Mr. Whiteley) : 96.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Colonel Llewellin reported from the Committee of Supply of the 15th day of this instant March, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Air Estimates, 1938.

1. That a number of Air Forces, not exceeding £3,000, 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 1939.

2. That a sum not exceeding £16,175,000 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Expense of the Pay, &c., of the Royal Air Force at Home and abroad, exclusive of those serving in India, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1939.

3. That a sum not exceeding £3,800,000 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Expense of Works, Buildings and Lands, 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 1939.

4. That a sum not exceeding £42,631,000 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Expense of Technical and Warlike Stores (including Experimental and Research Services), which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1939.

5. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £100 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1938, for expenditure beyond the sum already provided in the grants for Air Services for the year.

The First Resolution being read a second time:

An Amendment was proposed to be made thereto, in 1. 2, by leaving out "83,000," and inserting "82,900,"—(Mr. Benn)—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That "83,000" stand part of the Resolution—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Resolution was agreed to.

Then the remaining Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Rating and Valuation (Postponement of Valuations) Bill. (In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 and No. 2 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

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 receiving Supply, the Report from the Committee of Supply of the [17th March] 17th day of this instant March;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply, and the Report from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 17th day of this instant March;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Post Office (Sites) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 16th day of this instant March, was proposed to be made to the Question, That this House approves the Observations of His Majesty's Government on the Report of the Committee of Inquiry into Civil Aviation. 
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 10th day of this instant March; 
Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Sea Fish Industry 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 Trade Marks 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 1936, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, and the Public Works Facilities Act, 1930, in respect of part of the borough of Derby, the parish of Radbourne, in the rural district of Repton, and the parish of Kirk Langley, and part of the parish or township of Mackworth, in the rural district of Belper, all in the county of Derby, which was presented on the 26th day of February 1938, be approved.—(Captain Austin Hudson.)

Resolved, That the Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1936, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of the royal burgh of Dornoch and part of the counties of Sutherland and Ross and Cromarty, which was presented on the 3rd day of March 1938, be approved.—(Captain Austin Hudson.)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Colonel Kerr.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till seven minutes after Ten of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
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Sir Charles Barrie reported from Standing Committee B: That they had gone through the Children and Young Persons Act (1933) Amendment Bill, and made Amendment thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Friday the 20th day of May next; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords had been brought from the Lords by Sir Charles Barrie, reported from Standing Committee B, a Member of their House, to say that he had taken into consideration the Bill changed (ch) to Children and Young Persons Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the National Health Insurance (Amendment) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Paisley Corporation (General Powers) Order Confirmation Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to provide for the transfer to the Urban District Council of Saltburn and Marske-by-the-Sea of the Saltburn Pier and works in connection therewith; to confer other powers upon the Council; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords request that the Commons will be pleased to give leave to Sir William Brass, Baronet, a Member of their House, to attend, in order to his being examined as a witness before the Select Committee appointed by their Lordships on the Prevention of Road Accidents.

The Saltburn and Marske-by-the-Sea Urban District Council Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The House proceeded to take into consideration so much of the Lords' Message as requests the attendance of Sir William Brass, Baronet, before the Select Committee appointed by their Lordships on the Prevention of Road Accidents.

And Sir William Brass, being present in his place, declared that he was willing, with leave of the House, to go to the House of Lords, as desired by their Lordships.

Resolved, That Sir William Brass, Baronet, have leave to go to the House of Lords, as desired by their Lordships, if he think fit.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords, to acquaint them that this House hath given leave to Sir William Brass, Baronet, to go to the House of Lords, as desired by their Lordships, if he think fit: And that the Clerk do carry the said Message.

Mr. Secretary Elliot, supported by the Lord Advocate, Mr. Solicitor-General for Scotland, and Mr. Serjeant Advocate, presented a Bill to amend the law relating to the constitution of marriage in Scotland: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Standing Committee B.

22nd March.

1938.

Copies of Orders in Council, dated 24th February 1938, entitled—

(1) Hungary (Extradition: Commonwealth of Australia) Order in Council, 1938;

(2) Hungary (Extradition: New Zealand) Order in Council, 1938.

Copy of Order in Council, dated 24th February 1938, entitled the Northern Rhodesia Crown Lands and Native Reserves (Tanganyika District) Amendment Order in Council, 1938.

Copy of Order in Council, dated 24th February 1938, entitled the Aircraft (Wreck and Salvage) Order, 1938.

Accounts of the Income and Expenditure of the General Medical Council and of the Branch Councils, and apportionments of the amounts payable to the General Council by the Branch Councils for 1937.

Account of the Income and Expenditure of the Dental Board of the United Kingdom for 1937.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Lindsey presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of draft of a Scheme, dated 17th March 1938, entitled the Teachers Superannuation (Orissa) Scheme, 1938.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Colonel Coleville presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Annual Accounts of Shipbuilding and Ship Repairing in His Majesty's Dockyards and by contract, and of other Dockyard Transactions, for the financial year 1936, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Burgin presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations dated—

(1) 14th March 1938, entitled the London Traffic (Prescribed Routes) (No. 9) (Crosmead, Woolwich) Regulations, 1938;

(2) 15th March 1938, entitled the London Traffic (Prescribed Routes) (No. 10) (Fulwell Cross, Ilford) Regulations, 1938.

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:—

Lunacy.

Copy of Return to the Lord Chancellor of the number of visits made and the number of patients, detained under the Lunacy Acts, seen by the several Commissioners during the six months ended on the 31st December 1937,

No. 87.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

No. 88.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Town and Country Planning Act, 1932.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.


Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Copies of Orders in Council, dated 24th February 1938, entitled—

(1) Hungary (Extradition: Commonwealth of Australia) Order in Council, 1938;

(2) Hungary (Extradition: New Zealand) Order in Council, 1938.
A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this day, notwithstanding anything in Standing Order No. 14, the Report of the Army Supplementary Estimate, 1937, and the Report of the Navy Supplementary Estimate, 1937, may be considered, and Business other than the Business of Supply may be taken before Eleven of the clock, and that the Proceedings on the Report of Supply of 10th and 17th March may be taken after Eleven of the clock 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 Captain Dundale, Yeas, Captain Waterhouse: 272.

Tellers for the Mr. Mothers, Noes Mr. Adameon: 126.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Alien Acts and Naturalisation Acts so as to give the Secretary of State for the Home Department powers with regard to the immigration into Great Britain and Northern Ireland of refugees from Austria for a period of six months from the date of the passing of this Act, and the granting of British nationality to such immigrants.—(Mr. Wedgwood);—

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. 10;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Mr. Wedgwood, Yeas, Mr. Bonas: 142.

Tellers for the Sir George Davies, Noes, Mr. Wise: 210.

So it passed in the Negative.

Colonel Kerr reported from the Committee of Supply of the 10th day of this instant March, several Resolutions; which were read as follow:

Army Estimates, 1938.

1. That a number of Land Forces, not exceeding 170,000, all ranks, be maintained for the Service of the United Kingdom at Home and abroad, exclusive of India and Burma, during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1939.

2. That a sum not exceeding £10,819,000 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Expense of the Army Reserve (to a number not exceeding 142,500, all ranks), Supplies and Gravities, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1939.

3. That a sum not exceeding £5,396, all ranks), Territorial Army (to a number not exceeding 201,707, all ranks), Officers Training Corps, and Colonial Militia, &c., which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1939.

4. That a sum not exceeding £5,515,000 Works, Buildings and Lands.

5. That a sum not exceeding £1,622,000 Miscellaneous Effective Services.

6. That a sum not exceeding £3,639,000 be Half-Pay, Retired Pay, and other Non-Effective Charges for Officers, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1939.

7. That a sum not exceeding £4,048,000 be Pensions and other Non-Effective Charges for Warrant Officers, Men, &c., which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1939.

8. That a sum not exceeding £254,000 be Civil Superannuation, and other Non-Effective Annual Allowances, Additional Allowances and Gratuities, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1939.

9. That a sum not exceeding £684,000 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge (reduced by a sum, not exceeding £50,000, transferred from the Supplies Suspense Account), which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1939, for the Expense of the Royal Ordnance Factories, the Cost of the Productions of which will be charged to the Navy, the Army, the Air Force, &c.

Army Supplementary Estimate, 1937.

10. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £100 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1938, for expenditure not provided for in the Army Estimates for the year.

Schedule.

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Vote.

10. Works, buildings and lands
170

The First Resolution being read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made thereto, in l. 2, by leaving out "170,000," and inserting "169,900,"—(Mr. Lee-Smith),—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That "169,900" stand part of the Resolution:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Resolution was agreed to.

Then the remaining Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Supply

[17th March]

Report.

Colonel Llewelyn reported from the Committee of Supply of the 17th day of this instant March, several Resolutions; which were read as follow:

Navy Estimates, 1938.

1. That 119,000 Officers, Seamen, Boys and Royal Marines be employed for the Sea Service, together with 913 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 1939.

Wages, &c.

2. That a sum not exceeding £15,627,000 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 1939.

Victualling and Clothing for the Navy.

3. That a sum not exceeding £4,421,000 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 1939.

Fleet Air Arm.

4. That a sum not exceeding £5,718,000 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Expense of the Fleet Air Arm, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1939.

Works, Buildings and Repairs at Home and Abroad.

5. That a sum not exceeding £2,317,000 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 and other Charges connected therewith, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1939.

Non-Effective Services (Naval and Marine)—Officers.

6. That a sum not exceeding £3,049,000 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Expense of Non-Effective Services (Naval and Marine)—Officers, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1939.

Non-Effective Services (Naval and Marine)—Men.

7. That a sum not exceeding £5,485,500 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Expense of Non-Effective Services (Naval and Marine)—Men, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1939.

Civil Superannuation, Allowances and Gratuities.

8. That a sum not exceeding £1,362,200 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Expense of Civil Superannuation, and other Non-Effective Annual Allowances, Additional Allowances and Gratuities, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1939.


9. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £100 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1938, for expenditure not provided for in the Navy Estimates for the year.

Schedule.

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The First Resolution being read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made thereto, in l. 1, by leaving out "119,000," and inserting "118,900,"—(Mr. George Hall),—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That "119,000" stand part of the Resolution:

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning:

Wednesday, 23rd March 1938:

The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn. And the Resolution was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Resolution which upon the 21st day of this instant March was reported from the Committee of Supply, and which was then agreed to by the House, be now read:

Ordered, That the same was read as followeth:

That a number of Air Forces, not exceeding £3,000, 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 1939.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Navy and Air Force Bill to provide, during twelve Months, for the discipline and regulation of the Navy and the Air Force; and that Mr. Secretary Horo-Belisha, Mr. Duff Cooper, Earl Winterton, and Sir Victor Warrender do prepare and bring it in.

Sir Victor Warrender accordingly presented Army and Air Force (Annual) Bill 109. Then the remaining Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.
Colonel Colville reported from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 17th day of this instant March, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Consolidated Fund.
1. That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1937, the sum of £12,737,92, be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

Consolidated Fund.
2. That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1938, the sum of £2,573,824 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

Consolidated Fund.
3. That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1939, the sum of £316,701,700 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Consolidated Fund (No. 1) Bill.
Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the said Resolutions; and that the Chairman of Ways and Means, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Colonel Colville do prepare and bring it in.

Colonel Colville accordingly presented a Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Fund to the service of the years ending on the thirty-first day of March, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-seven, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-eight and one thousand nine hundred and thirty-nine.

Ways and Means.
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.

Scottish Land Court Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Housing (Agricultural Population) (Scotland) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Housing (Agricultural Population) (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Conveyancing Amendment (Scotland) Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Patents, &c., Second Reading of the Patents, &c., (International Conventions) Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Coal Bill into consideration the Coal Bill, as amended in the Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Post Office Second Reading of the Post Office (Sites) Bill; (Sites) Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Civil Aviation. The adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 16th day of this instant March, was proposed to be made to the Question, That this House approves the Observations of His Majesty's Government on the Report of the Committee of Inquiry into Civil Aviation;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Sea Fish into consideration the Sea Fish Industry Bill, Industry 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 Trade Marks Second Reading of the Trade Marks Bill [Lords.]; [Lords.]
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Docking and Nicking of Horses (Prohibition) Bill [Lords.]
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Performing Animals Regulation) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Small Second Reading of the Small Landholders (Scotland) Act (1911) Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Secretary of Second Reading of the Secretary of State for Wales and Monmouthshire 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 Assurance Companies (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 Public Health (Coal Mines Refuse) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 11th day of February last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Elections (Motor Cars) 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 Protection of Animals Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Access to Mountains Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Street Trading (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 Parliamentary Elections (Compulsory Voting) 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 Agricultural Marketing Act (1933) 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 Public Meeting Act (1908) Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Works Councils 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 Loss of Employment (Compensation) 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 Peace Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Merchandise Marks (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 Divorce and Nullity of Marriage (Scotland) Bill (Lords);
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Agricultural Marketing Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Motor Drivers (Signals) 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 Marriage Bill was, according to Order, Marriage Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

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 fourteen minutes after One of the clock on Wednesday morning, till this day.

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Wednesday, 23rd March 1938.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Secretary Elliot presented, by His Church of Scotland (Property and Endowments) Acts, appointed under the Church of Scotland Acts.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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Captain Crookshank presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Statistical Summary of Output, and of Costs of Production, Proceeds, and Profits of the Coal Mining Industry for the quarter ended 31st December 1937.
Copy of Annual Statistical Summary of Output, and of Costs of Production, Proceeds, and Profits of the Coal Mining Industry for 1937.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. William Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders made under the Agriculture Act, 1937, dated—

(1) 1st March 1938, entitled the Tuberculosis Order of 1938;
(2) 10th March 1938, entitled the Glanders or Farcy Order of 1938;
(3) 16th March 1938, entitled the Sheep-pox Order of 1938.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, that a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Ministry of Agriculture Act, 1937.

Message from the Lords.

The Lords have agreed to the Cinematograph Films Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Cinematograph Films Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

Mr. Annesley Somerville reported from the Committee on Public Petitions: That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 8th day of December last and the 3rd and 9th days of February last, and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

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 Cinematograph Films Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Cinematograph Films Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

Mr. Speaker informed the House, That a Resolution for the Appointment of a Committee on Scottish Bills had been made upon the Report of the Committee of Inquiry on the Report of the Committee of the Whole House of Commons on the Order of 1938.

Mr. Speaker being of opinion that the Divorce and Nullity of Marriage (Scotland) Bill [Lords] is a Bill relating exclusively to Scotland, the Bill will be considered by the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills.

Mr. Speaker being of opinion that the Divorce and Nullity of Marriage (Scotland) Bill [Lords] is a Bill relating exclusively to Scotland, the Bill will be considered by the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills.

In pursuance of Standing Order No. 80 (4), I hereby nominate Sir Hugh O'Neill Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Bakehouses Bill.

E. A. FrizRoy, Speaker.
Thursday, 24th March 1938.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the Petition for the following Bill, originating in the Lords, the Standing Orders have not been complied with, viz.:

Surrey County Council [Lords].

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 8th day of this instant March, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the London Passenger Transport Board Bill be now read a second time.

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

Mr. Butler presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Agreement between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics providing for the limitation of Naval Armament and the exchange of information concerning Naval Construction, [With Protocol of Signature and Notes exchanged of 12/19th November 1937 regarding the Russian text.] London, 17th July 1937.

[Ratifications exchanged in London on 4th November 1937.]

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Forty-ninth Annual Report of the Railway and Canal Commission, with an Appendix, for 1937.

Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the urban district of Rickmansworth.


Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table: and that the Paper relative to the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, be printed.

Captain Crookshank presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Tenth Report of the Board of Trade on the working of Part I of the Mining Industry Act, 1926 (Provisions for facilitating the reorganisation of the Coal Mining Industry).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported Standing Orders from the Select Committee on Standing Orders several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

1. That, in the case of the London and North Eastern Railway Bill, Petition for additional Provision, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with: That the parties be permitted to insert their additional Provision if the Committee on the Bill think fit.

2. That, in the case of the Oxford Corporation Oxford Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with: That the parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.

The said Resolutions being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the London Committee on Unopposed Bills: That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the London Midland and Scottish Railway Bill, and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

The Deputy Chairman further reported from the Committee: that they had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders, and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, and the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Report be printed.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Adelphi Committee on Unopposed Bills: That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Adelphi Estate Bill [Lords], and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Sir Alexander West Russell reported from Private Bills the Committee on Group B of Private Bills; Group B; That, for the convenience of parties, the Committee had adjourned till Tuesday next, at Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Nuneaton Extension) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords communicate that they have come to the following Resolution, viz. That it is desirable that the Food and Drugs Bill [Lords] be referred to a Joint Committee of both Houses of Parliament; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Ministry of Lords to the Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Nuneaton Extension) Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table, Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the Petition for the following Bill, originating in the Lords, the Standing Orders have not been complied with, viz.:

London Passenger Transport Board Bill.

Treaty Series (No. 17, 1938.)

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Railway and Canal Traffic Acts.

Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932.

No. 89.

Air-Raid Precautions Act, 1937.

Mining Industry Act, 1926.
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Consolidated Fund (No. 1) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 to No. 4 agreed to. Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report 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 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).

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.

Ordered, That the Lords' Message of the Collecting Charities (Regulation) Bill [Lords.] be referred to a Joint Committee of both Houses of Parliament, be now taken into consideration.

—(Mr. James Stuart.)

The House accordingly proceeded to take the said Message into consideration.

Resolved, That this House doth concur with the Lords in the said Resolution.—(Mr. James Stuart.)

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to acquaint them therewith, and that the Clerk do carry the said Message.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—Adjournment.

(Captain Marjerrison.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till three minutes before Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

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Friday, 25th March 1938.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The Blackpool Improvement Bill was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Aldridge Urban District Council Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Nuneaton 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.

Colonel Coleville presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Recommendations of the Import Duties Advisory Committee, dated 16th February 1938, relating to the Import Duties (Drawback) (No. 5) Order, 1938.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Ernest Brown presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order, dated 25th March 1938, made under the Finance Act, 1932, entitled the Import Duties (Drawback) (No. 5) Order, 1938.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Eighty-seventh Report of the Church Estates Commissioners for the year preceding 1st March 1938.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Elliot presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Committee of Council on Education in Scotland for 1937.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Resolved, That the draft of the Unemployment Assistance (Additional Benefits) Order, 1938, laid before this House on the 2nd day of March, in pursuance of the provisions of subsection (4) and (9) of Section 59 of the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1935, be approved.—(Mr. Ernest Brown.)

Resolved, That the draft of the Unemployment Assistance (Additional Benefits and Reduction in Contributions) (Agriculture) Order, 1938, laid before this House on the 2nd day of March, in pursuance of the provisions of subsection (4) of Section 59 of the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1935, be approved.—(Mr. Ernest Brown.)

Resolved, That the Order made by the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, for extending section one of that Act to the urban district of Enfield, which was presented on the 1st day of March 1938, be approved.—(Mr. Lloyd.)

Resolved, That the Order made by the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, for extending section one of that Act to that part of the rural district of Sedgemoor which is situated within the petty sessional division of Stockton, which was presented on the 1st day of March 1938, be approved.—(Mr. Lloyd.)

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 Supply Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—Adjournment.

(Captain Dugdale.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till seven minutes before Four of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.

[No. 83.]

Monday, 28th March 1938.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker made the following communique to the House:—

I regret to have to inform the House of the death of Colonel Sir Thomas Vansittart Bowater, Baronet, late Member for the City of London, and desire to express our sense of the loss we have sustained, and our sympathy with the relatives.

The Adelphi Estate 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 Deputy Chairman further reported from the Committee: That they had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders, and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, and the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Report 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 (Captain Hope, Yeas, 225.
(Captain Dugdale : )
 Tellers for the (Mr. Groves,
(Noes, (Mr. Charleton : )

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, proceeded Cinematograph Films Bill.

The Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 17, l. 16, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 17, l. 10, leave out Clause 16, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was disagreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 43, l. 7, column 1, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment, in p. 43, l. 7, column 1, leave out ("15"), and insert ("20"), the next Amendment, being read a second time, was disagreed to.

Then the remaining Lords Amendments, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to certain of their Amendments to the Bill.

And a Committee was nominated of, Mr. Stanley, Captain Wallace, Mr. Thomas Williams, Mr. Mander, and Mr. Herbert Williams.

Ordered, That three to be the quorum of the Committee.—(Mr. Stanley.)

And they are to withdraw immediately.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 16th day of this instant March, was proposed to be made to the Question, That this House approves the Observations of His Majesty's Government on the Report of the Committee of Inquiry into Civil Aviation;
Tuesday, 29th March 1938:

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 this day.—(Captain Margesson.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Welsh Church (Amendment) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Scottish Land Court Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Coal Bill, into consideration the Coal Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Post Office (Sites) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Marriage (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Patents, &c. Second Reading of the Patents, &c. (International Conventions) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Trade Marks Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Ordered, That so much of the Lords' Message Food and Drugs Bill [Lords] be referred to a Joint Committee of both Houses of Parliament, be now taken into consideration.—(Mr. James Stuart.)

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.—(Mr. James Stuart.)

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 Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Conveyancing Amendment (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 Lands Valuation (Scotland) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Docking and Nicking of Horses (Prohibition) Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Mr. Stanley reported from the Committee appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to certain of the Amendments made by Their Lordships to the Cinematograph Films Bill: That they had drawn up a Reason accordingly, which they had directed him to report to the House.

And the same was read, as followeth:

The Commons disagree to the Amendments made by the Lords in p. 17, l. 16, in p. 43, l. 7, column 1, and in p. 43, l. 21, column 1, for the following Reason:
Because not enough films of suitable quality have been or can reasonably be made to enable renters and exhibitors to fulfill the suggested quota requirements. The said Reason, being read a second time, was agreed to.
Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to communicate the said Reason (with the Bill and Amendments): And that the Clerk do carry the same.

And, it being after half-past Eleven of the clock on Monday evening, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then five minutes before One of the clock on Tuesday morning, till this day.

Mr. Burgin presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Tenth Annual Report of the Central Electricity Board, for 1937.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Stanley presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Report by the Board of Trade of the cases in which they have exercised their powers under Section 78 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1906, during 1937.
Copy of Draft Order in Council, entitled the Merchant Goods Marks (Imported Goods) No. 2 Marks Act, 1938.

Sir Kingsley Wood presented, pursuant to the directions of the National Health Insurance and Contributory Pensions (Collection of Contributions for Metropolitan Police Short Service Constables) Regulations, 1938.
Copy of Orders, dated 15th March 1938, Milk and Dairies (Amendment) Act, 1932.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Copy of Draft Order in Council, entitled the Merchandise Marks Act, 1922.

The Lords have agreed to the Housing Housing (Financial Provisions) Bill, without any Amendment.
Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intitled An Royal Infirmary Infirmity Sheffield and Hospital Bill, 1938; and the Sheffield Royal Hospital in one corporation line7taaalyBainld

The Lords request that the Commons will be Prevention of Road Accidents.

The Royal Sheffield Infirmity and Hospital Royal Bill [Lords] was read the first time. Sheffield Infirmity and Hospital Bill [Lords].
Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Sir Kingsley Wood, supported by Mr. Secretary Housing and Mr. Scrymgeour Wedderburn, presented Bill 113.

Mr. Burgin presented, pursuant to the Electricity Supply Acts. Directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Tenth Annual Report of the Central Electricity Board, for 1937.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Stanley presented, pursuant to the Merchant Shipping Acts (Dispensing Powers) No. 90.

Copy of Draft Order in Council, entitled the Merchandise Marks (Imported Goods) No. 2 Marks Act, 1928.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table: and that the Paper relative to Merchant Shipping Acts (Dispensing Powers) be printed.

Sir Kingsley Wood presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 26th February 1938, entitled the National Health Insurance and Contributory Pensions (Collection of Contributions for Metropolitan Police Short Service Constables) Regulations, 1938.
Copy of Orders, dated 15th March 1938, Milk and Dairies (Amendment) Act, 1938.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Housing Housing (Financial Provisions) Bill, without any Amendment.
Ordered, That the Bill do lie upon the Table.

The Lords have agreed to the Housing (Financial Provisions) Bill, without any Amend-

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Royal Act to unite the Royal Infirmary Sheffield and Hospital; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords request that the Commons will be Prevention of Road Accidents.

The Royal Sheffield Infirmity and Hospital Royal Bill [Lords] was read the first time. Sheffield Infirmity and Hospital Bill [Lords].
Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Sir Kingsley Wood, supported by Mr. Secretary Housing and Mr. Scrymgeour Wedderburn, presented Bill 113.
A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House)—(The Prime Minister); The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Captain Dalgate, Yeas, (Mr. Munro : 230.
Tellers for the [Mr. Whiteley, Noes, (Mr. Adenson : 104.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That the draft of the Housing (Scotland) Acts (Continuation of Contributions) Order, 1938, proposed to be made by the Department of Health for Scotland, with the approval of the Treasury, under section 33 of the Housing (Scotland) Act, 1935, which was presented on the 3rd day of March 1938, be approved.—(Mr. Scrymgeour Wedderburn.)

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Housing (Agricultural Population) (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Additional power of Department where local authority is in default).—(Mr. Secretary Elliot), 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. 14, l. 40, by leaving out paragraph (i).—(Mr. Foot.)

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.

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. James Brown.)

And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question; The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the (Colonel Kerr, Yeas, (Major Herbert : 135.
Tellers for the [Mr. Mathers, Noes, (Mr. Adamson : 78.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

The Conveyancing Amendment (Scotland) Bill (Lords) was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

The Scottish Land Court Bill was, according to Scottish Land to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

Mr. Secretary Elliot, by His Majesty's Scottish Land Command, acquainted the House that His Majesty, having been informed of the subject, matter of the Motion relating to Scottish Land Court [Money], proposed to be moved, under Standing Order No. 69, in Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Then the House, pursuant to Standing Order No. 69, resolved itself into Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved. That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make provision with regard to the tenure of office and superannuation of members of the Scottish Land Court, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of fixed retiring allowances to members other than the Chairman, or of the expenditure incurred in the application to such members of the Superannuation Acts, 1834 to 1935, in like manner as if these Acts had applied prior to their appointment.—(Mr. Secretary Elliot.)

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 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 Army and Air Force (Annual) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Welsh Church Second Reading of the Welsh Church (Amendment) Bill (Lords);

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Marriage Second Reading of the Marriage (Scotland) Bill (Lords);

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Patents, &c. (International Conventions) 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 Sea Fish Industry 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 Parliamentary Elections (Compulsory Voting) 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 Agricultural Marketing Act (1933) Amendment Bill; 

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Trade Marks Bill [Lords]; 

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Performing Animals (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 Small Landholders (Scotland) Act (1911) Amendment Bill; 

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Secretary of State for Wales and Monmouthshire 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 Assurance Companies (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 Public Health (Coal Mine Refuse) Bill; 

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Protection of Animals Bill; 

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Access to Mountains Bill; 

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Street Trading (Regulation) Bill; 

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.
Wednesday, 30th March 1938.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords by the Lords' Messengers was read. The Lords do not insist on their Amendments to the Cinematograph Films Bill, to which this House hath disagreed.

Sir Alexander Russell reported from the Bradford Committee, that it had examined the resolutions in the preamble of the Bradford Extension Bill, and found them to be the same as those in the Bill, and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereof.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords by the Lords' Messengers was read. The Lords do not insist on their Amendments to the Cinematograph Films Bill, to which this House hath disagreed.

Sir Alexander Russell further reported from the Committee: That they had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders, and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, and the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Report be printed.
The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to authorise the West Surrey Water Company to take additional water from the River Thames; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The West Surrey Water Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The House proceeded to take into consideration so much of the Lords' Message of the 29th day of this instant March as requests the attendance of Sydney Frank Markham, Esquire, before the Select Committee appointed by their Lordships on Prevention of Road Accidents.

And Mr. Markham, having signified that he was willing, with leave of the House, to go to the House of Lords, as desired by their Lordships:

Resolved, That Sydney Frank Markham, Esquire, have leave to go to the House of Lords, as desired by their Lordships, if he think fit.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords, to acquaint them that this House hath given leave to Sydney Frank Markham, Esquire, to go to the House of Lords, as desired by their Lordships, if he think fit: And that the Clerk do carry the said Message.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on the Coal Bill be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House)—(The Prime Minister);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, [Captain Dugdale, Mr. Munro ;] 267.

Tellers for the Noes, [Mr. Groves, Mr. Adamson ;] 132.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the extension of polling hours at county council and borough council elections; and that Mr. Parker and Mr. George Griffiths do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Parker accordingly presented a Bill to provide for the extension of polling hours at county council and borough council elections: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to regulate the public display in shops of contraceptives and matter descriptive thereof, to prohibit street trading in such articles and to restrict the public advertisement thereof—(Mr. Richard Russell);

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. 10:—And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That Mr. Richard Russell, Sir Francis Fremantle, Sir Joseph Leech, Sir Henry Morris-Jones, Major Neven-Spence, Dr. Salter, Dr. Howitt, Sir George Hume, Sir John Haslam, Sir Patrick Hannon, Viscountess Astor, and Mr. Magnus do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Mr. Richard Russell accordingly presented a Bill to regulate the public display in shops of contraceptives (Regulation) Bill.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to prohibit street trading in such articles and to restrict the public advertisement thereof:

And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, proceeded Coal Bill to take into consideration the Coal Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Restriction on working of coal vested in statutory undertakers).—(Mr. Attorney-General.)

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. 46, by leaving out subsection (7).—(Sir Reginald Clarry.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed Clause:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the said Clause was made part of the Bill.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Right to inspection and copies of Commission's plans of working).—(Mr. Stanley.)

And the said Clause was brought up and read the first and second time.

The proposed Clause was amended, in l. 2, by inserting, after the word "thereby," the words "or in land situate below, adjoining, or near to coal."—(Marquess of Titchfield.)

And the said Clause, so amended, was made part of the Bill.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Sinking or opening of new mines).—(Mr. Bevan.)

And the said Clause was brought up and read the first and second time.

The proposed Amendment was, in l. 2, by inserting, after the word "thereby," the words "or in land situate below, adjoining, or near to coal."—(Marquess of Titchfield.)

And the said Clause, so amended, was made part of the Bill.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Persons to act for purposes of valuations, &c., in case of death or incapacity).—(Captain Crookshank),—was twice read, and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Sinking or opening of new mines).—(Mr. Bevan.)

And the said Clause was brought up and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the said Clause be read a second time;


Mr. Speaker,

The Lords, authorised by virtue of His Majesty's Commission, for declaring His Royal
Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers:—And having returned:

Mr. Speaker reported, That the House, at the desire of the Lords, authorised by virtue of His Majesty's Commission, had been at the House of Peers, where a Commission under the Great Seal was read, giving, declaring and notifying the Royal Assent to the several Acts therein mentioned; and that the Lords, thereby authorised, had declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts, as follow:

5. Superannuation (Various Services) Act, 1938.

Coal Bill.

And the Question being again proposed, That the Clause (Sinking or opening of new mines) be read a second time;

And the Question being put;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

Tellers for the Yeas, {Mr. Charleton, Mr. Adamson : 135.
Tellers for the Noes, {Mr. Herbert, Mr. Grimston : 213.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 28, by inserting, after the word "paragraph," the words "and, in the case of any such other minerals or substances that are or would normally be worked by surface workings and not in association with that coal or anthracite, the Commission shall, if any person interested therein makes application to the Commission in that behalf before the expiration of six months from the valuation date, by direction exclude them from the operation of this paragraph."—(Captain Crookshank.)

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 "that," and inserting the words "as in the opinion of the Commission,"—(Sir Sbyford Cripps), and agreed to and, so amended, were there inserted in the Bill.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 8, l. 30, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words,—

(9) At the expiration of three months from the vesting date and at the expiration of every subsequent period of three months expiring before the compensation in respect of a holding has been paid in full the Commission shall pay to the person then entitled to the compensation in respect of such holding interest for such three months calculated as provided in the next preceding subsection.

(10) In respect of any such period of three months expiring before the Regional Valuation Board have settled the draft valuation of such holding the interest shall be calculated so as to be equal in amount to fifty per centum of one-fourth of the rents and profits of the holding for the year ending at the vesting date.

(11) In respect of any such period after the Regional Valuation Board have settled their draft valuation of such holding and before they have certified the amount of the value of such holding under subsection (6) of this section the interest shall be calculated at the rate mentioned in subsection (8) of this section upon a sum equal to seventy-five per centum of the amount of such draft valuation.

(12) In respect of any such period after the Regional Valuation Board have certified the said amount under subsection (6) of this section the interest shall be calculated at the said rate upon a sum equal to seventy-five per centum of the amount so certified."—(Mr. Spens.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 16, l. 32, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words,—

(2) Where the owner of any such under-ground land or the occupiers thereof, or any person who would be the occupier thereof but for the occupation thereof by the Commission or their licensee under this
section, desires to carry out in that land any works, but the carrying out thereof is prevented or interfered with by any works or occupation of the Commission or its licensee under this section, the Commission shall be liable to pay to the owner or occupier compensation for that prevention or interference.”

—(Mr. Dennis.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment, was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 17, l. 41, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words,—

“(2) Where any facility, right, or privilege is required to enable the Commission to search or bore for coal in order that searching or boring may be effectively carried out the Commission shall have power to exercise such facility, right, or privilege subject to the payment of compensation to the person upon or through whose land the said operation, or either of them, is carried out.

(3) In particular, but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing provision, such rights shall include—

(a) a right to let down the surface;
(b) a right of air-way, shaft-way, or surface or underground wayleave, or other right for the purpose of access to or conveyances of minerals or the ventilation or drainage of the borings;
(c) a right to use and occupy the surface for the erection of railways, tramways, roads, buildings, or other works, or of dwellings for persons employed in connection with the borings;
(d) a right to obtain a supply of water or other substances in connection with the borings;
(e) a right to dispose of water or other liquid matter obtained from the borings.

(4) Compensation for the exercise of any such facility, right, or privilege shall be assessed in accordance with the provisions of the Acquisition of Land (Assessment of Compensation) Act, 1919.”—(Mr. Shinwell.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill;

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Captain Waterhouse, Yeas, ] Mr. Furness : [190.
Tellers for the [Mr. Whitely, Noes, ] Mr. Mathers : [100.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 22, l. 41, by inserting, after the word “ that,” the words,—

“(a) this subsection shall have effect without prejudice to the right of the Commission, in a case in which it appears to them requisite for the proper discharge of their duty under section two of this Act so to do, to grant relief to a lessee from payment of particular instalments of rent reserved by a lease; and

(b) ”

—(Captain Crookshank.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the said proposed Amendment;

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Groves, Yeas, ] Mr. Mathers : [104.
Tellers for the [Captain Hope, Noes, ] Sir James Edmondson : [212.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the proposed words 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. 26, l. 21, by leaving out subsection (1), and inserting the words,—

“(1) The matters subject to which by virtue of section four of this Act the vesting in the Commission of any coal, mine of coal, property or rights is to take effect, and the contract referred to in that section for the sale of any coal, mine of coal, property or rights is to be deemed to have been made, shall include the following rights, that is to say:—

(a) any right vested in a railway company by virtue of the provisions substituted by Part II of the Mines (Working Facilities and Support) Act, 1923, for sections seventy-eight to eighty-five of the Railways Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845, or by virtue of those sections as originally enacted, any right vested in undertakers by virtue of sections twenty-two to twenty-six of the Waterworks Clauses Act, 1847, and any right vested by virtue of those provisions or of those sections
respectively in any other person in a capacity corresponding to that of the company or undertakers thereunder;

(b) any right vested in a local authority by virtue of the Public Health Act, 1875, (Support of Sewers,) Amendment Act, 1883, and

(c) any right to prevent or restrict the working of coal vested in the Crown or in any local authority, highway authority or statutory undertakers by virtue of any enactment or of any order having effect, with or without confirmation, by Parliament, under any enactment;

and those rights shall not be treated for the purposes of this Part of this Act as constituting or conferring any interest in the coal or mine in respect of which they are exercisable,"—(Captain Crookshank).—Instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

And the Question being proposed, That the proposed words be there inserted in the Bill:

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the said proposed Amendment, in l. 8, by inserting, after the word " shall," the words " without affecting the generality of such words."—(Sir Stafford Cripps).

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the said proposed Amendment:—The Amendment to the said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the proposed words were there inserted in the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 29, l. 38, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words,—

"Provided that paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of section three of this Act shall not bind the Crown as regards gold, gold ore, silver or silver ore, and accordingly the expression ' coal ' in this Part of this Act shall not in any case include those minerals or substances."—(Captain Crookshank).

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the said proposed Amendment, in l. 4, by leaving out from the word " ore," to the end of the proposed Amendment.—(Sir Stafford Cripps.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the said proposed Amendment:—The Amendment to the said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the proposed words were there inserted in the Bill.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 34, l. 5, by inserting, after the word " he," the words " and (in the case of any coal or mine of coal comprised in a manor) otherwise than in respect only of a right belonging to a person (other than a person in whom the coal or mine is vested) to withhold consent to the working of the coal or mine or to the working thereof in such a way as to withdraw support from any land within the manor in which the person to whom such right belongs is interested, such right being a right which is saved by paragraph five of the Twelfth Schedule to the Law of Property Act, 1922, and subject to which by the custom of the manor the coal or mine is held by the person in whom the same is vested."—(Mr. Spence.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 39, l. 10, by leaving out the words " said Act," and inserting the words " Coal Mines Act, 1930,"—(Mr. Stanley),—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;

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned. —(Captain Margesson.)

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Post Office Second Reading of the Post Office (Sites) Bill; (Sites) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Housing (Rural Workers) Second Reading of the Housing (Rural Workers) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Captain Wallace reported from the Com-Scottish mittee on Scottish Land Court [Money], a Land Court Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make provision with regard to the tenure of office and superannuation of members of the Scottish Land Court, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of fixed retiring allowances to members other than the Chairman, or of the expenditure incurred in the application to such members of the Superannuation Acts, 1834 to 1935, in like manner as if these Acts had applied prior to their appointment.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Order of the day being read, for the Army and Committee on the Army and Air Force (Annual) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself in the said Committee.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Welsh Church (Amendment) 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 Marriage (Scotland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Patents, &c. (International Conventions) 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 Sea Fish Industry 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 Trade Marks Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Resolved, That the draft of a Special Order proposed to be made by the Board of Trade under the Gas Undertakings Acts, 1920 to 1934, on the application of the Kidsgrove Gaslight Company, which was presented on the 14th day of March and published, be approved.—(Captain Wallace.)

Resolved, That the draft of a Special Order proposed to be made by the Board of Trade under the Gas Undertakings Acts, 1820 to 1934, on the application of the Basingstoke Gas Company, which was presented on the 15th day of March and published, be approved.—(Captain Wallace.)

Resolved, That the draft of a Special Order proposed to be made by the Board of Trade under the Gas Undertakings Acts, 1920 to 1934, on the application of the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the borough of East Retford, which was presented on the 15th day of March and published, be approved.—(Captain Wallace.)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Captain Margesson.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till seventeen 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 Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Bill, the Convoyanning Amendment (Scotland) Bill [Lords] and the Scottish Land Court Bill are Bills relating exclusively to Scotland, the Bills will be considered by the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills.

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In pursuance of Standing Order No. 80 (4), I hereby nominate Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Charles MacAndrew Chairman of the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills in respect of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Bill, the Convoyanning Amendment (Scotland) Bill [Lords] and the Scottish Land Court Bill.

E. A. FrizRoy,
Speaker.

30th March 1938.

[No. 86.]

Thursday, 31st March 1938.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

THE Order of the day being read, for the Caledonian Power Bill;
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 resuming London Passenger Transport Board Bill;
Ordered, That the Board 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, the word " now " stand part of the Question —The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.
The Bill was read a second time, and committed.

Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare presented, by Charity Commissioners, Report of the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales, 1937.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.


(1) the London Traffic (Prescribed Routes) (No. 11) (Warwick Road, Kensington) Regulations, 1938;

(2) the London Traffic (Prescribed Routes) (No. 12) (Brent Street, Hendon) Regulations, 1938.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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Private Bills (Group B.)

Sir Alexander West Russell reported from the Committee on Group B of Private Bills: That, for the convenience of parties, the Committee had adjourned till Tuesday next, at Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Land Tax Commissioners Bill.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by Major Leveson-Gower, M.P., viz.: The Lords have agreed to the Land Tax Commissioners Bill, without any Amendment.

Dogs Act (1871) Amendment Bill (changed to Dogs Amendment Bill), with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Standing Orders.

The Lords have appointed a Committee consisting of six Lords to join with a Committee of the Commons to consider the Collecting Charities (Regulation) Bill [Lords], and request the Commons to appoint an equal number of their Members to be joined with the said Lords.

Prevention of Road Accidents.

The Lords request that the Commons will be pleased to give leave to Lieutenant-Colonel John Theodore Cuthbert Moore-Brabazon, M.C., a Member of their House, to attend, in order to his being examined as a Witness before the Select Committee appointed by their Lordships on the Prevention of Road Accidents.

Standing Orders.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:—

1. That, in the case of the Surrey County Council [Lords] Petition for Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with:—That the parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.

2. That, in the case of the Salford Corporation Bill [Lords], Petition for additional Provision, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with:—That the parties be permitted to insert their additional Provision if the Committee on the Bill think fit.

3. That, in the case of the Middlesex County Council (Sewerage) 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.

Selection (Standing Committee). Scottish Standing Committee.

Colonel Gretton reported from the Committee of Selection: That they had added the following Ten Members to the Standing Committee, on Scottish Bills (in respect of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Bill, the Conveyancing Amendment (Scotland) Bill [Lords], and the Scottish Land Court Bill) —Sir Adrian Baillie, Rear-Admiral Beamish, Captain Cobb, Viscount Davidson, Mr. Fyfe, Mr. Godlee, Mr. Hely-Hutchinson, Sir Joseph Leech, Mr. Ross Tayler, and Lord Culum Crichton-Stuart.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Sir Charles Barris reported from Standing Committee B: That they had gone through the Leasehold Property (Repairs) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Tuesday next; and be printed.

 Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

Sir Douglas Thomson, supported by Major Nursing Homes Registration (Scotland) Bill.

Bill 117.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on the Coal Bill be expedited, but this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House)—(The Prime Minister); The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, 

Mr. Munro : Captain Douglas, 

Mr. Menzies : 254.

Tellers for the Noes, 

Mr. Groves, 

Mr. Charleton : 124.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Coal Bill, the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 30th day of this instant March, was proposed to be made on Consideration of the Coal Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Which Amendment was, in p. 39, l. 10, to leave out the words "said Act," and insert the words "Coal Mines Act, 1930,"—instead thereof.

And the Question being again proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put:—It passed in the Negative.

And the proposed words were there inserted in the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 39, l. 25, by leaving out from the word "inadequate," to the end of the subsection, and inserting the words,—

"(3) After receiving any such recommendation from the Commission the Board of Trade may lay before Parliament the report in which the recommendation was contained and may then make a provisional order declaring that it is expedient in the national interest that the number of coal-mining undertakings should be reduced in the area with respect to which the recommendation was made and directing that the said powers of the Commission shall become exercisable in that area:

Provided that any such provisional order shall so define the area in which the said powers are to become exercisable as to show so far as practicable what undertakings are likely to be affected by their exercise, and the order when made shall be published in the London Gazette...
In Scotland, in the Edinburgh Gazette) and in either without modifications or with modifications to the area with respect to which the order is to have effect, it shall come into force on the date of the passing of the Act confirming the order or on the first day of January, nineteen hundred and forty, whichever is the later date. — (Mr. Stanley), instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill: — It passed in the Negative.

And the Question being proposed, That the proposed words be there inserted in the Bill;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the said proposed Amendment, by adding at the end thereof the words—

"(5) Notwithstanding anything in any Standing Order of either House of Parliament, proceedings to confirm a provisional order made under this section may be commenced at any time when Parliament is sitting." — (Mr. Jenkins).

And the Question being put, That those words be there added to the said proposed Amendment;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the (Mr. Groves),
Yeas, Mr. Mathers: 122.

Tellers for the (Captain Dugdale),
Noes, Mr. Grimston: 106.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the proposed words be there inserted in the Bill;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the (Sir James Edmondson),
Yeas, Mr. Grimston: 179.

Tellers for the (Mr. Grosvenor),
Noes, Mr. Adamson: 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. 60, l. 31, by inserting at the end thereof the words—

"Provided that if from any information in the possession of the Regional Valuation Board it appears to them that there is in the particulars so registered as aforesaid an error or omission of material importance for valuation purposes, they may, at any time before they have settled their draft valuation of the holding, notify the Commission that they are of that opinion and thereupon the said provisions shall again come into effect and, if any alteration is made thereunder in the particulars so registered as aforesaid, the valuation shall be made on the basis of the particulars as altered." — (Captain Crookehank.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill;
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and are comprised in any of the subsisting working leases, and may, if the person competent to grant a lease thereof consents to the inclusion thereof but not otherwise, comprise also any premises that are so to vest but are not comprised in any of the subsisting working leases and any premises that are not so to vest.

(3) The said lease shall not (except with his consent) impose upon any person any liability not being a liability to which he would have been subject by virtue of a subsisting working lease, or render more onerous whether as regards extent duration terms conditions or otherwise, any liability to which any person would have been so subject,"—(Mr. Attorney-General),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

And the Question being proposed, That the proposed words be there inserted in the Bill;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the said proposed Amendment by adding, at the end thereof, the words "or deprive him of the benefit of any covenant, condition or provision of the subsisting working lease affecting or relating to any premises other than coal."—(Mr. Keeling.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there added to the said proposed Amendment:—The Amendment to the said proposed Amendment, was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the proposed words were there inserted in the Bill.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next; and be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Housing (Rural Workers) 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 Welsh Church (Amendment) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Marriage (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 Patents, &c. (International Conventions) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Sea Fish Industry Bill, into consideration the Sea Fish Industry 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 Trade Marks Second Reading of the Trade Marks Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—Adjournment.
(Captain Margesson.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-seven minutes after Eight of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 87.]

Friday, 1st April 1938.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

Prayers.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue Writs of Summons for the electing of a member to serve in this present Parliament for the City of London, in the room of Sir Thomas Vansittart Bowater, Baronet, deceased.
(Captain Margesson.)

Ordered, That the London Midland and Scottish Railway Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Tuesday next, at half an hour after Seven of the clock.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Radcliffe Farnworth and District Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Sir David Reid reported from the Committee Boroughs on Group C of Private Bills: That they had considered the Order contained in the Boroughs Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill; that they were of the opinion that the said Order ought to be confirmed; and that they had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Sir David Reid reported from the Committee Private Bills on Group C of Private Bills: That, for the (Group C) convenience of parties, the Committee had adjourned till Wednesday next, at Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.
Colonel Gretton reported from the Committee of Selection, that they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee B:—Mr. Gardner, Mr. Mainwaring, and Mr. Charles Williams; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Hardie, Mr. Thomas Henderson, and Mr. Sutcliffe.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. William Morrison, supported by Mr. Secretary Elliot, Mr. Stanley, Mr. Ramsbotham, Colonel Colville, and Mr. Sycamour Wedderburn, presented a Bill to provide for the better organisation of the bacon industry and the pig producing industry and in that connection to provide for payments out of and into the Exchequer, and the continuance of the regulation of imports; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid: 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 Army and Air Force (Annual) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 to No. 3 agreed to.

Clause No. 4 (Amendment of Army Act, s. 136, and Air Force Act, s. 136).

Amendment proposed, in p. 4, to leave out ll. 1 to 5.—(Sir William Allen.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses No. 5 to No. 7 agreed to.

A Clause (Amendment of Army Act, s. 76).—(Mr. Thurtle), 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. Groves, Yeas, Mr. Whiteley : } 61.

Tellers for the {Captain Dugdale, Noes, Mr. Furness : } 121.

Schedule agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Additional Import Duties (No. 3) Order, 1932, dated the tenth day of March, nineteen hundred and thirty-eight, made by the Treasury under the Import Duties Act, 1932, a copy of which was presented to this House on the said tenth day of March, nineteen hundred and thirty-eight be approved—(Captain Wallace);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the {Colonel Kerr, Yeas, Sir James Edmondson : } 108.

Tellers for the {Sir Percy Harris, Noes, Mr. Acland : } 33.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Post Office (Sites) Bill was, according to Post Office 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 at any time not later than five clear days after the Second Reading of the Bill, be referred to the Committee.

Ordered, That Petitions against the Bill may be deposited in the Committee and Private Bill Office, provided that such Petitions shall have been prepared and signed in conformity with the Rules and Orders of this House relating to Petitions against Private Bills.

Ordered, That the Petitioners praying to be heard by themselves, their Counsel, or Agents be heard against the Bill, and Counsel or Agents heard in support of the Bill.

Ordered, That the Committee have power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That Three be the quorum of the Committee.—(Major Tryon.)

Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, for extending section one of the Act to the borough of Finchley, which was presented on the 16th day of March 1938, be approved.—(Captain Dugdale.)

Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, for extending section one of the Act to the urban district of Broadstairs and St. Peter's, which was presented on the 16th day of March 1938, be approved.—(Captain Dugdale.)

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.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—Adjournment. (Captain Dugdale.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twelve minutes after Three of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.
Monday, 4th April 1938.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Bangor Corporation Bill.

A MOTION being made, That the Bangor Corporation Bill be now read the third time:

The Chairman of Ways and Means, 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.

Middlesex Hospital Bill [Lords.]

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Middlesex Hospital Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Saltburn and Marske-by-the-Sea Urban District Council Bill [Lords.]

The Saltburn and Marske-by-the-Sea Urban District Council Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Sugar Industry (Reorganisation) Act, 1936.

Mr. William Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, — Copy of Order, dated 16th March 1938, entitled the Sugar (Rate of Assistance) No. 1 Order, 1938.

Diseases of Animals Acts.

Copies of Orders, dated —
(1) 29th March 1938, entitled the Importation of Horses, Asses, and Mules (Great Britain) Order of 1938 (Order No. 5,688);
(2) 31st March 1938, authorising the withdrawal of prohibition on the landing of animals from Jersey (Order No. 5,691).

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Land Registry.

Colonel Colville 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 1938.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Gas Undertakings Acts.

Mr. Stanley presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, — Copy of Draft of a Special Order proposed to be made under the Gas Undertakings Acts on the application of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the borough of Walsall.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, — Copy of Order made under the Shops Acts by the Council of the undermentioned local authority, and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department:

Borough of Whitehaven.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Elliot presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, — Copy of Thirty-first Report by the Board of Trustees for the National Galleries of Scotland, for 1937.

Copy of Minute of the Committee of Council Education on Education in Scotland, dated 29th March (Scotland.) 1938, entitled the Education (Scotland) Agricultural Colleges Additional Grant Regulations Minute, 1938.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Kingsley Wood presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, — Copy of Regulations, dated 26th March 1938, entitled the National Health Insurance (Valuation) Regulations, 1938.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The House proceeded to take into consideration so much of the Lords' Message of the 31st day of March last as requests the attendance of Lieutenant-Colonel John Theodore Cuthbert Moore-Brabazon, M.C., in order to his being examined as a Witness before the Select Committee appointed by their Lordships on Prevention of Road Accidents.

And Colonel Moore-Brabazon in his place, having signified that he was willing, with leave of the House, to go to the House of Lords, as desired by their Lordships;

Resolved, That Lieutenant-Colonel John Theodore Cuthbert Moore-Brabazon, M.C., have leave to go to the House of Lords, as desired by their Lordships, if he think fit;

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords, to acquaint them that this House hath given leave to Lieutenant-Colonel John Theodore Cuthbert Moore-Brabazon, M.C., to go to the House of Lords, as desired by their Lordships, if he think fit: And that the Clerk do carry the said Message.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, as the Foreign Policy of His Majesty's Government cannot arrest the dangerous drift towards war and is inconsistent with their election pledges, this House is of opinion that the issue should be submitted to the Country without delay.—(Mr. Greenwood):

—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Mr. Attlee rose in his place, and claimed to move, That the Question be now put; but 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;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the

Sir Charles Edwards, Yeas,
Mr. Paling, Noes,

Captain Margesson,
Colonel Kerr:

So it passed in the Negative.

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 Third Reading of the Coal Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Housing (Rural Workers) 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 Welsh Church (Amendment) 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 Marriage (Scotland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Patents, &c. (International Conventions) 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 Sea Fish Industry 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 Trade Marks 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 Bacon Industry Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lands Valuation (Scotland) Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government (Hours of Poll) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Contraceptives (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 Snowball Trading Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.— Adjournment (Captain Hope.)
The Bournemouth 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.

Colonel Cosholl presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 1st April 1938, granting a retired allowance to Mr. William Barrett, Inspector of Factories, under Section 2 of the Superannuation Act, 1887.

Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

Sir Kingsley Wood presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, Copies of Schemes made under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937, by —

(1) the Hampstead Metropolitan Borough Council;
(2) the Sheffield City Council; and
(3) the Winchester City Council.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Copy of Order, dated 11th March 1938, entitled the Berks, Bucks and Oxon Joint Vagrancy Committee (Continuance) Order, 1938.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Birkin presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, — Copies of Regulations, dated —

(1) 30th March 1938, entitled the London Traffic (Prescribed Routes) (No. 13) (Wellington) Regulations, 1938;

Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

Sir David Reid reported from the Committee on Group C of Private Bills : That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Guildford Corporation Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the facts as proved by the evidence adduced, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Sir David Reid further reported from the Committee: That they had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders, and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, and the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Report be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Thursday next; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

Sir Charles MacAndrew reported from the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills: That they had gone through the Scottish Land Court Bill, and directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Tuesday next.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

Sir Charles MacAndrew reported from the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills: That they had gone through the Vagrancy Amendment (Scotland) Bill [Lords], and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Tuesday next; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Dogs Act (1871) Amendment Bill (changed to Dogs Amendment Bill) be taken into consideration upon Tuesday next; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee 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 appointed a Committee of seven Lords to come to quarter sessions and with respect to proceedings on the Crown side of the King's Bench Division of the High Court; to enable effect to be given to international conventions affecting English Courts; to extend the jurisdiction of county courts and to amend the Supreme Court of Judicature (Consolidation) Act, 1925, and the County Courts Act, 1934; to amend the law relating to appeals from the Lord's and City of London Court; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to amend the law with respect to assizes and petty sessions, and with respect to proceedings on the Crown side of the King's Bench Division of the High Court; to enable effect to be given to international conventions affecting English Courts; to extend the jurisdiction of county courts and to amend the Supreme Court of Judicature (Consolidation) Act, 1925, and the County Courts Act, 1934; to amend the law relating to appeals from the Lord's and City of London Court; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House)—(The Prime Minister);
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the 'Captain Dugdale,'
Yeas, Mr. Munro: 256.
Tellers for the 'Mr. John,'
Noes, Mr. Groves: 111.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Coal Bill;
And a Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time;
Mr. Stanley, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House that His Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives His Consent, as far as His Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.
And Notice being taken, that the interest of His Majesty, as Possessor of the Duchy of Cornwall, is concerned therein;
Mr. Stanley, 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 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 there being Private Business set down by direction of the Chairman of Ways and Means under Standing Order No. 6, further Proceeding was postponed without Question put.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the London Midland and Scottish Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The postponed Proceeding on the Question, That the Coal Bill be now read the third time, was resumed.
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 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 Housing (Rural Workers) Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

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Mr. Lewis Jones presented a Bill to confirm a Scheme of the Charity Commissioners for the application or management of the Charity called the Poor's Allotment, in the ancient parish of Hanwell, in the County of Middlesex: And the same was ordered to be read a second time.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Administration of Justice (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill [Lords.] was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Sir Alexander Russell further reported from the Committee on Group B of Private Bills: That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Clacton Urban District Council Bill, and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Sir Alexander Russell reported from the Committee: That they had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders, and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, and the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Lewis Jones presented a Bill to confirm a Scheme of the Charity Commissioners for the application or management of the Charity called the Poor's Allotment, in the ancient parish of Hanwell, in the County of Middlesex: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next; and to be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House)—(The Prime Minister);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Captain Dugdale, Mr. Furness:]

Yea's, 250.

Tellers for the [Mr. Groves, Mr. Mothers:]

Noes, 126.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Caledonian Power Bill; Power Bill.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair for Committee on the Civil Estimates and Estimates for Revenue Departments—(Captain Morganson);

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 growing tendency to grant annual holidays with pay to industrial workers makes it advisable for the Government to take all possible steps to facilitate and encourage the even distribution of holidays throughout the summer months, and with that end in view it calls upon the Minister of Labour and the President of the Board of Education to consult together with a view to eliminating present obstacles to the spread-over of holidays,"—[Mr. Roland Robinson], instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Main Question being put;

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

The House accordingly resolved itself into Supply, the Committee of Supply.

(Civil Estimates and Estimates for Revenue Departments, 1938.)

Class VII.

1. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £278,650 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 1939 for expenditure in respect of Labour and Health Buildings, Great Britain.

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. 6, further Proceeding was postponed without Question put.

The Order of the day being read, for the Caledonian Second Reading of the Caledonian Power Bill; Power 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 Murdoch Macdonald.]

And the Question being proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:—And a Debate arising thereupon; Mr. Boothby rose in his place, and claimed closure to move, That the Question be now put; but Mr. Speaker withheld his assent, as he thought insufficient reason given.

The House was prepared to come to a decision on the Question:—Then the House resumed the Debate.
Mr. Boothby rose in his place, and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

And the Question being put, That the Question be now put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being accordingly put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas,

{The Marquess of Clydesdale, Mr. Boothby :} 141.

Tellers for the Noes,

{Sir Murdoch MacDonald, Mr. Davidson :} 227.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the words "upon this day six months" be added at the end of the Question:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the Main Question, so amended, being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon this day six months.

Postponed Proceeding on Question, That a sum not exceeding £578,650 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 1939 for expenditure in respect of Labour and Health Buildings, Great Britain, resumed.

Question put, and agreed to.

2. £55,285 for expenditure in respect of Miscellaneous Legal Buildings, including the whole additional cost of a new Sheriff Court House at Edinburgh.

3. £1,381,265 for expenditure in respect of sundry Public Buildings in Great Britain, not provided for on other Votes, including historic buildings, ancient monuments, Brompton Cemetery and certain housing estates.

4. £157,185 for expenditure in respect of Public Buildings Overseas.

5. £1,294,470 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.

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.

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The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 11th day of February last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Elections (Motor Cars) Bill be now read a second time;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Protection of Animals Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Access to Mountains Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Street Trading (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 Parliamentary Elections (Compulsory Voting) 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 Works Councils 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 Loss of Employment (Compensation) 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 Peace Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Merchandise Marks (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 Agricultural Marketing 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 Drivers (Signals) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.
Mr. Secretary Elliot presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Annual Report of the Prisons Department for Scotland for 1937.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Earl Winterton presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Statutes made—
(1) by the Governing Body of Oriel College, Oxford, on 19th January 1938, amending an existing Statute of the College;
(2) by the University of Oxford, on 25th January 1938, amending an existing Statute of the University.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Burgin presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 4th April 1938, entitled the London Traffic (Prescribed Routes) (No. 14) (Chertsey Road, Twickenham) Regulations, 1938.

Copy of Provisional Regulations, dated 21st March 1938, entitled the Public Service Vehicles (Conditions of Fitness) (Amendment) Provisional Regulations, 1938.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Sir Kingsley Wood presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Scheme made under the Town and Country Planning Act, 1932, entitled the Felixstowe Planning Scheme.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Ernest Brown presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 10th February 1938, entitled the Trade Boards (Retail Bespoke Tailoring Trade, Scotland) (Constitution and Proceedings) (Amendment) Regulations, 1938.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Colonel Muirhead presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Letters of Agreement between the Secretary of State for Air and Imperial Airways Limited, relating to the combination of the air service between Khartoum and West Africa.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Colonel Coleville presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of List of the Pensions granted during the year ended 31st March 1938, and payable under the provisions of Section 15 (1) of the Civil List Act, 1937.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to confer powers upon the London County Council and other authorities; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The London County Council (General Powers) Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Sir Alexander West Russell reported from the Committee on Group B of Private Bills: That, for the convenience of parties, the Committee had adjourned till Monday next, at Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Romford Gas Committee on Unopposed Bills: That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Romford Gas Bill, and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, and the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Brixham Gas and Electricity Committee on Unopposed Bills: That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Brixham Gas and Electricity Bill, and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, and the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Irwell Valley Water Board Committee on Unopposed Bills: That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Irwell Valley Water Board Bill, and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, and the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Jervois Valley Water Board Committee on Unopposed Bills: That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Jervois Valley Water Board Bill, and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, and the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Private Bills Committee on Group B: That they had adjourned till Monday next, at Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.
The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills: That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Swinton and Pendlebury Corporation Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the facts as proved by the evidence adduced, 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 on the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the borough of Swinton and Pendlebury in regard to their electricity undertaking lands and other matters; to make further and better provision for the improvement health and local government of the borough; and for other purposes."

The Deputy Chairman further reported from the Committee: That they had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders, and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, and the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Report be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House)—(The Prime Minister); The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the 
Mr. Mathers,

Yea,

Mr. Adamson : 122.

Tellers for the 
Sir James Edmondson,

Noes,

Mr. Grimston : 203.

So it was resolved in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 5, l. 29, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words " and for preventing or regulating the combination of wholesalers for the purposes of carrying out joint buying."

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. Mathers,

Yea,

Mr. Adamson : 122.

Tellers for the 
Sir James Edmondson,

Noes,

Mr. Grimston : 203.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 5, l. 37, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words,—

"(c) for the purpose of securing that where, in the case of any fish consigned for sale on commission, the salesman makes a charge by way of commission or otherwise, he shall enter in a book kept by him for the purpose the names of the owner or consignor of the fish and of every purchaser and the price paid or agreed to be paid by each purchaser, and shall as soon as practicable after the sale send by post or deliver to the owner or consignor an account containing the following particulars:—

(i) the actual price paid or agreed to be paid for the fish and, where there is any variation in price, the number, weight or quantity sold, or agreed to be sold, at each price; and

(ii) the commission or other charge made by the salesman for selling the fish, together with details of any charges made for services in connection with the sale; and

(iii) the amounts, if any, paid or payable by the salesman on behalf of the owner or consignor in connection with the sale, with details thereof.

(iv) if on any such sale as aforesaid any fish so consigned is bought by the salesman or by any person on his behalf, the fact shall be stated in the account, but nothing in any regulation made under this provision shall be construed as making any such transaction, if otherwise illegal, legal."

—(Mr. Garro-Jones.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 5, l. 29, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words " and for preventing or regulating the combination of wholesalers for the purposes of carrying out joint buying."

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. Mathers,

Yea,

Mr. Adamson : 122.

Tellers for the 
Sir James Edmondson,

Noes,

Mr. Grimston : 203.

So it was resolved in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 5, l. 37, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words,—

"(d) the business of a fishmonger in Scotland."

—(Mr. Foot.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 7, l. 9, by leaving out the word " smoking."

—(Colonel Heneage.)
And the Question being proposed, That the word " smoking " stand part of the Bill — The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 9, l. 10, by leaving out sub-paragraph (i). — (Mr. Shinwell.)

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 Hope],

Tellers for the [Mr. Whiteley],

168.

109.

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. 10, l. 12, by inserting, after the word " fee," the words " not exceeding five shillings." — (Mr. Foot.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:— It passed in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 11, l. 22, by leaving out sub-paragraph (ii). — (Mr. Foot.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:— It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 12, l. 30, by inserting, after the word " Commission," the words " and empowering the Commission on any such appeal to confirm, annul, or vary the decision or direction." — (Mr. Foot.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:— It passed in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 16, l. 25, by leaving out subsection (3). — (Mr. Foot.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word " half," in l. 32, stand part of the Bill:— It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 16, l. 32, by leaving out, from the word " least," to the end of the subsection, and inserting the words " eighty-five per centum of the total number of registered persons have voted in favour of the scheme, " — (Mr. Petherick),— instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:— It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

A Schedule (Provisions to be substituted for subsections (3) and (6) of section thirteen in relation to a marketing scheme for regulating the carrying on of two or more designated businesses), — (Mr. William Morrison),— was twice read, and made part of 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 Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 6th day of this instant April;

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, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Increase of Rent and Mortgage Interest (Restrictions) 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 Welsh Church Amendment Bill (Lords);

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Marriage Second Reading of the Marriage (Scotland) Bill; (Scotland) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Bacon Industry Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Administration of Justice (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill (Lords);

Ordered, That the Bill be a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Housing Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Nursing Homes Registration (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be a second time upon Monday next.
Adjournment. Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Captain Hope.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit until twenty-nine minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 92.]

Friday, 8th April 1938.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

ORDERED, That the London Midland and Scottish Railway Bill be read the third time upon Thursday next.

Ordered, That the Bradford Extension Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Colonel Cedeville presented, by His Majesty's Command, Copy of Statement of proposed changes in the arrangements between His Majesty's Government and Cable and Wireless Limited, and of a reduction in Empire cable and wireless rates.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Resolved, That the Clearing Office (Italy) Amendment Order, 1938, dated the twenty-eighth day of March, nineteen hundred and thirty-eight, made by the Treasury under the Debts Clearing Offices and Import Restrictions Act, 1934, a copy of which was presented to this House on the thirtieth day of March, nineteen hundred and thirty-eight, be approved.—(Captain Wallace.)

Resolved, That the Clearing Office (Roumania) Amendment Order, 1938, dated the twenty-eighth day of March, nineteen hundred and thirty-eight, made by the Treasury under the Debts Clearing Offices and Import Restrictions Act, 1934, a copy of which was presented to this House on the thirtieth day of March, nineteen hundred and thirty-eight, be approved.—(Captain Wallace.)

The Trade Marks Bill [Lords.] was, according to Order, read a second time. Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for Monday next.—(Major Herbert.)

The Patents, &c. (International Conventions) Bill [Lords.] was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying His Majesty to make three Orders in Council under the Military Manoeuvres Acts, 1897 and 1911, (Orders in Council.)

Resolved, 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 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.

Sir Edmund Findlay, Mr. MacLaren, Mr. Post Office Mander, and Mr. Rowlands were nominated (Sites) Bill. Members of the Select Committee on the Post Office (Sites) Bill.—(Mr. Farness.)

Whereupon Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House, without Question put, pursuant to Standing Order No. 2, it being then seventeen minutes after One of the clock, till Monday next.

[No. 93.]

Monday, 11th April 1938.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE Royal Sheffield Infirmary and Hospital Bill [Lords.] was read a second time, and committed.

The West Surrey Water Bill [Lords.] was read a second time, and committed.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Bradford Extension Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Sir Kingsley Wood presented a Bill to the Ministry of Health relating to the borough of Keighley. (Order (Keighley) Bill.)

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.
2 Geo. VI. 11th April.

Mr. Stanley presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Statements of Assurance Business under the Assurance Companies Act, 1909, deposited with the Board of Trade during 1937.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Butler presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report on the causes of and circumstances attending the Explosion which occurred at Holditch Colliery, North Staffordshire, on the 2nd July 1937, by Mr. F. H. Wynne, C.B.E., His Majesty's Chief Inspector of Mines.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.


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Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Colonel Colville presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Account of the Greek Loan of 1898 up to 31st March 1938.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Abstract Account of Receipts of, and Payments by, the Treasury Solicitor in 1937, 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.

Copy (1) of Statement of Guarantees given by the Treasury under Section 1 of the Development (Loan Guarantees and Grants) Act, 1929, up to its expiration on 31st August 1932, and (2) Account up to 31st March 1938 of the total sums issued from the Consolidated Fund in fulfilment of guarantees given under Section 1 of the Act, and of the sums paid in or towards repayment of any sums so issued.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relative to the Greek Loan of 1898 be printed.

Major Tryon presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, entitled the Post Office Savings Bank Regulations, 1938.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Kingsley Wood presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Scheme made under the Town and Country Planning Act, 1932, entitled the Hornsey Planning Scheme No. 1.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Alexander West Russell reported from the Private Bills Committee on Group B of Private Bills: That, (Group B.) in order to give the Promoters of the Ossett Corporation Bill time to petition the House for an additional Provision, the Committee had adjourned till Tuesday, the 17th day of May next, at Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Order for reading a second time Docking and Nicking of Horses (Prohibition) Bill [Lords] was read, and disapproved of.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 26th day of this instant April.

Edith Summerskill, Member for the Borough of Fulham (West Division), was sworn.

Sir George Thomas Broadbridge, Baronet, K.C.V.O., Member for the City of London, was sworn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bacon 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 from the word "That," to the end of the Question, and adding the words "this House recognises the necessity for a reorganisation of the bacon industry, but regrets that the proposals to this end exclude an important part of the industry, and, whilst involving the State in further subsidies, are designed to ensure high prices by restricting supply far below the quantity required for normal consumption, instead of planning an abundant supply under conditions which will enable all sections of the community to benefit,"—(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 Yeas, Mr. Grimston:

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Mathers:

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee of Supply:

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, the Docking and Nicking of Horses (Prohibition) Bill [Lords] was read, and disapproved of.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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.

Supply (6th April) Report. The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 6th day of this instant April;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

Increase of Rent and Mortgage Interest (Restrictions) Bill. The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Increase of Rent and Mortgage Interest (Restrictions) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Welsh Church (Amendment) Bill [Lords]. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Welsh Church (Amendment) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Marriage (Scotland) Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Marriage (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Administration of Justice (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill [Lords]. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Administration of Justice (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Housing (Rural Workers) Amendment Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Housing (Rural Workers) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Trade Marks Bill [Lords]. The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Trade Marks Bill [Lords];

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Lands Valuation (Scotland) Amendment Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lands Valuation (Scotland) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 26th day of this instant April.

Local Government (Hours of Poll) Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government (Hours of Poll) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 26th day of this instant April.

Contraceptives (Regulation) Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Contraceptives (Regulation) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 26th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Snowball Trading Bill; Trading Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 26th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Nursing Homes Registration (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 26th day of this instant April.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment. proposed, That this House do now adjourn—

Colonel Kerr;

And it being half an hour after Eleven of the clock, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, till to-morrow.

[No. 94.]

Tuesday, 12th April 1938.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report Private Bills (Standing Orders not previously inquired into, which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.——

London County Council (General Powers) Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report 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 have not been complied with, viz.——

Harwich Harbour [Lords].

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Mr. Secretary Elliot presented a Bill to Forfar Corporation Water Order, relating to Forfar Corporation Water: And Bill the same was ordered, under Section 7 of the Bill 129, to be taken into consideration to-morrow;

Ordered, That the Bill be printed.

Mr. Secretary Elliot presented, by His Health Majesty's Command,—Copy of Ninth Annual (Scotland), Report of the Department of Health for Scotland, 1937.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Copy of Provisional Regulations, dated 7th April 1938, entitled the London Traffic (Parking Places) (Amendment) No. 5 Provisional Regulations, 1938.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Stanley presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Account showing the Receipts and Expenditure and Winding-Up Proceedings during the year ended 31st March 1938, prepared in accordance with Section 15 (1) of the Economy (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1926.

Copy of Draft of a Special Order proposed to be made under the Gas Undertakings Acts, on the application of the Portsmouth and Gosport Gas Company.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the said Account be printed.


Copies of Statutes made—

(1) by the University of Oxford, on 8th February 1938, amending an existing Statute of the University;

(2) by the Governing Body of Saint John College, Oxford, on 1st February 1938, amending an existing Statute of the College.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order made under the Shops Acts by the Council of the undermentioned local authority, and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department:

Borough of Watford.

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 General Report and Accounts of the Conservators of the River Thames for 1937.


Copy of Provisional Regulations, dated 7th April 1938, entitled the London Traffic (Parking Places) (Amendment) No. 5 Provisional Regulations, 1938.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, and the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Report be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Manchester Corporation Bill [Lords.] to empower the Lord Mayor Aldermen and Citizens of the city of Manchester to cover over part of the river Irwell and to acquire lands for their transport undertaking and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Wakefield Corporation Bill [Lords.] to extend the boundaries of the city of Wakefield to construct new streets street improvements and water-works and to acquire land for those and other purposes; to make further provision with regard to their water, electricity and markets undertakings and to make further provision with regard to the health, local government and improvement 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 Plymouth Extension Bill [Lords.] to extend the boundaries of the city of Plymouth; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords propose that the Joint Committee Collecting Charities (Regulation) Bill [Lords.] do meet in Committee Bill [Lords.] Room A, House of Lords, on Tuesday the 10th day of May next, at Eleven of the clock.

The Manchester Corporation Bill [Lords.] was Manchester Corporation Bill [Lords.] read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Wakefield Corporation Bill [Lords.] was Wakefield Corporation Bill [Lords.] read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Plymouth Extension Bill [Lords.] was Plymouth Extension Bill [Lords.] read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The House proceeded to take into con-consideration so much of the Lords' Message as relates to the Collecting Charities (Regulation) Bill [Lords.].

Ordered, That the Committee appointed by this House do meet the Lords Committee as proposed by their Lordships.—(Mr. James Stuart.)

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 of Selection: That they had nominated the following Three Members to serve on the Select Committee on the Post Office Sites Bill:
—Captain McEwen, Mr. Annesley Somerville, and Mr. Fyfe.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, in the case of the Penzance 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.

The Order for reading a second time, to-morrow, the Performing Animals (Regulation) 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 Noes to the Left;

Tellers for the [Captain Waterhouse, Yeas, Mr. Munro: 220.]
Tellers for the [Mr. Groves, Noes, Mr. Adamson: 137.]
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to extend Palestinian nationality:—(Commander Locker-Lampson);

And the Motion being opposed, after a brief explanatory statement from the Member who made the Motion and from a Member who opposed it, Mr. Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 10;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left;

Tellers for the [Commander Locker-Lampson, Yeas, Mr. Thorne: 144.]
Tellers for the [Colonel Clifton Brown, Noes, Mr. Pickthorn: 144.]

And the numbers being equal, Mr. Speaker stated that he ought to vote for the introduction of the Bill so that the House could deal with it as the House thought fit, and that accordingly he gave his voice with the Ayes; and so it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That Commander Locker-Lampson, Mr. Wedgwood, Rear-Admiral Sir Murray Sueter, Mr. Veysey Adams, and Mr. Thomas Williams do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Commander Locker-Lampson accordingly presented a Bill to extend Palestinian nationality: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 20th day of this instant April; and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Increase of Rent and Mortgage Interest (Restrictions) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Amendment as to standard rent),—(Mr. Ammon),—was twice read, and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Further amendment as to ascertainment of standard rent).—(Mr. Silverman.)

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. Groves, Yeas, Mr. Whiteley: 130.]
Tellers for the [Mr. Johnston, Noes, Mr. Cross: 211.]
So it passed in the Negative.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Dwelling-houses of low value).—(Mr. Thomas Williams.)

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. Charleton, Yeas, Mr. Mathers: 142.]
Tellers for the [Colonel Kerr, Noes, Sir James Edmondson: 210.]
So it passed in the Negative.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Production of documents by local authorities).—(Mr. Silverman.)

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 James Edmondson: 210.]
Tellers for the [Mr. Groves, Noes, Mr. Whiteley: 130.]
So it passed in the Negative.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Increase of rent in respect of improvements).—(Mr. Johnston.)

And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.
2 Geo. VI. 12th April.

Ordered, That further Consideration of the Bill, as amended, be now adjourned.—(Captain Margesson.)

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into further consideration to-morrow.

Colonel Kerr reported from the Committee Supply of Supply of the 6th day of this instant April, [6th April] Report, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Civil Estimates and Estimates for Revenue Departments, 1938.

Class VII.

1. That a sum not exceeding £278,650 be Labour and Health Buildings, necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1939 for expenditure in respect of Labour and Health Buildings, Great Britain.

2. That a sum not exceeding £95,285 be Miscellaneous granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1939 for expenditure in respect of Miscellaneous Legal Buildings, including the whole additional cost of a new Sheriff Court House at Edinburgh.

3. That a sum not exceeding £1,381,265 Public Buildings, 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 1939 for expenditure in respect of sundry Public Buildings in Great Britain, not provided for on other Votes, including historic buildings, ancient monuments, Brompton Cemetery and certain housing estates.

4. That a sum not exceeding £157,185 be Public Buildings Overseas, necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1939 for expenditure in respect of Public Buildings Overseas.

5. That a sum not exceeding £1,294,470 Revenue be granted to His Majesty, to complete the Buildings, sum necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1939 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.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The House, according to Order, resolved Trade Marks itself into a Committee on the Trade Marks Bill [Lords.]

Bill [Lords.]

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 to No. 71 agreed to.

First to Fourth Schedules agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

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Ordered, That Three be the quorum of the Committee.

The Committee was nominated of,—Mr. Bernays, Mr. Duncan, Sir Francis Fremantle, Major Owen, Mr. Richards, Mr. Ridley, and Mr. Herbert Williams.—(Captain Margesson.)

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to acquaint them therewith, and that the Clerk do carry the said Message.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Dogs Act (1871) Bill (changed to Dogs Amendment 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 Poor's Allotment in Hanwell 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. Lewis Jones.)

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.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Distribution by Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 47, of Bills committed to a Standing Committee.

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[No. 95.]

Wednesday, 13th April 1938.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE House proceeded to take into consideration the Brixham Gas and Electricity Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Romford Gas Bill, as amended Gas Bill, in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.
The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Forfar Corporation Water Order Confirmation Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Colonel Croleville presented, by His Majesty’s Command.—Copy of Agreement, dated 16th February 1898, between the Cunard White Star, Limited, and the Treasury, supplemental to an Agreement dated 15th February 1897.

Colonel Croleville also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account of the Egyptian Guaranteed Loan of 1885 up to 31st March 1938.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Captain Austin Hudson presented.—Return to an Order dated the 21st day of March last, relative to Road Accidents involving Personal Injury.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir Kingsley Wood presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Scheme made under the Town and Country Planning Act, 1922, entitled the Pudsey Borough Planning Scheme No. 1.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Colonel Muirhead presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Note by the Secretary of State for Air on the proposed arrangements involving the continued operation of an air service between Khartoum and West Africa.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords, now to be printed, reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills: That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Crewe Corporation Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the facts as proved by the evidence adduced, and found the same as amended to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to authorise the Gateshead and District Tramways Company to run trolley vehicles and to abandon their tramways; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lancaster County Council (Rivers Board and General Powers) Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Gateshead and District Tramways and Gateshead Trolley Vehicles Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills: That they had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders, and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, and the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Report be printed.

Mr. Ernest Brown, supported by Mr. Secretary Road and Navigation Elliot, Mr. Burgin, Mr. Attorney-General, Wages Bill.

Captain Austin Hudson, and Mr. Lennox-Boyd, presented a Bill to make provision with respect to the remuneration of persons employed in connection with the mechanical transport of goods by road: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Resolved, That this House do meet to-morrow, Sittings of the House.

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A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House)—(The Prime Minister); The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Captain Dugdale, Yeas, Mr. Munro: 196. Tellers for the Mr. Charleston, Noes, Mr. Mathers: 124.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into further consideration the Increase of Rent and Mortgage Interest (Restrictions) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Message was delivered by Lieutenant-General Sir William Pulteney, G.C.V.O., K.G.B., K.C.M.G., D.S.O., Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords, authorised by virtue of His Majesty's Commission, for declaring His Royal Assent to Acts agreed upon by both Houses, and to Measures passed under the provisions of the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act, 1919, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers:—And having returned:

Mr. Speaker reported, That the House, at the desire of the Lords, authorised by virtue of His Majesty's Commission, had been at the House of Peers, where a Commission under the 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.

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 James Edmondson, Yeas, Mr. Munro: 171. Tellers for the Mr. John, Noes, Mr. Anderson: 127.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 9, by leaving out the words "relating to registration."—(Mr. Johnston.)

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 Dugdale, Yeas, Mr. Grimston: 159. Tellers for the Mr. John, Noes, Mr. Mathers: 120.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 19, by leaving out the word "thirty-five," and inserting the word "forty."—(Mr. Ammon),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word "thirty-five" stand part of the Bill;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Captain Waterhouse, Yeas, Mr. Grimston: 142. Tellers for the Mr. John, Noes, Mr. Groves: 117.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 21, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words,—

"Provided that in the case of a dwelling-house to which the principal Acts cease to apply by virtue of the provisions of this subsection the rent recoverable by the landlord shall not exceed by more than ten per centum per annum the rent recoverable in respect of the dwelling-house on the twenty-eighth day of September, nineteen hundred and thirty-eight."—(Mr. Johnston.)

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. John, Yeas, Mr. Anderson: 114. Tellers for the Major Herbert, Noes, Mr. Farness: 145.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 6, l. 1, by leaving out subsection (2).—(Mr. Fyfe.)

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. Charlton, Mr. Anderson] 104.
Tellers for [Mr. Adamson, Mr. Furness] 143.
So it was resolved in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 6, l. 11, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words,—

" (3) Paragraph (d) of subsection (1) of section two of the Act of 1920 shall have effect as if for the words 'an amount not exceeding twenty-five per cent. of the net rent' there were substituted the words 'such an amount, not exceeding twenty-five per cent. of the net rent as may be agreed, or as may, on the application of the landlord or the tenant, be determined by the county court to be fair and reasonable, having regard to such liability:

Provided that the court may at any time, on a complaint from a tenant that the said liability is not being properly discharged, review such determination."—(Mr. Johnston.)

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 [Sir James Edmonson, Major Herbert] 143.
Tellers for [Mr. Mathers, Mr. Anderson] 102.
So it was resolved in the Positive.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 10, l. 1, by inserting, after the words last inserted, the words,—

"Section 15 of The Act of 1920 shall have effect as if for the words 'if he had been the tenant of the landlord' there shall be substituted the words 'if he had been the tenant of the landlord'."—(Mr. Barr.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

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 Scottish Land Court 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.

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Protection of Animals Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Protection of Animals Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 26th day of this instant April.

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 the 26th day of this instant April.

Street Trading (Regulation) Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Street Trading (Regulation) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 26th day of this instant April.

Parliamentary Elections (Compulsory Voting) Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Parliamentary Elections (Compulsory Voting) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 26th day of this instant April.

Agricultural Marketing Act (1933) Amendment Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Agricultural Marketing Act (1933) Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 26th day of this instant April.

Works Councils Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Works Councils Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 26th day of this instant April.

Loss of Employment (Compensation) Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Loss of Employment (Compensation) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 26th day of this instant April.

Peace Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Peace Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 26th day of this instant April.

Merchandise Marks (Amendment) Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Merchandise Marks (Amendment) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 26th day of this instant April.

Agricultural Marketing Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Agricultural Marketing Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 26th day of this instant April.

Motor Drivers (Signals) Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Motor Drivers (Signals) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 26th day of this instant April.

Poor's Allotment in Hanwell Bill. The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Poor’s Allotment in Hanwell Bill.
(In the Committee.)
Clauses No. 1 and No. 2 agreed to.
Schedule agreed to.
Preamble agreed to.
Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Tuesday the 26th day of this instant April.

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 Twelve of the clock, till to-morrow.

[No. 96.]

Thursday, 14th April 1938.

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 Stafford (Lichfield Division), in the room of James Alexander Lovat-Fraser, Esquire, deceased.—(Capt. Margesson.)

Ordered, That the Bradford Extension Bill Bradford be read the third time upon Tuesday the 26th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the London and Scottish Railway Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Tuesday the 26th day of this instant April.

The Forfar Corporation Water Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Secretary Elliot presented, by His Police Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Eightieth Re- port of His Majesty’s Inspector of Constabulary for Scotland for 1937.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Kingsley Wood presented, pursuant to Local the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Local Government Financial Statistics, England and Wales, for the year 1935-6.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. William Morrison presented, pursuant Wheat Act, to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order, dated 6th April 1938, entitled the Wheat (Quota Payments) No. 3 Order, 1938.

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 showing the Receipts and Expenditure in respect of the High Court of Justice and the Court of Appeal during the year ended 31st March 1938.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of Street and Road Tramways and Light Railways authorised by Act or Order, showing the amount of capital authorised, paid up, and expended; the length of line authorised and the length open for traffic, and the number of cars owned at the 31st day of December 1937, in respect of companies, and the end of the financial year 1937-38, 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 5th day of May 1937); also similar particulars relating to Trolley Vehicle Undertakings. — (Captain Austin Hudson.)

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by Mr. Hudson, and the Lords desire the concurrence of the Lords to which the Lords desire the concurrence of the Lords.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to amend the law relating to Solicitors in Scotland and for purposes connected therewith; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords propose that the Joint Committee appointed to consider the Food and Drugs Bill [Lords] do meet in the Chairman of Committees' Committee Room, House of Lords, on Tuesday, the 10th of May next, at Eleven of the clock.

Complaint made to the House by Mr. Vye-yan Adams, Member for the West Division of Loeds, of the publication of certain passages in the Daily Worker newspaper of the 13th day of April, reflecting on the conduct of Mr. Speaker.

The said newspaper was delivered in and the passages complained of were delivered in, as follows:

"The Speaker of the House of Commons yesterday privately notified Opposition Leaders that Spain will be 'out of order' in the Debate on the Adjournment of the House of Commons next Thursday. This disgraceful ruling is based nominally on the allegation that there has been 'too much talk about Spain already.'"

Resolved, That the statements complained of contained in the Article are a gross libel on Mr. Speaker and the publication of the article is a gross breach of the privileges of this House.—(Mr. Vye-yan Adams.)

Colonel Muirhead, supported by Colonel Colville, presented a Bill to increase the maximum amount which may be paid annually by way of subsidies under section one of the Air Navigation Act, 1936; and to make provision with respect to the remuneration and expenses of, and the fees received by, any licensing authority which may be constituted under section five of that Act: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 26th day of this instant April; and to be printed.

Resolved, That this House, at its rising this Adjournment day, do adjourn till Tuesday 26th April.—(The Prime Minister.)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.— Adjournment. (Captain Margesson.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-five minutes after Four of the clock, adjourned till Tuesday the 26th day of this instant April, pursuant to the Resolution of the House this day.

[No. 97.]

Tuesday, 26th April 1938.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The Brixham Gas and Electricity Bill was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Romford Gas Bill was read the third Romford Gas. 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- consideration the Clacton Urban District Council Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into con- consideration the Irwell Valley Water Board Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consider- ation the Swinton and Pendlebury Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The London County Council (General Powers) Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Bradford Extension Bill was read the third time;

And a Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time;

And Notice being taken, that the interest of His Majesty, as Duke of Lancaster, is concerned therein;
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The Chairman of Ways and Means, 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 Third Reading of the London Midland and Scottish Railway Bill;

And a Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time;

And Notice being taken, that the interest of His Majesty, as Duke of Lancaster, is concerned therein;

The Chairman of Ways and Means, 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 following Papers, presented by His Majesty's Command during the Easter Adjournment, were delivered to the Librarian of the House of Commons during the Adjournment, pursuant to Standing Order No. 93:—

Parliamentary Papers (Adjournment.)

Treaty Series (No. 31, 1938.)


Ecclesiastical Commission.

Fisheries (Scotland.)

Merchandise Marks Act, 1929.

Ministry of Labour.

Ultimus Hares (Scotland) (Account and List of Estates.)

Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England for the year preceding 1st November 1937, to the Table.

Copy of Ninetieth Report from the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England for the year ending 31st March 1938.

Copy of Fifty-sixth Annual Report of the Fishery Board for Scotland, for 1937.

Copy of Report of the Standing Committee respecting Sporting Cartridge Cases.


Copy of Abstract Account of the Receipts and Payments of the King's and Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer in the administration of Estates and Treasure Trove in Scotland on behalf of the Crown, in 1937; and of alphabetical List of Estates which fell to the Crown as Ultimus Hares in Scotland, administered by the King's and Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer in the same year.

Copy of the London Midland and Scottish Railway Bill for 1937.

Copy of Sixteenth Annual Report of the Railways Rate Tribunal for 1937.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

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Mr. Secretary Elliot presented, by His Mental Majesty's Command,—Copy of Twenty-fourth Deficiency and Losses (Scotland) Annual Report of the General Board of Control for Scotland, for 1937. Act, 1913.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary MacDonald presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order made under the Shops Acts by the Council of the undermentioned local authority, and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department:—

County Palatine of Lancaster (for the urban district of Whitefield).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Elliot presented, by His Mental Majesty's Command,—Copy of Twenty-fourth Deficiency and Losses (Scotland) Acts during the year ended 31st March 1938.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Lord Stanley presented, pursuant to the East India Company, London, for 1938.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Earl Winterton presented, pursuant to the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1921.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Kingsley Wood presented, pursuant to Town and Country Planning Acts, 1937, entitled:—

(1) the Mitcham Planning Scheme, No. 2;

(2) the Wembley (Kingsbury) Planning Scheme.

Copy of Regulations, dated 9th April 1938, entitled the Contributory Pensions (Determination of Income) Amendment Regulations, 1938.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Burgin presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, namely:—

(1) the London Traffic (Prescribed Routes) (No. 15) (Kennington) Regulations, 1938;

(2) the London Traffic (Prescribed Routes) (No. 16) (St. Marylebone) Regulations, 1938.

Copy of Sixteenth Annual Report of the Railways Rate Tribunal for 1937.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.
Mr. William Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Report by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries on the River Hull Catchment Board (Appeals against Precepts) Order, 1938.

Copy of Order, dated 11th April 1938, entitled the Importation of Raw Cherries Order of 1938.

Copy of Agreement, dated 16th March 1938, made under Section 14 (4) of the Sugar Industry (Re-organization) Act, 1936, between the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries and the British Sugar Corporation, Limited, with an explanatory Memorandum.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Colonel Colville presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of—

(1) Statement of Guarantees which the Treasury have given under the Trade Facilities Acts to completion of the scheme on 31st March 1927;

(2) Account up to 31st March 1938 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;

(3) Statement of Conversion Loans guaranteed by the Treasury in pursuance of Section 25 of the Finance Act, 1934, for the purpose of providing for the redemption of existing guaranteed loans;

(4) Account up to 31st March 1938, of any sums issued out of the Consolidated Fund in fulfilment of guarantees given under Section 25 of the Finance Act, 1934.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Colonel Muirhead presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copies of Letters of Agreement between the Secretary of State for Air and Command, Copies of Letters of Agreement respecting the Bangkok and Hong Kong.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table;

Mr. Stanley presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 19th March 1938, entitled the Weights and Measures (Sand and Ballast) Regulations, 1938.

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 showing the nature and amount of the Securities held by the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt at 31st March 1938, as Investments for moneys, forming part of the Unemployment Fund, paid over to them by the Ministry of Labour under Sections 58 (3) and 114 (9) of the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1935.

Ordered, That the said Paper be printed

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Copy of Statement of Revenue and Expenditure as laid before the House by Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer when opening the Budget.—(Colonel Colville.)

Colonel Colville accordingly presented the said Paper.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That so much of the Lords' Message Food and Drugs Bill [Lords.] to the time and place of meeting of the Joint Committee on the Food and Drugs Bill [Lords], be now taken into consideration.—(Mr. James Stuart.)

The House accordingly proceeded to take so much of the said Message into consideration.

Ordered That the Committee appointed by this House do meet the Lords' Committee as proposed by their Lordships.—(Mr. James Stuart.)

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 Proceedings on Government Business of the Lords' Message into consideration.

Business of the House, Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(The Prime Minister.)

The House, according to Order, resolved Ways and Means, itself into the Committee of Ways and Means. (In the Committee.)

CUSTOMS AND EXCISE.

Increase of Customs Duty on Hydrocarbon Oils.

1. Resolved, That as from six o'clock in the evening on the twenty-sixth day of April, nineteen hundred and thirty-eight, the customs duty on hydrocarbon oils shall be at the rate per gallon of ninepence instead of eightpence, and any rebate allowed on the delivery for home consumption of hydrocarbon oils, other than light oils, shall be at the rate per gallon of eightpence instead of sevenpence:

And it is hereby 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.)

Excise Duty on Spirits used for making Power Methylated Spirits.

2. Resolved, That—

(1) on and after the second day of May, nineteen hundred and thirty-eight, there shall be charged on all spirits used for making power methylated spirits a duty of excise of ninepence for every gallon of the spirits so used;

(2) in this Resolution the expression "power methylated spirits " means spirits methylated in the manner prescribed for making power methylated spirits by regulations
for the time being in force under section thirteen of the Finance Act, 1924.  
(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Increase of Customs Duty on Tea.

3. Resolved, That as from the twenty-seventh day of April, nineteen hundred and thirty-eight, the customs duty on tea not being an Empire product shall be at the rate per pound of eightpence instead of sixpence, and the customs duty on tea being an Empire product shall be at the rate per pound of sixpence instead of fourpence.

And it is hereby 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.)

Customs Duty on Reimported Films.

4. Resolved, That—

(1) no film printed, or produced by any other process, in the United Kingdom and exported therefrom shall be exempt from customs duty by virtue of any enactment relating to the exemption of reimported goods, unless the Commissioners of Customs and Excise are satisfied either that no imported film was used in the printing or production of the film as aforesaid, or that the duty chargeable on all imported films so used has been duly paid;  
(2) in this Resolution the expression “film” means a positive or negative cinematograph film within the meaning of section three of the Finance Act, 1925, or a positive or negative sound track, whether developed or not.  
(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

INCOME TAX.

Charge of Tax.

5. Resolved, That—

(1) income tax for the year 1938–39 shall be charged at the standard rate of five shillings and sixpence in the pound, and, in the case of an individual whose total income exceeds two thousand pounds, at such higher rates in respect of the excess over two thousand pounds as Parliament may hereafter determine;  
(2) all such enactments as had effect with respect to the income tax charged for the year 1937–38 shall have effect with respect to the income tax charged for the year 1938–39.  
And it is hereby 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.)


6. Resolved, That income tax for the year 1937–38 in respect of the excess of the total income of an individual over two thousand pounds shall be charged at rates in the pound which respectively exceed the standard rate by amounts equal to the amounts by which the rates at which income tax was charged in respect of the said excess for the year 1936–37 respectively exceeded the standard rate for that year.

And it hereby declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution shall have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act, 1913.  
(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Amendment as to Relief in respect of Life Insurance Premiums.

7. Resolved, That, in cases where the allowance to be given in respect of life insurance premiums and other payments under section thirty-two of the Income Tax Act, 1918, is restricted by paragraph (f) of subsection (3) of that section as amended by section twenty-three of the Finance Act, 1935, the rate of tax by reference to which the allowance is so restricted shall be ten thirty-thirds of the standard rate instead of one-third of the standard rate.

And it hereby 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.)

Amendments of Schedule C and Consequential Amendments of Schedule D.

8. Resolved, That—

(1) for all the purposes of income tax under Schedule C and Rule 1 of the rules applicable to Case II of Schedule D, the expression “public revenue” shall, except where the context otherwise requires, include the public revenue of any Government whatsoever and the revenue of any public authority or institution in any country outside the United Kingdom;  
(2) where a banker or any other person in the United Kingdom, by means of coupons received from any other person or otherwise on his behalf, obtains payment of any foreign dividends elsewhere than in the United Kingdom, the tax under Schedule C shall extend to the dividends and the person obtaining payment shall be treated for the purpose of the paying agents rules as if he were intrusted with the payment thereof;  
(3) where a banker in the United Kingdom sells or otherwise realises coupons for any dividends, being foreign dividends, and pays over the proceeds to any person or carries them to his account, or where a dealer in coupons in the United Kingdom purchases any such coupons as aforesaid otherwise than from a banker or another dealer in coupons, the tax under Schedule C shall extend to the proceeds of the sale or other realisation, and the paying agents rules shall apply to those proceeds as if they were dividends, and shall apply to the banker or dealer as if he had been intrusted with the payment thereof;  
(4) the provisions of the last two foregoing paragraphs shall apply for the purpose of Rule 7 of the miscellaneous rules applicable to Schedule D (which relates to interest, &c. from colonial and foreign companies) subject to any necessary modifications;
of the interest deemed to be the income of the owner or beneficiary shall be an amount equal to those proceeds;

(c) in any other case, tax at the standard rate in respect of the interest shall be chargeable on the owner or beneficiary under Schedule D;

(2) nothing in the foregoing provisions shall affect any provision of the Income Tax Acts authorising or requiring the deduction of tax from the interest, or from the proceeds of any subsequent sale or realisation of the right to receive the interest;

(3) for the purpose of this Resolution, the expression “interest” includes dividends, annuities and shares of annuities, and the expression “securities” includes stocks and shares.

—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Funding Bonds issued in respect of Interest on Certain Debts.

10. Resolved, That—

(1) where any funding bonds are issued to a creditor in respect of any liability to pay interest on any debt to which this Resolution applies, the issue of the bonds shall be treated for all the purposes of the Income Tax Acts as if it were the payment of an amount of that interest equal to the value of the bonds at the time of the issue thereof;

(2) where any person by or through whom any such bonds are issued in any year of assessment would be required under the said Acts to deduct tax from the said amount of interest if it had been actually paid by or through him, he shall retain bonds the value whereof at the time of issue is equal to tax at the standard rate for that year on the said amount of interest, and shall be acquitted in respect of the retention in like manner as if he had deducted such tax from the interest, and shall be chargeable with such tax accordingly:

Provided that the Commissioners of Inland Revenue, if satisfied that it is impracticable to retain bonds as aforesaid, may relieve any such person from the foregoing provisions of this paragraph on such conditions as they think fit, and thereupon tax in respect of the amount of interest treated as having been paid by the issue of the bonds shall be chargeable on the owner or beneficiary for that year under Case VI of Schedule D on the persons receiving or entitled to the proceeds.

(3) the debts to which this Resolution applies are any debts incurred, whether in respect of moneys borrowed or otherwise, by any Government, public authority or public institution whatsoever, or by any body corporate whatsoever, and for the purpose of this Resolution the expression “funding bonds” includes any bonds, stocks, shares, securities or certificates of indebtedness;

(4) the foregoing provisions of this Resolution shall be deemed always to have had effect:

Provided that, where at any time after the twenty-ninth day of July, nineteen
hundred and thirty-seven, and before the twenty-seventh day of April, nineteen hundred and thirty-eight, any bonds could have been retained under this Resolution if its provisions had been enacted at that time but have not been so retained, an amount equal to the value of the bonds at the time of the issue thereof shall be chargeable under Case VI of Schedule D for the year of assessment in which the bonds were issued.

And it is hereby 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.)

Provisions as respects Settlements.

11. Resolved, That—

(1) there may be included in any Act of the present Session relating to finance such provisions as to income tax as Parliament may determine in relation to—

(a) settlements which are wholly or partly revocable or otherwise determinable in any circumstances whatsoever (including settlements whereunder the settler's liability might cease on payment of a penalty);

(b) settlements whereunder any income or property of any description is, or will or may become, payable to or applicable for the benefit of the settlor in any circumstances whatsoever;

(c) the disallowance, in computing total income for purposes of surtax, of the deduction of sums paid by a settlor to the trustees of the settlement or persons connected with the settlement;

(d) sums paid directly or indirectly, whether by way of loan or repayment of loan or otherwise, by the trustees of a settlement or persons connected with a settlement to the settlor;

(2) subject to such qualifications and exceptions as Parliament may determine, the said provisions shall apply to any settlement wherever or whenever made or entered into, and shall apply for the purposes of assessment to income tax for the year 1937-38 and subsequent years; and otherwise in relation to the administration of estates;

(3) for the purpose of this Resolution the expression "settlement" includes any disposition, trust, covenant, agreement or arrangement, and the expression "settlor" includes any person by whom a settlement was made or entered into directly or indirectly and, in particular, includes any person who has provided or undertaken to provide funds directly or indirectly for the purpose of a settlement, or has made with any other person a reciprocal arrangement for that other person to make or enter into a settlement; and references to a settlor include references to the wife or husband of a settlor.

—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Amendments as to Avoidance of Income Tax by Transfer of Income Abroad.

12. Resolved, That there may be included in any Act of the present Session relating to finance such amendments of section eighteen of the Finance Act, 1930 (which contains provisions for preventing avoidance of income tax by transactions resulting in the transfer of income to persons abroad), as Parliament may determine, and any such Act may provide that the said amendments shall have effect for the purpose of assessment to income tax for the year 1937-38 and subsequent years, and shall apply in relation to transfers of assets and associated operations whether carried out before or after the date of this Resolution.

—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Administration of Estates.

13. Resolved, That—

(1) there may be included in any Act of the present Session relating to finance such provisions as to income tax as Parliament may determine in relation to the estate of a deceased person and the income arising therefrom before the completion of the administration of the estate, in relation to persons having an interest in the residue of an estate before, on and after the ascertainment thereof and persons to whom legacies are bequeathed by a will, and

(2) any such Act may provide that the said provisions shall have effect for the purpose of assessment to income tax for the year 1937-38 and subsequent years and shall apply in relation to the estate of a deceased person whether he died before or after the commencement of that year.

—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Valuation of Trading Stock on Discontinuance of Trades.

14. Resolved, That—

(1) when any trade is discontinued or treated for the purposes of income tax as if it had been discontinued, any trading stock then belonging to the trade shall be valued, in computing for the purposes of income tax the profits or gains of the trade, as follows:—

(a) in the case of any such trading stock which is sold or transferred for valuable consideration to a person who carries on or intends to carry on a trade in the United Kingdom and may deduct the cost of the trading stock as an expense in computing the profits or gains of that trade, the value thereof shall be taken to be the amount realised on the sale or the value of the consideration given for the transfer;

(b) in the case of any other such trading stock, the value thereof shall be taken to be the price which it would have realised if sold in the open market at the discontinuance;

(2) provision shall be made for determining any questions arising under sub-paragraph (a) of the last foregoing paragraph for the purpose of computing the profits or gains of both the trades concerned;
Estate Duty in respect of Property Transferred to, and Shares in, Certain Companies.

(1) for the purpose of determining the rate of estate duty, property which is deemed to pass on the death of any person by virtue of section thirty-four or section thirty-five of the Finance Act, 1930, shall not be an estate by itself but shall be aggregated with other property passing on the death;

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(2) for the purpose of the definition of "the value of the total assets of the company" contained in section thirty-eight of the said Act, the deduction to be made under paragraph (i) in respect of any debentures, debenture stock or preference shares of the company shall, instead of being the par or redemption value thereof, whichever is the greater, be the principal value thereof.

—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Estate Duty on Certain Instruments.

20. Resolved, That any Act of the present Session relating to finance may restrict, in such manner as Parliament may determine, the relief from stamp duty given by section

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Adjournment.

Private Bills
with.)
previously inquired into
orders not
Committee had come to several Resolutions.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

And Notice being taken, that Forty Members were not present, the House was told by Mr. Speaker; and Forty Members not being present, and it being then after Four of the clock, the House was adjourned by Mr. Speaker, at four minutes before Eight of the clock, without a Question first put, 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 Petition, the Standing Orders have not been complied with, viz. —
Lee Conservancy Catchment Board Bill.
Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

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 thirty-eight to the thirtieth day of September one thousand nine hundred and thirty-nine and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Mr. Lloyd presented a Bill to confirm a Marriages Provisional Order made by one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State under the Marriages Validity (Provisional Orders) Acts, 1905 and 1924: And the same was read the first time.
Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, —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 1937 and 31st March 1938.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Ernest Brown presented, by His Majesty's Holiday Command,—Copy of Report of the Depart-mental Committee on Holidays with Pay.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Ernest Brown, supported by Mr. Secretary Elliot, Mr. Burgin, Mr. Attorney-General, Captain Austin Hudson, and Mr. Lennox-Boyal, presented a Bill to make provision with respect to the renumeration of persons employed in connection with the mechanical transport of goods by road, and with respect to the making of recommendations and reports, and the settlement of disputes, relating to matters affecting such transport: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday the 5th day of May next; and to be printed.
2 GEO. VI. 27th April.

Mr. Secretary MacDonald, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare, Sir Thomas Inskip, Mr. Stanley, Mr. William Morrison, and Mr. Attorney-General, presented a Bill to confirm and give effect to certain agreements as to the relations between the United Kingdom and Eire: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday the 5th day of May next; and to be printed.

Bill 130. Fire Brigades Bill.

Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare, supported by Mr. Secretary Elliot, Sir Kingsley Wood, Mr. Attorney-General, the Lord Advocate, Mr. Scrymgour Wedderburn, and Mr. Lloyd, presented a Bill to make further provision for fire services in Great Britain, and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday the 5th day of May next; and to be printed.

Bill 133. Betting and Bookmakers Bill.

Mr. Alan Herbert presented a Bill to amend the law concerning betting and wagering; to put down certain abuses; to provide for the registration and regulation of bookmakers; to limit the public inducements to betting; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

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 Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again,—(Captain Margesson),—put, and agreed to.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman acquainted the House that the Committee had made Progress in the connection with Finance. The Committee had resolved to sit again. The Committee had made Progress in the connection with Finance.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.


The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 26th day of this instant April; 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.

Air Navigation (Financial Provisions) Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Air Navigation (Financial Provisions) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Road Haulage Second Reading of the Road Haulage Wages Bill; Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Welsh Church Second Reading of the Welsh Church (Amendment) Bill [Lords]; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Marriage Second Reading of the Marriage (Scotland) Bill; (Scotland) bill. Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Administration of Justice (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill [Lords]; Bill [Lords.] Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Housing Second Reading of the Housing (Rural Workers) Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Poor's Third Reading of the Poor's Allotment in Hanwell Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Docking and Nicking of Horses (Prohibition) Bill [Lords]; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Lands Valuation (Scotland) Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Government (Hours of Poll) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Contraceptives (Regulation) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Snowball Trading Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Nursing Homes Registration (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

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**Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.** — Adjournment. (Captain Margesson.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

In pursuance of Standing Order No. 80 (4), I hereby nominate Mr. Gordon Macdonald Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Public Meeting Act (1908) Amendment Bill and the Marriage Bill.

In pursuance of Standing Order No. 80 (4), I hereby nominate Sir Cyril Entwistle Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Bacon Industry Bill.

E. A. FitzRoy, Speaker.

27th April 1938.
2 GEO. VI. 28th April.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Guildford Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Saltburn and Marske-by-the-Sea Urban District Council Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

And Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, -Copy of Rules, dated 12th March 1938, entitled the Juvenile Courts (Assignment) Rules, 1938.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Stanley presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, -Copy of Fifty-fifth Report of the Comptroller-General of Patents, Designs, and Trade Marks, with Appendices, for 1937.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Butler presented, by His Majesty's Command, -Copy of Notes exchanged between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Siamese Government for the temporary continuance of rights under the Treaties with Siam of 14th July 1925, Bangkok, 13th November 1937.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Copy of Treaty of Commerce and Navigation between His Majesty in respect of the United Kingdom and His Majesty the King of Siam. [With Protocol and Notes exchanged.] Bangkok, 23rd November 1937. [Ratifications exchanged 19th February 1938.]

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.


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Sir Kingsley Wood presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, -Copies of Schemes made under the Town and Country Planning Act, 1932, entitled—

1. the Hoylake Planning Scheme No. 1;
2. the Leatherhead (Ashstead) Planning Scheme;
3. the Thurrock Urban District (Purfleet) Planning Scheme;
4. the Sunderland Town Planning Scheme No. 2;
5. the Southgate (No. 1) Planning Scheme;
6. the City of Plymouth Planning Scheme No. 1;
7. the Mablethorpe and Sutton Planning Scheme.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. William Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, -Copy of Order, dated 14th April 1938, entitled the Sugar Industry (Research and Education Scheme) (Approval) Order, 1938.

Copy of Order, dated 27th April 1938, authorising the landing at London from India of one Axis Deer, and prescribing Regulations in relation thereto (Order No. 5,719).

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Colonel Colville presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, -Account of the Public Income and Expenditure of the United Kingdom in the year ended 31st March 1938, with the Balances in the Exchequer on 1st April 1937; the Receipts and Payments (not being Income and Expenditure) in the year ended 31st March 1938; and the Balances in the Exchequer on that day.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Colonel Gretton reported from the Committee Selection of: That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee A: Standing Committee A.

Colonel Gretton further reported from the Standing Committee: That they had added the following Committee A: Ten Members to Standing Committee A (in respect of the Patents, &c. (International Conventions) Bill [Lords]): Mr. Edwards, Mr. George Hall, Mr. Hely-Hutchinson, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Short, Mr. Solicitor-General, Mr. Henry Strauss, Captain Wallace, Major Harvie Watt, and Sir Arnold Wilson.

Colonel Gretton further reported from the Standing Committee: That they had added the following Committee B: Ten Members to Standing Committee B (in respect of the Public Meeting Act (1938) Amendment Bill): Mr. Dodd, Sir John Haslam, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Lee, Mr. Leonard, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Maitland, Sir John Mellor, Mr. Palmer, and Mr. Solicitor-General.

Colonel Gretton further reported from the Standing Committee: That they had added the following Committee C: Fifteen Members to Standing Committee C (in respect of the Bacon Industry (Reorganisation) Act, 1936):

Mr. Acland, Colonel Acland-Troyte, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Stephen Davies, Captain Dupiade, Sir Arnold Gridley, Captain Haigera, Sir Percy Hard, Sir Joseph Lamb, Mr. Leonard,

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Mr. Maclean, Mr. William Morrison, Colonel Ponsonby, Mr. Price, Mr. Quibell, Mr. Ramsbotham, Mr. Rathbone, Mr. Riley, Sir Edward Ruggles-Brise, Sir Ernest Shepperson, Mr. Spence, Mr. Henderson Stewart, Mr. Turton, Mr. Wedderburn, and Mr. Young.

Colonel Gretton further reported from the Committee: That they had added the following Ten Members to the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills (in respect of the Divorce and Nullity of Marriage (Scotland) Bill [Lords])—Captain Cobb, Mr. De la Bère, Mr. Grant-Ferris, Mr. Higgs, Sir George Jones, Mr. Harold Macmillan, Sir Mervyn Manningham-Buller, Mr. Moreing, Sir Arthur Salter, and Mr. Samuel.

Ordered, That the Reports 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)—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas Mr. James Stuart, 202.  Mr. Whiteley:

Tellers for the Noes Mr. Captain Dugdale, 87.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

A Resolution was made, and the Question being put, That the whole or any part of the sums required in the current financial year for the purposes mentioned in paragraph (a) or paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of section twenty-three of the Finance Act, 1928, as amended by any subsequent enactment, may be provided out of money borrowed for the purpose under section one of the War Loan Act, 1910, instead of out of the permanent annual charge for the National Debt.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

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 certain savings Finance [Currency of certain savings certificates], proposed to be moved, under Standing Order No. 69, in Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Then the House, pursuant to Standing Order No. 69, resolved itself into Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That the power of the Treasury, under subsection (1) of section forty-three of the Finance Act, 1931, to prolong the currency of savings certificates shall cease to be limited as provided in proviso (b) to that subsection (which limits such prolongation to the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and forty, in the case of certificates issued on or before the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-two).—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 26th day of this instant April;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Air Second Reading of the Air Navigation (Financial Provisions) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.
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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Welsh Church (Amendment) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Journalists (Registration) 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 Assurance Companies (Amendment) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 24th day of May next.

And it being after half-past Eleven of the clock, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then twenty-one minutes before Twelve of the clock, till to-morrow.

In pursuance of Standing Order No. 80 (4), I hereby nominate Sir Malcolm Barclay-Harvey, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills in respect of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Bill (in place of Sir Charles MacAndrew), and the Divorce and Nullity of Marriage (Scotland) Bill [Lords].

E. A. FrazzRoy, Speaker.
28th April 1938.

[No. 100.]

Friday, 29th April 1938.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

A MOTION being made, that the Clacton Urban District Council Bill be now read the third time;

The Deputy Chairman, 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 Irwell Valley 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 Swinton and Pendlebury 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 consider-ation the Crewe Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Sir Kingsley Wood presented, pursuant to Town and the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of Scheme made under the Town and Country Planning Act, 1932, entitled the Godalming Planning Scheme.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, ---Copies of Orders made under the Shops Acts by the Councls of the undermentioned local authorities, and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department:—

Borough of Jarrow;

County borough of Northampton.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Colonel Gretton reported from the Committee of Selection: That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee C:—Mr. Boothby, Mr. Markham, and Sir Committee C. Douglas Thomson; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Liddall, Mr. Maxwell, and Lord Willoughby de Eresby.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Lords Amendment in p. 1, l. 10, leave out (" inmate of any ") and insert (" person in receipt of relief from them in a "), the first Amendment, being read a second time; and it appearing that the Commons were willing to waive their privileges, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 1, l. 11, leave out (" under their control "), the next Amendment, being read a second time; and it appearing that the Commons were willing to waive their privileges, the same was agreed to.

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Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Poor Law (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill.

The Lords Amendment in p. 1, l. 10, leave out (" inmate of any ") and insert (" person in receipt of relief from them in a "), the first Amendment, being read a second time; and it appearing that the Commons were willing to waive their privileges, the same was 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 House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Inheritance (Family Provision) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Hearings in chambers).—(Major Mills.)
And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the said Clause be read a second time:—The said Motion and Clause were severally, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 12, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words,—

"(6) In determining whether, and in what way, and as from what date, provision for maintenance ought to be made by an order, the court shall have regard to the nature of the property representing the testator's net estate and shall not order any such provision to be made as would necessitate a realisation that would be improvident having regard to the interests of the testator's dependants and of the person who, apart from the order, would be entitled to that property."—(Mr. Holmes.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the said proposed Amendment, in l. 6, by inserting, after the word "not," the words "be required by anything in this Act to."—(Miss Rathbone.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the said proposed Amendment:—It passed in the Negative.

And the proposed words were there inserted in the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 12, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words,—

"(9) An application under subsection (1) of this section may be made by a local authority in any case where the authority has become responsible under any enactment for the maintenance of or the provision of relief, assistance, or treatment for the person for the maintenance of or the provision of who has become responsible under any enactment for the maintenance of or the provision of relief, assistance, or treatment for the person on whose behalf the application is proposed to be made."—(Mr. Ammon.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

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. 2, it being then eight minutes before One of the clock, till Monday next.

In pursuance of Standing Order No. 80 (4), I hereby nominate Colonel Clifton Brown Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the Patents, &c. (International Conventions) Bill [Lords].

E. A. FrizRoy,
Speaker.

29th April 1938.

[No. 101.]

Monday, 2nd May 1938.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE Guildford Corporation Bill was read Guildford Corporation Bill, 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 Saltburn and Marske-by-the-Sea Urban District Council Bill [Lords] be now read the third time;

The Chairman of Ways and Means, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, [Lords.] That His Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives His Consent, as far as His Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Ordered, That the Gateshead and District Tramways and Trolley Vehicles Bill [Lords] be read a second time to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Lancashire County Council (Rivers Board and General Powers) Bill [Lords] be read a second time to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Manchester Corporation Bill [Lords] be read a second time to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Plymouth Extension Bill Plymouth Extension Bill [Lords] be read a second time to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Wakefield Corporation Bill [Lords] be read a second time to-morrow.
2 GEO. VI. 2nd May.

Colonel Gretton reported from the Committee of Selection: That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee C:—Major Owen; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Walford Roberts.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House approves the results of the recent Anglo-Italian conversations as contained in the Agreement signed at Rome on 16th April 1938—(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 whilst prepared to take every legitimate measure for developing and strengthening friendly relations with all peoples, this House cannot approve an agreement made with a State actively engaged in wanton aggression in Spain, which in exchange for illusory promises sacrifices the people of Abyssinia, violates the spirit of the Covenant of the League of Nations, and substitutes for the principle of collective security a policy of alliances and armament rivalries which so far from bringing general appeasement will intensify the danger of world war,—(Mr. Herbert Morrison),—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Mr. Benn moved, That the Debate be now adjourned; but Mr. Deputy Speaker, being of opinion that the Motion was an abuse of the Rules of the House, declined to propose the Question thereupon to the House.

Captain Margesson rose in his place, and claimed to move, That the Question be now put; but Mr. Speaker withheld his assent as he thought the House was prepared to come to a decision on the Question.

And the Question being put; The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Captain Margesson, Yeas, (Mr. Furness): 322.
Tellers for the Mr. Groves, Noes, (Mr. Charleton): 110.

So 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 Dugdale, Yeas, (Mr. Furness): 316.
Tellers for the Mr. Anderson, Noes, (Mr. Anderson): 108.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That this House approves the results of the recent Anglo-Italian conversations as contained in the Agreement signed at Rome on 16th April 1938.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Supply.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Marriage Second Reading of the Marriage (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 Administration of Justice (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Housing (Rural Workers) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 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 Finance [Power to borrow for certain financial purposes];

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee on Finance [Currency of certain savings certificates];

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 26th day of April last;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Air Navigation (Financial Provisions) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Welsh Church Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Poor's Allotment in Hanwell Bill was, according to Order, read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for the Betting and Bookmakers Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 15th day of this instant May.
The Order of the day being read, for the Wakefield Corporation Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Lancashire County Council (Rivers Board and General Powers) Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Manchester Corporation Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The Plymouth Extension Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Wakefield Second Reading of the Wakefield Corporation Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare presented, by Aliens Order, His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Return of Alien Passengers, excluding Transmigrants, landed, embarked, and refused leave to land in the United Kingdom during 1938 (in four quarterly parts).
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Stanley presented, pursuant to the Gas directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Amendments to Regulations for the Supplementary Reserve, 1933.

Copy of Amendments to Regulations for the Army (Territorial Army, 1936).

Copy of Scheme made by the Army Council for the Establishment and Constitution of an Association for the county of Orkney under the Territorial and Reserve Forces Act, 1907, as amended by the Territorial Army and Militia Act, 1921.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Earl Winterton presented, pursuant to the Universities directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the University Statute made by the University of Cambridge, Cambridge Acts on 4th February 1938, amending an existing Statute of the University.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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The Plymouth Extension Bill [Lords]; Plymouth

The Manchester Corporation Bill [Lords] was, Manchester

The Order of the day being read, for the Wakefield Second Reading of the Wakefield Corporation Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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, Standing Orders are applicable, viz.:
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Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Keighley) Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

A Motion being made, That the Crewe 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;

The Deputy Chairman, 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 Gateshead and District Tramways and Trolley Vehicles Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 12th day of this instant May,

Adjournment. Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Captain Margesson.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-six minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 102.]

Tuesday, 3rd May 1938.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

The Vice-Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, That their Address of the 5th day of April last relative to Military Manoeuvres, 1938 (Military Manoeuvres Acts, 1897 and 1911) (Orders 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 may do therein as they shall think fit.

I will comply with your advice.

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, Standing Orders are applicable, viz.:
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Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Keighley) Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

A Motion being made, That the Crewe 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;

The Deputy Chairman, 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.
Increase of Excise.

Mr. Duff Cooper presented, by His Majesty's Command.—Copy of Statement explanatory of the Scheme of Marriage Allowance for Officers. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Post Office (Sites) Bill.

Mr. Annesley Somerville reported from the Select Committee on the Post Office (Sites) Bill: That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto, and had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them to the House.

Bill 136. Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be referred to a Committee of the whole House for Thursday next; and be printed.

No. 109. Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Committee do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by Mr. Secretary Hore-Belisha, reporting from the Select Committee on the Post Office (Sites) Bill, that they had passed the Bill, intituled An Act to make further provision for the improvement health local government and finance of the borough of Gateshead; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to confer further powers upon the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Blackburn with respect to their water and electricity undertakings; to make better provision for the health and local government of the borough; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Blackburn Corporation Bill [Lords.]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to confer further powers upon the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Blackburn with respect to their water and electricity undertakings; to make better provision for the health and local government of the borough; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Gateshead Corporation Bill [Lords.]

The Gateshead Corporation Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Blackburn Corporation Bill [Lords.]

The Blackburn Corporation Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Mr. Secretary Horne-Belisha reported from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 26th day of April last, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

**CUSTOMS AND EXCISE.**

Increase of Customs Duty on Hydrocarbon Oils.

1. That as from six o'clock in the evening on the twenty-sixth day of April, nineteen hundred and thirty-eight, the customs duty on hydrocarbon oils shall be at the rate per gallon of ninetypence instead of eightpence, and any rebate allowed on the delivery for home consumption of hydrocarbon oils, other than light oils, shall be at the rate per gallon of eightpence instead of sevengroats.

And it is hereby declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution shall have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act, 1913.

2. That—

(1) on and after the second day of May, nineteen hundred and thirty-eight, there shall be charged on all spirits used for making power methylated spirits a duty of excise of ninetypence for every gallon of the spirits so used;

(2) in this Resolution the expression "power methylated spirits" means spirits methylated in the manner prescribed for making power methylated spirits by regulations for the time being in force under section thirteen of the Finance Act, 1924.

Increase of Customs Duty on Tea. Increase of customs duty on tea.

3. That, as from the twenty-seventh day of April, nineteen hundred and thirty-eight, the customs duty on tea not being an Empire product shall be at the rate per pound of eightpence instead of sixpence, and the customs duty on tea being an Empire product shall be at the rate per pound of sixpence instead of fourpence.

And it is hereby 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.

Costs Duty on Reimported Films. Customs duty on reimported films.

4. That—

(1) no film printed, or produced by any other process, in the United Kingdom and exported therefrom shall be exempt from customs duty by virtue of any enactment relating to the exemption of reimported goods, unless the Commissioners of Customs and Excise are satisfied either that no imported film was used in the printing or production of the film as aforesaid, or that the duty chargeable on all imported films so used has been duly paid;

(2) in this Resolution the expression "film" means a positive or negative cinematograph film within the meaning of section three of the Finance Act, 1925, or a positive or negative sound track, whether developed or not.

**INCOME TAX.**

Change of Tax.

5. That—

(1) income tax for the year 1938-39 shall be charged at the standard rate of five shillings and sixpence in the pound, and, in the case of an individual whose total income exceeds two thousand pounds, at such higher rates in respect of the excess over two thousand pounds as Parliament may hereafter determine;

(2) all such enactments as had effect with respect to the income tax charged for the year 1937-38 shall have effect with respect to the income tax charged for the year 1938-39.

And it is hereby 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.

6. That income tax for the year 1937–38 in respect of the excess of the total income of an individual over two thousand pounds shall be charged at rates in the pound which respectively exceed the standard rate by amounts equal to the amounts by which the rates at which income tax was charged in respect of the said excess for the year 1938–39 respectively exceeded the standard rate for that year.

And it is hereby declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution shall have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act, 1913.

Amendment as to Relief in respect of Life Insurance Premiums.

7. That in cases where the allowance to be given in respect of life insurance premiums and other payments under section thirty-two of the Income Tax Act, 1918, is restricted by paragraph (f) of subsection (3) of that section as amended by section twenty-three of the Finance Act, 1935, the rate of tax by reference to which the allowance is so restricted shall be ten thirty-thirds of the standard rate instead of one-third of the standard rate.

And it is hereby 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.

Amendments of Schedule D.

8. That—

(1) for all the purposes of income tax under Schedule C and Rule 1 of the rules applicable to Case III of Schedule D, the expression “public revenue” shall, except where the context otherwise requires, include the public revenue of any Government whatsoever and the revenue of any public authority or institution in any country outside the United Kingdom;

(2) where a banker or any other person in the United Kingdom, by means of coupons received from any other person or otherwise on his behalf, obtains payment of any foreign dividends elsewhere than in the United Kingdom, the tax under Schedule C shall extend to the dividends and the person obtaining payment shall be treated for the purpose of the paying agents rules as if he were intrusted with the payment thereof;

(3) where a banker in the United Kingdom sells or otherwise realises coupons for any dividends, being foreign dividends, and pays over the proceeds to any person or carries them to his account, or where a dealer in coupons in the United Kingdom purchases any such coupons as aforesaid otherwise than from a banker or another dealer in coupons, the tax under Schedule C shall extend to the proceeds of the sale or other realisation, and the paying agents rules shall apply to those proceeds as if they were dividends, and shall apply to the banker or dealer as if he had been intrusted with the payment thereof;

(4) the provisions of the last two foregoing paragraphs shall apply for the purpose of Rule 7 of the miscellaneous rules applicable to Schedule D (which relates to interest, &c. from colonial and foreign companies) subject to any necessary modifications;

(5) for the purpose of this Resolution—

(a) the expression “banker” includes a person acting as a banker and, notwithstanding anything in the paying agents rules, includes the Bank of England and the Bank of Ireland;

(b) the expressions “dividends,” “coupons” and “coupons for any dividends” have the same meanings as in the paying agents rules and the expression “foreign dividends” means dividends payable elsewhere than in the United Kingdom, whether they are also payable in the United Kingdom or not;

(c) the expression “paying agents rules” means the rules applicable to Schedule C to interest, &c. with the payment of which persons other than the Bank of England, the Bank of Ireland and the National Debt Commissioners are intrusted;

(6) the provisions of Schedule C and Schedule D shall be deemed always to have had effect subject to the foregoing provisions of this Resolution:

Provided that, where at any time after the twenty-ninth day of July, nineteen hundred and thirty-seven, and before the twenty-seventh day of April, nineteen hundred and thirty-eight, tax could have been charged on or deducted from any profits under Schedule C or the said Rule 7 if the provisions of this Resolution had been enacted at that time, but has not been so charged or deducted, those profits shall be chargeable under Case VI of Schedule D for the year of assessment in which the profits arose.

And it is hereby 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.

Transfers of Income arising from Securities.

9. That—

(1) where, in any year of assessment, the owner of any securities (in this Resolution referred to as “the owner”) has sold or transferred or hereafter sells or transfers the right to receive any interest payable, whether before or after the sale or transfer, in respect of the securities without selling or transferring the securities, the following provisions shall have effect and shall be deemed always to have had effect:

(a) that interest, whether it would or would not be chargeable to tax apart from the provisions of this Resolution, shall, for all the purposes of the Income Tax Acts, be deemed to be the income of the owner or, where a beneficiary is entitled to the income arising from the securities, the income
of the beneficiary, and not the income of any other person, and be deemed to be income for that year;
(b) in the case of a sale or other realisation the proceeds whereof are chargeable to tax under Schedule C of Rule 7 of the miscellaneous rules applicable to Schedule D, the amount of the interest deemed to be the income of the owner or beneficiary shall be an amount equal to those proceeds;
(c) in any other case, tax at the standard rate in respect of the interest shall be chargeable on the owner or beneficiary under Schedule D;
(2) nothing in the foregoing provisions shall affect any provision of the Income Tax Acts authorising or requiring the deduction of tax from the interest, or from the proceeds of any subsequent sale or realisation of the right to receive the interest;
(3) for the purpose of this Resolution, the expression "interest" includes dividends, annuities and shares of annuities, and the expression "securities" includes stocks and shares.

Funding Bonds issued in respect of Interest on Certain Debts.

10. That—
(1) where any funding bonds are issued to a creditor in respect of any liability to pay interest on any debt to which this Resolution applies, the issue of the bonds shall be treated for all the purposes of the Income Tax Acts as if it were the payment of an amount of that interest equal to the value of the bonds at the time of the issue thereof;
(2) where any person by or through whom any such bonds are issued in any year of assessment would be required under the said Acts to deduct tax from the said amount of interest if it had been actually paid by or through him, he shall retain bonds the value whereof at the time of issue is equal to tax at the standard rate for that year on the said amount of interest, and shall be acquitted in respect of the retention in like manner as if he had deducted such tax from the interest, and shall be chargeable with such tax accordingly:

Provided that the Commissioners of Inland Revenue, if satisfied that it is impracticable to retain bonds as aforesaid, may relieve any such person from the foregoing provisions of this paragraph on such conditions as they think fit, and thereupon tax in respect of the amount of interest treated as having been paid by the issue of the bonds shall be chargeable for that year under Case VI of Schedule D on the persons receiving or entitled to the bonds;
(3) the debts to which this Resolution applies are any debts incurred, whether in respect of moneys borrowed or otherwise, by any Government, public authority or public institution whatsoever, or by any body corporate whatsoever, and for the purpose of this Resolution the expression "funding bonds" includes any bonds, stocks, shares, securities or certificates of indebtedness;
(4) the foregoing provisions of this Resolution shall be deemed always to have had effect:

Provided that, where any person has provided or undertaken to provide funds directly or indirectly for that other person to make or enter into a settlement; and references to a settlement include references to the wife or husband of a settlor.

And it is hereby 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.

Provisions as respects Settlements.

11. That—
(1) there may be included in any Act of the present Session relating to finance such provisions as to income tax as Parliament may determine in relation to—
(a) settlements which are wholly or partly revocable or otherwise determinable in any circumstances whatsoever (including settlements where-under the settlor's liability might cease on payment of a penalty);
(b) settlements whereunder any income or property of any description is, or will or may become, payable to or applicable for the benefit of the settlor in any circumstances whatsoever;
(c) the disallowance, in computing total income for purposes of surtax, of the deduction of sums paid by a settlor to the trustees of the settlement or persons connected with the settlement;
(d) sums paid directly or indirectly, whether by way of loan or repayment of loan or otherwise, by the trustees of a settlement or persons connected with a settlement to the settlor;
(2) subject to such qualifications and exceptions as Parliament may determine, the said provisions shall apply to any settlement wherever or whenever made or entered into, and shall apply for the purposes of assessment to income tax for the year 1937-38 and subsequent years;
(3) for the purpose of this Resolution the expression "settlement" includes any disposition, trust, covenant, agreement or arrangement, and the expression "settlor" includes any person by whom a settlement was made or entered into directly or indirectly and, in particular, includes any person who has provided or undertaken to provide funds directly or indirectly for the purpose of a settlement, or has made with any other person a reciprocal arrangement for that other person to make or enter into a settlement; and references to a settlor include references to the wife or husband of a settlor.

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Amendments as to Avoidance of Income Tax by Transfer of Income Abroad.

12. That there may be included in any Act of the present Session relating to finance such amendments of section eighteen of the Finance Act, 1936 (which contains provisions for preventing avoidance of income tax by transactions resulting in the transfer of income to persons abroad), as Parliament may determine, and any such Act may provide that the said amendments shall have effect for the purpose of assessment to income tax for the year 1937-38 and subsequent years, and shall apply in relation to transfers of assets and associated operations whether carried out before or after the date of this Resolution.

Administration of Estates.

13. That—

(1) there may be included in any Act of the present Session relating to finance such provisions as to income tax as Parliament may determine in relation to the estate of a deceased person and the income arising therefrom before the completion of the administration of the estate, in relation to persons having an interest in the residue of an estate before, on and after the ascertainment thereof and persons to whom legacies are bequeathed by a will, and otherwise in relation to the administration of estates;

(2) any such Act may provide that the said provisions shall have effect for the purpose of assessment to income tax for the year 1937-38 and subsequent years and shall apply in relation to the estate of a deceased person whether he died before or after the commencement of that year.

Valuation of Trading Stock on Discontinuance of Trades.

14. That—

(1) when any trade is discontinued or treated for the purposes of income tax as if it had been discontinued, any trading stock then belonging to the trade shall be valued, in computing for the purposes of income tax the profits or gains of the trade, as follows:

(a) in the case of any such trading stock which is sold or transferred for valuable consideration to a person who carries on or intends to carry on a trade in the United Kingdom and may deduct the cost of the trading stock as an expense in computing the profits or gains of that trade, the value thereof shall be taken to be the price which it would have realised if sold in the open market at the discontinuance;

(b) in the case of any other such trading stock, the value thereof shall be taken to be the price which it would have realised if sold in the open market at the discontinuance;

(2) provision shall be made for determining any questions arising under sub-paragraph (a) of the last foregoing paragraph for the purpose of computing the profits or gains of both the trades concerned;

(3) for the purpose of this Resolution, the expression "trading stock" includes property of any description, whether real or personal.

Losses of Capital Redemption Business.

15. That—

(1) where any person carries on capital redemption business—

(a) the capital redemption business, if carried on in conjunction with business of any other class, shall be treated for the purposes of income tax as a separate business; and

(b) in ascertaining whether and to what extent he has sustained a loss in the carrying on of the capital redemption business for the purpose of setting off or giving relief in respect of the loss, any of his income derived from investments held in connection with the capital redemption business shall be treated as part of the profits arising from that business;

(2) in this Resolution the expression "capital redemption business" means the business (not being business of an industrial assurance business) of effecting and carrying out contracts of insurance, whether effected by the issue of policies, bonds or endowment certificates or otherwise, whereby in return for one or more premiums paid to the insurer a sum or series of sums will become payable to the insured in the future.

Estate Duty.

16. That—

(1) there may be included in any Act of the present Session relating to finance such provisions as to estate duty as Parliament may determine in relation to the residue of the estate of a deceased person and to the inclusion of property representing such residue in the property that passes on the death of a person dying before the completion of the administration of the estate;

(2) any such Act may provide that the said provisions shall have effect and be deemed always to have had effect in relation to a person so dying whether before or after the commencement of the said Act.

Estate Duty in respect of Residuary Estates.

17. That—

(1) for the purpose of determining the rate of estate duty, property which is deemed to pass on the death of any person by virtue of section thirty-four or section thirty-five of the Finance Act, 1930, shall not be an estate by itself but shall be aggregated with other property passing on the death;

(2) for the purpose of the definition of "the value of the total assets of the company" contained in section thirty-eight of the said Act, the deduction to be made under paragraph (i) in respect of any debentures,
debenture stock or preference shares of the company shall, instead of being the par or redemption value thereof, whichever is the greater, be the principal value thereof.

Estate Duty in respect of Settled Property.
18. That the exemption conferred by subsection (3) of section five of the Finance Act, 1894, in the case of settled property where the interest of any person under the settlement fails or determines by reason of his death before it becomes an interest in possession and subsequent limitations under the settlement continue to subsist, shall cease in cases where the property would, if that subsection had not been enacted, have been deemed to pass on the death otherwise than by reason of the failure or determination of the interest.

Miscellaneous.
19. That Part III of the Finance Act, 1897 (which relates to the national defence contribution), shall be amended—

(a) so as to re-define the circumstances in which a body corporate is to be deemed to be a subsidiary of another body corporate for the purpose of section twenty-two of the said Act (which provides for the amalgamation of the profits and losses of subsidiary and principal companies) and of any provision made in pursuance of this Resolution;

(b) so as to alter the provisions of the said section twenty-two relating to the giving of a notice thereunder by a principal company as respects a subsidiary;

(c) so as to disallow, in computing profits, any deduction in respect of any interest, annuity, or other annual payment, or any royalty or rent, paid by one body corporate to another where one of them is a subsidiary of the other or both are subsidiaries of a third;

(d) so as to disallow the carrying forward of any loss under sub-paragraph (2) of paragraph 2 of the Fourth Schedule to the said Act, if and to the extent that the loss has been deducted from or set off against the profits arising from a trade or business, whether under the said section twenty-two or otherwise;

and that the said amendments shall be deemed to have had effect as from the date on which the said Part III came into operation.

Restriction of Relief from Transfer Stamp Duty on Certain Instruments.
20. That any Act of the present Session relating to finance may restrict, in such manner as Parliament may determine, the relief from stamp duty given by section forty-two of the Finance Act, 1930 (which relates to instruments the effect whereof is to convey or transfer a beneficial interest in property from one associated company to another).

The First Resolution being read a second time;

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Ordered, That the Consideration of the remaining Resolutions be now adjourned.—(Captain Margesson.)

Ordered, That the Fifth and subsequent Resolutions be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee on Finance [Power to borrow for certain financial purposes];
Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee on Finance [Currency of certain Savings Certificates];
Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee on Finance [Currency of certain Savings Certificates];
Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Administration of Justice (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Housing (Rural Workers) 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 Air Navigation (Financial 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 Welsh Church (Amendment) 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 Docking and Nicking of Horses (Prohibition) Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lands Valuation (Scotland) 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 Agricultural Marketing Act (1933) 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 Works Councils 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 Loss of Employment (Compensation) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Merchandise Marks (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 Agricultural Marketing Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Motor Drivers (Signals) 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 Assurance Companies (Amendment) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

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.

Mr. Secretary Elliot presented a Bill to Irvine and District Water Board on Group F of Private Bills: That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the London Passenger Transport Board Bill, and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Mr. Richards further reported from the Committee: That they had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders, and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, and the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Report be printed.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Copy of Annual Report and Accounts of the Queen Anne's Governors of Queen Anne's Bounty for 1937.

Mr. Richards reported from the Committee on Group G of Private Bills: That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the London Passenger Transport Board Bill, and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Mr. Secretary Ormsby-Gore presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, —Copy of Rules made by the Governor of Grenada in Council on 14th March 1938, entitled the Prisons (Amendment) Rules, 1938.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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Colonel Coteville presented, by His Majesty's National Command,—Copy of Papers relative to the Debts position, as at 31st March 1938, of certain Funds left in Trust for the Reduction of the National Debt.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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The Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Keighley) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

Mr. Secretary Elliot presented a Bill to the House, without Question put, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, relating to Irvine and District Water Board.

Ordered, That the Bill be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Peace 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 Assurance Companies (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 Works Councils 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 Agricultural Marketing Act (1933) 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 Loss of Employment (Compensation) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Merchandise Marks (Amendment) Bill;
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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Assurance Companies (Amendment) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

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[No. 103.]

Wednesday, 4th May 1938.

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 County of Bucks (Aylesbury Division), in the room of Michael Wentworth Beaumont, Esquire, who since his election for the said County hath accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of His Majesty's Manor of Northstead, in the County of York. (Captain Margesson.)
A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings in Committee on Bacon Industry [Money] be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House)—(The Prime Minister);

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Nos to the Left.

Tellers for the Captain Dugdale, Mr. Grimston : 231.
Yeas, Mr. Groves, Mr. Charleton : 107.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Fifth and subsequent Resolutions which, upon the 3rd day of this instant May, were reported from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 26th day of April last.

The Fifth Resolution,—

That—

(1) income tax for the year 1938–39 shall be charged at the standard rate of five shillings and sixpence in the pound, and, in the case of an individual whose total income exceeds two thousand pounds, at such higher rates in respect of the excess over two thousand pounds as Parliament may hereafter determine;

(2) all such enactments as had effect with respect to the income tax charged for the year 1937–38 shall have effect with respect to the income tax charged for the year 1938–39.

And it is hereby 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; being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Sixth Resolution,—

That income tax for the year 1937–38 in respect of the excess of the total income of an individual over two thousand pounds shall be charged at rates in the pound which respectively exceed the standard rate by amounts equal to the amounts by which the rates at which income tax was charged in respect of the said excess for the year 1936–37 respectively exceeded the standard rate for that year.

And it is hereby 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; being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Seventh Resolution,—

That, in cases where the allowance to be given in respect of life insurance premiums and other payments under section thirty-two of the Income Tax Act, 1918, is restricted by paragraph (1) of subsection (3) of that section as amended by section twenty-three of the Finance Act, 1935, the rate of tax by reference to which the allowance is so restricted shall be ten thirty-thirds of the standard rate instead of one-third of the standard rate.

And it is hereby 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; being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Eighth Resolution,—

That—

(1) for all the purposes of income tax under Schedule C and Rule 1 of the rules applicable to Case III of Schedule D, the expression “public revenue” shall, except where the context otherwise requires, include the public revenue of any Government whatsoever and the revenue of any public authority or institution in any country outside the United Kingdom;

(2) where a banker or any other person in the United Kingdom, by means of coupons received from any other person or otherwise on his behalf, obtains payment of any foreign dividends elsewhere than in the United Kingdom, the tax under Schedule C shall extend to the dividends and the person obtaining payment shall be treated for the purpose of the paying agents rules as if he were intrusted with the payment thereof;

(3) where a banker in the United Kingdom sells or otherwise realises coupons for any dividends, being foreign dividends, and pays over the proceeds to any person or carries them to his account, or where a dealer in coupons in the United Kingdom purchases any such coupons as aforesaid otherwise than from a banker or another dealer in coupons, the tax under Schedule C shall extend to the proceeds of the sale or other realisation, and the paying agents rules shall apply to those proceeds as if they were dividends, and shall apply to the banker or dealer as if he had been intrusted with the payment thereof;

(4) the provisions of the last two foregoing paragraphs shall apply for the purpose of Rule 7 of the miscellaneous rules applicable to Schedule D (which relates to interest, &c. from colonial and foreign companies) subject to any necessary modifications;

(5) for the purpose of this Resolution—

(a) the expression “banker” includes a person acting as a banker and, notwithstanding anything in the paying agents rules, includes the Bank of England and the Bank of Ireland;

(b) the expressions “dividends,” “coupons and “coupons for any dividends” have the same meanings as in the paying agents rules and the expression “foreign dividends” means dividends payable elsewhere than in the United Kingdom, whether they are also payable in the United Kingdom or not;

(c) the expression “paying agents rules” means the rules applicable to Schedule C as to interest, &c. with the payment of which persons other than the Bank of England, the Bank of Ireland and the National Debt Commissioners are intrusted;

(d) the provisions of Schedule C and Schedule D shall be deemed always to have had effect
subject to the foregoing provisions of this Resolution:

Provided that, where at any time after the twenty-ninth day of July, nineteen hundred and thirty-seven, and before the twenty-seventh day of April, nineteen hundred and thirty-eight, tax could have been charged on or deducted from any bonds issued in any year of assessment under Schedule C or the said Rule 7 if the provisions of this Resolution had been enacted at that time, but has not been so charged or deducted, those bonds shall be chargeable under Case VI of Schedule D for the year of assessment in which the proceeds arose.

And it is hereby 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; being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Ninth Resolution,—

That—

(1) where, in any year of assessment, the owner of any securities (in this Resolution referred to as “the owner”) has sold or transferred or hereafter sells or transfers the right to receive any interest payable, whether before or after the sale or transfer, in respect of the securities without selling or transferring the securities, the following provisions shall have effect and shall be deemed always to have had effect:

(a) that interest, whether it would or would not be chargeable to tax apart from the provisions of this Resolution, shall, for all the purposes of the Income Tax Acts, be deemed to be the income of the owner or, where a beneficiary is entitled to the income arising from the securities, the income of the beneficiary, and not the income of any other person, and be deemed to be income for that year;

(b) in the case of a sale or other realisation the proceeds whereof are chargeable to tax under Schedule C or Rule 7 of the miscellaneous rules applicable to Schedule D, the amount of the interest deemed to be the income of the owner or beneficiary shall be an amount equal to those proceeds;

(c) in any other case, tax at the standard rate in respect of the interest shall be chargeable on the owner or beneficiary under Schedule D;

(2) nothing in the foregoing provisions shall affect any provision of the Income Tax Acts authorising or requiring the deduction of tax from the interest, or from the proceeds of any subsequent sale or realisation of the right to receive the interest;

(3) for the purpose of this Resolution, the expression “interest” includes dividends, annuities and shares of annuities, and the expression “securities” includes stocks and shares;

being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Tenth Resolution,—

That—

(1) where any funding bonds are issued to a creditor in respect of any liability to pay

interest on any debt to which this Resolution applies, the issue of the bonds shall be treated for all the purposes of the Income Tax Acts as if it were the payment of an amount of that interest equal to the value of the bonds at the time of the issue thereof;

(2) where any person by or through whom any such bonds are issued in any year of assessment would be required under the said Acts to deduct tax from the said amount of interest if it had been actually paid by or through him, he shall retain bonds the value of which at the time of issue is equal to tax at the standard rate for that year on the said amount of interest, and shall be acquitted in respect of the retention in like manner as if he had deducted such tax from the interest, and shall be chargeable with such tax accordingly:

Provided that the Commissioners of Inland Revenue, if satisfied that it is impracticable to retain bonds as aforesaid, may relieve any such person from the foregoing provisions of this paragraph on such conditions as they think fit, and thereupon tax in respect of the amount of interest treated as having been paid by the issue of the bonds shall be chargeable for that year under Case VI of Schedule D on the persons receiving or entitled to the bonds;

(3) the debts to which this Resolution applies are any debts incurred whether in respect of moneys borrowed or otherwise, by any Government, public authority or public institution whatsoever, or by any body corporate whatsoever, and for the purpose of this Resolution the expression “funding bonds” includes any bonds, stocks, shares, securities or certificates of indebtedness;

(4) the foregoing provisions of this Resolution shall be deemed always to have had effect:

Provided that, where at any time after the twenty-ninth day of July, nineteen hundred and thirty-seven, and before the twenty-seventh day of April, nineteen hundred and thirty-eight, any bonds could have been retained under this Resolution if its provisions had been enacted at that time but have not been so retained, an amount equal to the value of the bonds at the time of the issue thereof shall be chargeable under Case VI of Schedule D for the year of assessment in which the bonds were issued.

And it is hereby 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; being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Eleventh Resolution,—

That—

(1) there may be included in any Act of the present Session relating to finance such provisions as to income tax as Parliament may determine in relation to:

(a) settlements which are wholly or partly revocable or otherwise determinable in any circumstances whatsoever (including settlements whereunder the settler’s liability might cease on payment of a penalty);
(b) settlements whereunder any income or property of any description is, or will or may become, payable to or applicable for the benefit of the settlor in any circumstances whatsoever;
(c) the disallowance, in computing total income for purposes of surtax, of the deduction of sums paid by a settlor to the trustees of the settlement or persons connected with the settlement;
(d) sums paid directly or indirectly, whether by way of loan or repayment of loan or otherwise, by the trustees of a settlement or persons connected with a settlement to the settlor;

(2) subject to such qualifications and exceptions as Parliament may determine, the said provisions shall apply to any settlement wherever or whenever made or entered into, and shall apply for the purposes of assessment to income tax for the year 1937–38 and subsequent years;

(3) for the purpose of this Resolution the expression "settlement" includes any disposition, trust, covenant, agreement or arrangement, and the expression "settlor" includes any person by whom a settlement was made or entered into directly or indirectly and, in particular, includes any person who has provided or undertaken to provide funds directly or indirectly for the purpose of a settlement, or has made with any other person a reciprocal arrangement for that other person to make or enter into a settlement; and references to a settlor include references to the wife or husband of a settlor;

being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Twelfth Resolution,—

That there may be included in any Act of the present Session relating to finance such amendments as to income tax as Parliament may determine, and any such Act may provide that the said amendments shall have effect for the purposes of assessment to income tax for the year 1937–38 and subsequent years, and shall apply in relation to transfers of assets and associated operations whether carried out before or after the date of this Resolution; being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Thirteenth Resolution,—

That—

(1) there may be included in any Act of the present Session relating to finance such provisions as to income tax as Parliament may determine in relation to the estate of a deceased person and the income arising therefrom before the completion of the administration of the estate in relation to persons having an interest in the residue of an estate before, on and after the ascertainment thereof and persons to whom legacies are bequeathed by a will, and otherwise in relation to the administration of estates;

(2) any such Act may provide that the said provisions shall have effect for the purpose of assessment to income tax for the year 1937–38 and subsequent years and shall apply in relation to the estate of a deceased person whether he died before or after the commencement of that year; being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Fourteenth Resolution,—

That—

(1) when any trade is discontinued or treated for the purposes of income tax as if it had been discontinued, any trading stock then belonging to the trade shall be valued, in computing for the purposes of income tax the profits or gains of the trade, as follows:—

(a) in the case of any such trading stock which is sold or transferred for valuable consideration to a person who carries on or intends to carry on a trade in the United Kingdom and may deduct the cost of the trading stock as an expense in computing the profits or gains of that trade, the value thereof shall be taken to be the amount realised on the sale or the value applicable for the benefit of the settlor; or

(b) in the case of any other such trading stock the value thereof shall be taken to be the price which it would have realised if sold in the open market at the discontinuance;

(2) provision shall be made for determining any questions arising under sub-paragraph (a) of the last foregoing paragraph for the purpose of computing the profits or gains of both the trades concerned;

(3) for the purpose of this Resolution, the expression "trading stock" includes property of any description, whether real or personal; being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Fifteenth Resolution,—

That—

(1) where any person carries on capital redemption business—

(a) the capital redemption business, if carried on in conjunction with business of any other class, shall be treated for the purposes of income tax as a separate business; and

(b) in ascertaining whether and to what extent he has sustained a loss in the carrying on of the capital redemption business for the purpose of setting off or giving relief in respect of the loss, any of his income derived from investments held in connection with the capital redemption business shall be treated as part of the profits arising from that business;

(2) in this Resolution the expression "capital redemption business" means the business (not being life assurance business or industrial assurance business) of effecting and carrying out contracts of insurance, whether effected by the issue of policies, bonds or endowment certificates or otherwise, whereby in return for one or more premiums paid to the insurer a sum or series of sums will become payable to the insured in the future; being read a second time, was agreed to.
The Sixteenth Resolution,—
That—
(1) there may be included in any Act of the present Session relating to finance such provisions as to estate duty as Parliament may determine in relation to the residue of the estate of a deceased person and to the inclusion of property representing such residue in the property that passes or is deemed to pass on the death of a person dying before the completion of the administration of the estate;
(2) any such Act may provide that the said provisions shall have effect and be deemed always to have had effect in relation to a person so dying whether before or after the commencement of the said Act;
being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Seventeenth Resolution,—
That—
(1) for the purpose of determining the rate of estate duty, property which is deemed to pass on the death of any person by virtue of section thirty-four or section thirty-five of the Finance Act, 1930, shall not be an estate by itself but shall be aggregated with other property passing on the death;
(2) for the purpose of the definition of "the value of the total assets of the company" contained in section thirty-eight of the said Act, the deduction to be made under paragraph (i) in respect of any debentures, debenture stock or preference shares of the company shall, instead of being the par or redemption value thereof, whichever is the greater, be the principal value thereof;
being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Eighteenth Resolution,—
That the exemption conferred by subsection (3) of section five of the Finance Act, 1894, in the case of settled property where the interest of any person under the settlement fails or determines by reason of his death before it becomes an interest in possession and subsequent limitations under the settlement continue to subsist, shall cease in cases where the property would, if that subsection had not been enacted, have been deemed to pass on the death otherwise than by reason of the failure or determination of the interest; being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Nineteenth Resolution,—
That Part III of the Finance Act, 1937 (which relates to the national defence contribution), shall be amended—
(a) so as to re-define the circumstances in which a body corporate is to be deemed to be a subsidiary of another body corporate for the purpose of section twenty-two of the said Act (which provides for the amalgamation of the profits and losses of subsidiary and principal companies) and of any provision made in pursuance of this Resolution;
(b) so as to alter the provisions of the said section twenty-two relating to the giving of a notice thereunder by a principal company as respects a subsidiary;
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(c) so as to disallow, in computing profits, any deduction in respect of any interest, annuity, or other annual payment, or any royalty or rent, paid by one body corporate to another where one of them is a subsidiary of the other or both are subsidiaries of a third;
(d) so as to disallow the carrying forward of any loss under sub-paragraph (2) of paragraph 2 of the Fourth Schedule to the said Act, if and to the extent that the loss has been deducted from or set off against the profits arising from a trade or business, whether under the said section twenty-two or otherwise;
and that the said amendments shall be deemed to have had effect as from the date on which the said Part III came into operation; being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Twentieth Resolution,—
That any Act of the present Session relating to finance may restrict, in such manner as Parliament may determine, the relief from stamp duty given by section forty-two of the Finance Act, 1930 (which relates to instruments the effect whereof is to convey or transfer a beneficial interest in property from one associated company to another); being read a second time, was agreed to.

Captain Dugdale reported from the Committee on Finance [Power to borrow for certain financial purposes], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That the whole or any part of the sums required in the current financial year for the purposes mentioned in paragraph (a) or paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of section twenty-three of the Finance Act, 1928, as amended by any subsequent enactment, may be provided out of money borrowed for the purpose under section one of the War Loan Act, 1919, instead of out of the permanent annual charge for the National Debt.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Captain Dugdale reported from the Committee on Finance [Currency of certain savings certificates], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That the power of the Treasury, under subsection (1) of section forty-three of the Finance Act, 1931, to prolong the currency of savings certificates shall cease to be limited as provided in proviso (b) to that subsection (which limits such prolongation to the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and forty, in the case of certificates issued on or before the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-two).

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Captain Dugdale reported from the Committee on Finance [Power to borrow for certain financial purposes], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That any Act
Revenue (including Excise), and to make further provision in connection with Finance.  

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the said Resolutions, and upon the Resolutions reported from the Committee of Ways and Means on the 3rd day of this instant May and agreed to by the House on that day, and that the Chairman of Ways and Means, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Colonel Coleville do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer accordingly presented a Bill to grant certain duties of Customs and Inland Revenue (including Excise), to alter other duties, and to amend the law relating to Customs and Inland Revenue (including Excise) and the National Debt, and to make further provision in connection with Finance.

And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. William Morrison, by His Majesty’s Command, acquainted the House that His Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of the Motion relating to Bacon Industry [Money], proposed to be moved, under Standing Order No. 69, in Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Then the House, pursuant to Standing Order No. 69, resolved itself into Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to provide for the better organisation of the bacon industry and the pig producing industry, it is expedient to authorise—

A. The payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any administrative expenses incurred for the purposes of the said Act by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries and the Secretary of State for Scotland;

B. In respect of certain pigs related to years comprising within a period of three years commencing with an appointed day—

1. The payment out of moneys provided by Parliament to bacon curers of sums related to rises in the price of bacon over the said amounts respectively;

2. The payment into the Exchequer of sums recovered from bacon curers, being sums related to rises in the price of bacon over the said amounts respectively;

3. The payment into the Exchequer of sums recovered from bacon curers, being sums related to rises in the price of bacon over the said amounts respectively;

so however that the sums to be paid in respect of any pig shall in all cases be calculated by reference to, amongst other things, the weight of bacon produced or presumed to be produced from that pig on specified classes of premises, with an addition in certain cases for weight lost by the removal of bones and skin, and that sums are not paid, in the case of the first year, for more than two million one hundred thousand pigs, in the case of the second year, for more than two million four hundred thousand pigs, and in the case of the third year, for more than two million five hundred thousand pigs.—(Mr. William Morrison.)

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Sir Hugh O’Neill 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 Committee;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Administration of Justice (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Housing (Rural Workers) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Administration of the Air Navigation (Financial Provisions) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Welsh Church (Amendment) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—Adjournment. (Mr. Furness.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty minutes after Nine of the clock, adjourned 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.

Mr. Speaker being of opinion that the Nursing Homes Registration (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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Thursday, 5th May 1938.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The Lancashire County Council (Rivers Board and General Powers) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The Wakefield Corporation Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Irvine and District Water Board Order Confirmation Bill.

A Public Petition was presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Ormsby-Gore presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, —Copy of Amendment to the Glendairy Prison Rules, 1936, made by the Governor of Barbados in Executive Council on 10th February 1938.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. William Morrison presented, by His Majesty's Command, —Copy of Report, made under the Agricultural Marketing Acts, on Agricultural Marketing Schemes for 1936.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Colonel Colville presented, by His Majesty's Command, —Copy of Recommendations of the Import Duties Advisory Committee, dated 30th March 1938, relating to the Beef and Veal Duties (Drawback) (No. 1) Order, 1938.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Colonel Colville also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, —Copy of Order, dated 5th May 1938, made under the Beef and Veal Customs Duties Act, 1937, entitled the Beef and Veal Duties (Drawback) (No. 1) Order, 1938.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Burgin presented, pursuant to the London directions of an Act of Parliament, —Copies of Traffic Act, Regulations, dated 3rd May 1938, entitled—

(1) the London Traffic (Prescribed Routes) (No. 19) (Guildford) Regulations, 1938;
(2) the London Traffic (Prescribed Routes) (No. 20) (Rickmansworth) Regulations, 1938;
(3) the London Traffic (Prescribed Routes) (No. 21) (Carnaby Street, Westminster) Regulations, 1938.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.


Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Colonel Muirhead presented, pursuant to the Air Force directions of an Act of Parliament, —Copy of Order, dated 7th April 1938, amending in certain respects the Regulations appended to His His Majesty's Order dated 29th January 1938, and included in a volume entitled the King's Regulations and Air Council Instructions for the Royal Air Force (1928), as amended by subsequent Orders.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Copy of Rules, dated 26th April 1938, Supreme Court Funds (No. 1) Rules, 1938.

Six Hugh O'Neill reported from Standing Standing Committee B: That they had gone through the Bakehouses Bill, and made Amendments thereto, and had amended the Title as followeth: A Bill to restrict night work in the baking industry; and for purposes connected thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Friday the 13th day of this instant May; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported Standing Orders.

1. That, in the case of the Welsh Church Welsh Church (Amendment) Bill [Lords], the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with:—That the Bill be permitted to proceed.
2. That, in the case of the Harwich Harbour (Lords), Petition for Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with:—That the parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.

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3. That, in the case of the Lee Conservancy Catchment Board Bill, Petition for additional Provision, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with:—That the parties be permitted to insert their additional Provision if the Committee on the Bill think fit.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Private Bills

Sir David Reid reported from the Committee on Group E of Private Bills: That, for the convenience of parties, the Committee had adjourned till Tuesday next, at Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Redcar Corporation Bill

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills: That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Redcar Corporation Bill, and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

The Deputy Chairman further reported from the Committee: That they had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders, and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, and the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Report be printed.

Business of the House

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)—(The Prime Minister);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

Tellers for the [Mr. James Stuart, Yeas, [Mr. Munro : 226.

Tellers for the [Mr. John, Noes, [Mr. Charlton:] 102.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Eire (Confirmation of Agreements) Bill

The Eire (Confirmation of Agreements) 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.—(Captain Margesson.)

Eire (Confirmation of Agreements) [Money]

Mr. Secretary MacDonald, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House that His Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of the Motion relating to Eire (Confirmation of Agreements) [Money], proposed to move, under Standing Order No. 69, in Committee of the whole House, to reconsider the Motion relating to Eire.

Then the House, pursuant to Standing Order No. 69, resolved itself into Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to confirm and give effect to certain agreements as to the relations between the United Kingdom and Eire, it is expedient to authorise—

(1) the payment into the Exchequer of the sum of ten million pounds payable by the Government of Eire in pursuance of any such agreement;

(2) the payment out of the Consolidated Fund—

(a) to the National Debt Commissioners, of a sum equal to the aggregate of all sums lent by them to the Treasury under subsection (2) of section four of the Railways (Ireland) Act, 1896, and not repaid before the commencement of the said Act of the present Session, together with interest due thereon up to the date of payment;

(b) to the National Debt Commissioners, of the sum of three million seven hundred and fifty thousand pounds, to be accepted by them in final settlement of all claims under section four of the Public Works Loans Act, 1927, against the Government of Eire in respect of local loans;

(c) for the purpose of its being applied in redeeming or paying off debt, of a sum equal to the amount by which the said sum of ten million pounds exceeds the aggregate of the sums mentioned in the last two foregoing paragraphs;

(d) into the Irish Land Purchase fund or account or other appropriate fund or account, of such sums as the National Debt Commissioners may certify to be necessary for defraying all payments specified by the said Act of the present Session which, on or after the date on which the said sum of ten million pounds is paid into the Exchequer, become payable out of that fund or account in respect of land situate in Eire.

—(Mr. Secretary MacDonald.)

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 upon Monday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Duties of Customs on Eggs or Poultry from Eire.

Resolved, That, in the event of the Government of the United Kingdom becoming entitled, in accordance with any agreement made between the Government and the Government of Eire, to impose duties on eggs or poultry from Eire, duties of customs on eggs or poultry imported from Eire or exported from Eire to any other country and thence brought into the United Kingdom may be imposed, varied and revoked by order of the Treasury.

—(Mr. Secretary MacDonald.)

Resolution to be reported.
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Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Chairman of Ways and Means also acquainted the House that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Colonel Kerr reported from the Committee on Bacon Industry [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to provide for the better organisation of the bacon industry and the pig producing industry, it is expedient to authorize—

A. The payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any administrative expenses incurred for the purposes of the said Act by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries and the Secretary of State for Scotland;

B. In respect of certain pigs related to years comprised within a period of three years commencing with an appointed day—

(1) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament to bacon curers of sums related to rises in the cost of a standard ration for pigs over eight shillings and sixpence per hundredweight;

(2) the payment into the Exchequer of sums recovered from bacon curers, being sums related to falls in the cost of the said standard ration below the said sum;

(3) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament to bacon curers of sums related to falls in the price of bacon below, in the case of sums payable in respect of the second year, ninety-three shillings and ninepence per hundredweight, in the case of sums payable in respect of the third year, for more than two million five hundred thousand pigs, and in the case of the third year, for more than two million five hundred thousand pigs, the said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Road Haulage Second Reading of the Road Haulage Wages (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Fire Brigades Second Reading of the Fire Brigades Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Marriage Second Reading of the Marriage (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Post Office Committee on the Post Office (Sites) (re- (Sites) Bill 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 Administration of Justice (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Housing Second Reading of the Housing (Rural Workers) (Amendment) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Air Navigation (Financial Provisions) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Welsh Church Second Reading of the Welsh Church (Amendment) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Solicitors Amendment (Scotland) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—Adjournment. (Colonel Kerr.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-five minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
[No. 105.]

Friday, 6th May 1938.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Irvine and District Water Board Order Confirmation Bill.

The Irvine and District Water Board Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.


Colonel Muirhead presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders, dated 22nd April 1938—

(1) amending in certain respects the Regulations appended to His Majesty's Order, dated 29th January 1938, and included in a volume entitled The King's Regulations and Air Council Instructions for the Royal Air Force (1928), as amended by subsequent Orders;

(2) amending in certain respects the Regulations appended to the Order, dated 25th July 1924, of His late Majesty King George the Fifth, as amended by subsequent Orders, and subsequently included in a volume entitled Regulations for the Princess Mary's Royal Air Force Nursing Service.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Education (Scotland.)

Mr. Secretary Elliot presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Special Committee appointed in April 1937 to inquire and advise regarding an application by the University Courts of the Universities of Scotland for a grant from the Education (Scotland) Fund.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Prevention and Treatment of Blindness (Scotland) Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Prevention and Treatment of Blindness (Scotland) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

And an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time and passed.

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.

Hire-Purchase Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 9, l. 34, by inserting, after the word "Act," the words,—

"Provided that in relation to the said section nine the reference in this section to the amount to be paid in respect of installation shall (in the case of any agreement entered into before the commencement of this Act in which such amount is not specified) be construed as a reference to the amount of the expense actually incurred by the owner in connection with the installation."—(Sir Reginald Clarry.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read for the Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, without Question put, pursuant to Standing Order No. 2, it being then two minutes before Twelve of the clock, till Monday next.

[No. 106.]

Monday, 9th May 1938.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Colonel Muirhead presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Letters of service of the Secretary of State for Air and Imperial Airways, Limited, relating to the continuation of the air service between Khartoum and West Africa.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Earl Winterton presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Orders, dated 25th January 1938, and included in a volume entitled the King's Regulations appended to His Majesty's Order, Royal Air Force (1928), as amended by subsequent Orders;

Ordered, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the [Captain Dugdale, Yeas, Mr. Munro ;]
Tellers for the [Mr. Groves, Noes, Mr. Adamson :]
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Housing (Rural Workers) 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.
—(Captain Dugdale.)

Sir Kingsley Wood, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of an Amendment proposed under Standing Order No. 69, in Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Then the House, pursuant to Standing Order No. 69, resolved itself into Committee.

(Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to amend the Housing (Rural Workers) Acts, 1926 and 1931, it is expedient—

A. To authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of such additional sums as may become payable thereout under section four of the said Act of 1926 by reason of any provisions of the said Act of the present Session—

(a) substituting the thirtieth day of September, nineteen hundred and forty-two for the twenty-fourth day of June, nineteen hundred and thirty-eight, as the date before which an application for assistance must be received by the local authority in order for their power to give assistance under the said Acts of 1926 and 1931 to be exercisable;

(b) authorising, in the case of a dwelling in respect of which a grant was given on application received before the second day of August, nineteen hundred and thirty-five, and which is overcrowded, the giving of a further grant exceeding the amount which, apart from the said provisions, would have been permissible, but not exceeding two-thirds of the estimated cost of the works or one hundred pounds, whichever is the less, and not so as to exceed a total of one hundred and fifty pounds for all grants in respect of the dwelling;

(c) providing that any contributions made in respect of any grant given by a county council in the Highlands and Islands on application received after the twenty-ninth day of March, nineteen hundred and thirty-eight, shall, in lieu of being an amount equal to...
to one-half, be an amount equal to three-quarters of the estimated average annual payments referred to in subsection (2) of the said section four.

B. To authorise sums repayable to the Minister of Health or to the Department of Health for Scotland, under the said Act of 1926, on a breach of conditions applicable to a dwelling under that Act or on exercise of an option to repay conferred thereby, to be ascertained by reference to a part, in lieu of by reference to the whole, of the contributions made by the Minister or the Department in respect of the dwelling.

—(Sir Kingsley Wood.)

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Sir Cyril Entwistle reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Administration of Justice (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

Colonel Kerr reported from the Committee on Eire (Confirmation of Agreements) [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to confirm and give effect to agreements as to the relations between the United Kingdom and Eire, it is expedient to authorise:

(1) the payment into the Exchequer of the sum of ten million pounds payable by the Government of Eire in pursuance of any such agreement;

(2) the payment out of the Consolidated Fund—

(a) to the National Debt Commissioners, of a sum equal to the aggregate of all sums lent by them to the Treasury under subsection (2) of section four of the Railways (Ireland) Act, 1896, and not repaid before the commencement of the said Act of the present Session, together with interest due thereon up to the date of payment;

(b) to the National Debt Commissioners, of the sum of three million seven hundred and fifty thousand pounds, to be accepted by them in respect of local loans;

(c) for the purpose of its being applied in redeeming or paying off debt, of a sum equal to the amount by which the said sum of ten million pounds exceeds the aggregate of the sums mentioned in the last two foregoing paragraphs;

(d) into the Irish Land Purchase fund or account or other appropriate fund or account, of such sums as the National Debt Commissioners may certify to be necessary for defraying all payments specified by the said Act.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Colonel Kerr reported from the Committee Ways and Means of the 5th day of this instant May, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

Duties of Customs on Eggs or Poultry from Eire. Duties of Customs on Eggs or Poultry from Eire.

That, in the event of the Government of the United Kingdom becoming entitled, in accordance with any agreement made between that Government and the Government of Eire, to impose duties on eggs or poultry from Eire, duties of customs on eggs or poultry imported from Eire or exported from Eire to any other country and thence brought into the United Kingdom may be imposed, varied and revoked by order of the Treasury.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Finance Bill. Second Reading of the Finance Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Eire Committee on the Eire (Confirmation of Agreements) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Road Haulage Wages (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Fire Brigades Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Marriage Bill. Second Reading of the Marriage (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Post Office Committee on the Post Office (Sites) (re. (Sites) Bill, committed) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Air Navigation (Financial Provisions) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Welsh Church (Amendment) Bill [Lords].

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Welsh Church (Amendment) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Public Health (Coal Mine Refuse) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Health (Coal Mine Refuse) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Adjournment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Colonel Kerr);

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, till to-morrow.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table, Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bills, originating in the Lords, and referred to the House for consideration, no Standing Orders are applicable, viz.:

- Ossett Corporation Bill.
- Workington Corporation Bill.

Ordered, That the Reports be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the London Passenger Transport Board Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

A Motion being made, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee, to consider the question of authorising payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of such (Money) sums as may be necessary to enable the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries to make grants in respect of works to be executed by the Lee Conservancy Catchment Board for the drainage of their catchment area as if such works had been the improvement of existing works and the construction of new works under the Land Drainage Act, 1930—(The Deputy Chairman);

Mr. William Morrison, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of this Motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Secretary MacDonald presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Annual Report of the Commission of Government of Newfoundland for 1937.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Colonel Colville presented, by His Majesty's Import Command,—Copy of Recommendations of the Duties Import Duties Advisory Committee, dated 14th April, 1938, relating to the Additional Import Duties (No. 4) Order, 1938.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Colonel Colville also presented, pursuant to Import Duties the directions of an Act of Parliament,—(Copy Import Duties of Order, dated 10th May 1938, made under Act, 1932.) the Import Duties Act, 1932, entitled the Additional Import Duties (No. 4) Order, 1938.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Burgin presented, pursuant to the Road Traffic directions of an Act of Parliament,—(Copy of Act) Regulations, dated 23rd April 1938, entitled the Heavy Goods Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) Regulations, 1938.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
Colonel Muirhead presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Draft Order in Council, entitled the Air Navigation (Licensing of Public Transport) Order, 1898.  
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Patents, &c. (International Conventions) Bill.  
Colonel Clifton Brown reported from Standing Committee A: That they had gone through the Patent, &c. (International Conventions) Bill [Lords], and made Amendments thereunto.  
Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Thursday next; and be printed.

Bill 141.  
No. 115.  
Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

New Member sworn.  
Mr. Hutchinson, presented a Bill from the provisions of the Standing Order to be printed.

Local Authorities and Local Government Officers (Joint Councils) Bill.  
Mr. Foot, supported by Sir William Jenkins, Captain Elliott, Sir Francis Fremantle, and Mr. Hutchinson, presented a Bill to make provision for the constitution of joint councils of representatives of local authorities and officers and servants of local authorities and with reference to the functions of such councils; and matters incidental thereto: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 23rd day of this instant May; and to be printed.

Business of the House.  
A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House)—(The Prime Minister):  
The House divided.  
The Yeas to the Right;  
The Noes to the Left;  
Tellers for the [Captain Dugdale, Yeas, Mr. Munro ; Tellers for the Mr. Whiteley, Noes, Mr. Charleton : So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to repeal the Chimney Sweepers Act, 1840 and 1864, the Chimney Sweepers Act, 1875, and the Chimney Sweepers Act, 1894; and that Sir Arnold Wilson do prepare and bring it in.

Chimney Sweepers Acts (Repeal.) Bill 143.  
Sir Arnold Wilson accordingly presented a Bill to repeal the Chimney Sweepers and Chimneys Regulation Acts, 1840 and 1864, the Chimney Sweepers Act, 1875, and the Chimney Sweepers Act, 1894; and that Arnold Wilson do prepare and bring it in.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, resolved Eire itself into a Committee on the Eire (Confirmation of Agreements) Bill.  
(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 to No. 4 agreed to.  
First and Second Schedules agreed to.  
Preamble agreed to.  
Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.  
Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved Eire to-morrow.  
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 said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Captain Dugdale reported from the Committee on Housing (Rural Workers) Amendment [Money], a Resolution, which was read as followeth:—

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to amend the Housing (Rural Workers) Acts, 1926 and 1931, it is expedient—

A. To authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of such additional sums as may become payable thereout under section four of the said Act of 1926 by reason of any provisions of the said Act of the present Session—

(a) substituting the thirty-first day of September, nineteen hundred and forty-two for the twenty-fourth day of June, nineteen hundred and thirty-
eight, as the date before which an application for assistance must be received by the local authority in order for their power to give assistance under the said Acts of 1926 and 1931 to be exercisable;

(b) authorising, in the case of a dwelling in respect of which a grant was given on application received before the second day of August, nineteen hundred and thirty-five, and which is overcrowded, the giving of a further grant exceeding the amount which, apart from the said provisions, would have been permissible, but not exceeding two-thirds of the estimated cost of the works or one hundred pounds, whichever is the less, and not so as to exceed a total of one hundred and fifty pounds for all grants in respect of the dwelling;

(c) providing that any contributions made in respect of any grant given by a county council in the Highlands and Islands on application received after the twenty-ninth day of March, nineteen hundred and thirty-eight, shall, in lieu of being an amount equal to one-half, be an amount equal to three-quarters of the estimated average annual payments referred to in subsection (2) of the said section four.

B. To authorise sums repayable to the Minister of Health or to the Department of Health for Scotland, under the said Act of 1936, on a breach of conditions applicable to a dwelling under that Act or on exercise of an option to repay conferred thereby, to be ascertained by reference to a part, in lieu of by reference to the whole, of the contributions made by the Minister or the Department in respect of the dwelling.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Welsh Church (Amendment) 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 Docking and Nicking of Horses (Prohibition) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Air Navigation (Scotland) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government (Hours of Poll) 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 Secretaries of State for Wales and Monmouthshire 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 Secretary of State for Scotland Act (1911) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government (Rural Workers) 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 Access to Mountains Bill;

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Street Trading (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 Parliamentary Elections (Compulsory Voting) 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 Assurance Companies (Signals) Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Merchandise Marks (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 Works Councils 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 Loss of Employment (Compensation) 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 Peace Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Merchandise Marks (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 Agricultural Marketing Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Motor Drivers (Signals) 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 Assurance Companies (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 Amendment (Scotland) Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

And it being after half-past Eleven of the clock, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then twenty-four minutes before Twelve of the clock, till to-morrow.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

Mr. Ramesbotham presented, by His Majesty's Ex-Service Command,—Copy of Reports made by the Men of the British Legion to, and reply of, the Prime Minister, regarding the condition of Ex-Service Men.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Stanley presented, pursuant to the Gas Undertakings Acts on the application of the Haslingden Union Gas Company.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Colonel Colville presented, by His Majesty's Import Duties Advisory Committee, dated 14th April 1938, relating to the Import Duties (Exemptions) (No. 2) Order, 1938, and the Additional Import Duties (No. 5) Order, 1938.
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Act, 1932.)

Copy of Order, dated 11th May 1938, made under the Import Duties Act, 1932, entitled the Import Duties (Exemptions) (No. 2) Order, 1938.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Butler presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Agreement between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Polish Government providing for the Limitation of Naval Armament and the Exchange of Information concerning Naval Construction. [With Protocol of Signature and Notes exchanged.] London, 27th April 1938. [The Agreement has not been ratified by His Majesty.]

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, that a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Scarborough) Bill, without any Amendment.

Mr. Clement Davies reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Consolidation Bills: That they had considered the Shropshire Worcestershire and Staffordshire Electric Power (Consolidation) Bill [Lords], now pending in the House of Lords, and had agreed to a Report in respect thereof which they had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

No. 116. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

No. 116. Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

Herring Industry Bill. Bill 144.

Mr. Secretary Elliot, supported by Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare and Mr. William Morrison, presented a Bill to amend the Herring Industry Act, 1935, to authorise the giving of further financial assistance to the Herring Industry Board and to herring fishermen, and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid: 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)—(The Prime Minister); Vot. 193.

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Captain Dugdale, Yeas, Mr. Munro ; 276. Tellers for the [Mr. Groves, Noes, Mr. Adamson : 112.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Road Haulage Wages (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for Monday next.—(Mr. Grinstein.)

Mr. Ernest Brown, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of the Motion relating to Road Haulage Wages (No. 2) [Money], proposed to be moved, under Standing Order No. 69, in Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Then the House, pursuant to Standing Order No. 69, resolved itself into Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make provision with respect to the remuneration of persons employed in connection with the mechanical transport of goods by road, and with respect to the making of recommendations and reports, and the settlement of disputes, relating to matters affecting such transport, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the payment into the Exchequer of all fines imposed in respect of offences under the said Act; and

(b) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of the expenses of the Minister of Labour in carrying the said Act into effect and of any expenses authorised by him with the consent of the Treasury to be incurred by any Central Board or by any area board established under the said Act.

—(Mr. Ernest Brown.)

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved Post Office itself into a Committee on the Post Office (Sites) Bill, (Sites) (recommenced) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 to No. 14 agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.
Preamble agreed to.
Bill to be reported.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. William Morrison reported from the Committee on Fire Brigades [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make further provision for fire services in Great Britain and for purposes connected therewith, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of the expenses of the Secretary of State incurred for the purposes of the said Act in the administration thereof, in the payment of remuneration or allowances to any person appointed thereunder or in connection with the training centre established by him, and of any expenses authorised by him with the consent of the Treasury to be incurred by the Fire Service Commission constituted by the said Act, by any fire service board appointed under the said Act, or by any Central Advisory Council for Fire Services so appointed.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Housing (Rural Workers) Amendment 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 Air Navigation (Financial Provisions) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Welsh Church (Amendment) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Grimston.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till five minutes before Eight of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
Shops Acts.

Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, and Order made under the Shops Acts by the Council of the under-mentioned local authority, and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department:

Borough of Ipswich.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Elliot presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, and Order made under the National Health Insurance and Contributory Pensions (Collection of Contributions) Regulations (Scotland), 1938.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. William Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, and Order made under the Agriculture Act, 1937, entitled the Home-Grown Oats (Ascertainment United Kingdom Price for 1937) Order, 1938.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Malcolm Barclay-Harvey reported from the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills:

That they had considered the Bill and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, and the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Boulton further reported from the Committee:

That they had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders, and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, and the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Boulton reported from the Committee on Southern Unopposed Bills:

That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Southern Railway Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the facts as proved by the evidence adduced, and found the same as amended to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be printed.

Mr. Boulton reported from the Committee on London and North Eastern Railway Bill:

That they had examined the Water Bill [Lords], and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be printed.

Mr. Boulton reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills:

That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the South Surrey Water Bill [Lords], and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made an Amendment thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be printed.

Mr. Boulton reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills:

That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Southern Railway Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the facts as proved by the evidence adduced, and found the same as amended to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be printed.

Mr. Boulton further reported from the Committee:

That they had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders, and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, and the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Boulton reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills:

That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Newcastle and Gateshead Waterworks Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the facts as proved by the evidence adduced, and found the same as amended to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be printed.

Mr. Boulton reported from the Committee on West Surrey Water Bill [Lords], and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made an Amendment thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be printed.
Mr. Boulton further reported from the Committee: That they had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders, and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, and the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Report be printed.

Mr. Boulton reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills: That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Lee Conservancy Bill [Lords], and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Mr. Boulton further reported from the Committee: That they had discharged the several matters required by the Standing Orders, and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, and the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Report be printed.

Colonel Gretton reported from the Committee of Selection: That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee A.—Mr. Duncan, Sir Francis Fremantle, Admiral Beamish, Mr. Bernays, Mr. Charles Crowder, Mr. Goldie, and Mr. John Morris.

Colonel Gretton further reported from the Committee: That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee B (added in respect of the Marriage Bill) —Sir John Wibbers; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Chorlton, Mr. Mendum, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Wodehouse, and Mr. Westwood.

Colonel Gretton further reported from the Committee: That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee B (in respect of the Fire Brigades Bill) —the Lord Advocate, Mr. Attorney-General, Admiral Beamish, Mr. Berney, Mr. Charles Brown, Sir Thomas Cook, Mr. Secretary Elliot, Dr. Haden Guest, Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Maitland, Mr. Mendum, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Wodehouse, and Mr. Westwood.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Bridgwater Extension) Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Air Estimates, 1938.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £1,490,000 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Expense of the Air Ministry which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1939.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That Sub-head A be reduced by £100.—(Sir Hugh Seely.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir Percy Harris, Yeas, ] Sir Hugh Seely : } 151.

Tellers for the [Mr. James Stuart, Noes, ] Captain Dugdale : } 298.

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 Means;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Finance Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Marriage Second Reading of the Marriage (Scotland) Bill; (Scotland)

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Patents, &c. into consideration the Patents, &c. (International Conventions) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.
Adjournment.

Colonel Kerr reported from the Committee on Road Haulage Wages (No. 2) [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make provision with respect to the remuneration of persons employed in connection with the mechanical transport of goods by road, and with respect to the making of recommendations and reports, and the settlement of disputes, relating to matters affecting such transport, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the payment into the Exchequer of all fines imposed in respect of offences under the said Act; and

(b) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of the expenses of the Minister of Labour in carrying the said Act into effect and of any expenses authorised by him with the consent of the Treasury to be incurred by any Central Board or by any area board established under the said Act.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, for extending section one of that Act to the borough of Brentford and Chiswick, which was presented on the 4th day of May 1938, be approved.—(Mr. Lloyd.)

Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, for extending section one of that Act to the borough of Watford, which was presented on the 4th day of May 1938, be approved.—(Mr. Lloyd.)

Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, for extending section one of that Act to the borough of Aylesbury, which was presented on the 4th day of May 1938, be approved.—(Mr. Lloyd.)

Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, for extending section one of that Act to the urban district of Rickmansworth, which was presented on the 24th day of March 1938, be approved.—(Mr. Lloyd.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. James Stuart):

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.

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Shops Acts. Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, —Copy of Order made, under the Shops Acts, by the Council of the under-mentioned local authority, and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department:—

City and County of Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Architects Registration Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Architects Registration Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

And Amendments were made to the Bill.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read the third time:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Bossom, Sir Thomas Moore:]

Yea, 166,

Noo, 32.

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.

Registration of Still-Births (Scotland) Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Registration of Still-Births (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

And Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Baking Industry (Hours of Work) Bill (changed from Bakehouses Bill).

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Baking Industry (Hours of Work) Bill (changed from Bakehouses Bill), as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Provisions as to baking on Sundays) —(Mr. McCorquodale), —was twice read, and made part of the Bill.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Betting and Bookmakers Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

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 eleven minutes before Three of the clock, without a Question first put, till Monday next.

Monday, 16th May 1938.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Derby County Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ for the Electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the County of Derby (Western Division), in the room of Edward William Spencer Cavendish, Esquire, commonly called the Marquess of Hartington, coming up to the House of Peers. —(Captain Margesson.)

Ordered, That the Blackburn Corporation Bill [Lords] be read a second time to-morrow.

The Gateshead Corporation Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

The London County Council (Money) Bill was read a second time, and committed.

Mr. Secretary Elliot presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1936, relating to East Lothian Water: And the same was ordered, under Section 9 of the Act, to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 24th day of this instant May.

Ordered, That the Bill be printed.


Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Kingsley Wood presented, pursuant to the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937, by—

(1) the Rotherham County Borough Council;

(2) the Bucklow Superannuation Joint Committee;
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Housing (Rural Workers) Amendment Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Extension of time for applying for assistance under s. 2 of 18 & 17 Geo. 5. c. 56).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 9, to leave out the word "forty-two," and insert the word "forty."—(Mr. Tomlinson.)

Question put, That the word "forty-two" stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the

Mr. Cross,
Yea — Mr. Moncreiff — 196.

Mr. Groves,
Noe — Mr. Anderson — 93.

Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the

Captain Hope,

Mr. Groves,
Noe — Mr. Charleton — 103.

Clause No. 2 agreed to.

Clause No. 3 (Repayments of grant to be proportionate to unexpired period of period for observance of conditions).

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 32, to leave out the word "shall," and insert the words "may at the discretion of the local authority."—(Mr. Thomas Williams.)

Question put, That the word "shall" stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the

Major Herbert,
Yea — Mr. Grimston — 199.

Mr. Charleton,
Noe — Mr. Anderson — 115.

Clause agreed to.

Clause Nos. 4 and 5 agreed to.

Clause No. 6 (Amendment of condition as to maximum rent where further assistance given by way of grant).

Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 1, after the word "subsequently," to insert the words "but not before the commencement of this Act."—(Mr. Johnston.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the

Captain Dugdale,
Yea — Mr. Grimston — 204.

Mr. Whiteley,
Noe — Mr. Anderson — 110.

Clauses No. 7 and No. 8 agreed to.

Clauses No. 9 amended, and agreed to.

Clauses No. 10 and No. 11 agreed to.

A Clause (Amendment as to schemes by local authorities.)—(Mr. Thomas Williams),—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.
Ordered, That the Committee have power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That Three be the quorum of the Committee.—(Mr. Lindsay.)

The Order of the day being read, for taking Patents, &c., into consideration the Patents, &c. (International Conventions) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the 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 Herring Industry Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Road Haulage Committee on the Road Haulage Wages (No. 2) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Air Navigation (Financial Provisions) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Imperial Telephones Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Finance Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Marriage (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Evidence Bill [Lords] was, according Evidence to Order, read a second time, and committed Bill [Lords.] to a Standing Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Public Health Second Reading of the Public Health (Coal Mine Refuse) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

And it being after half-past Eleven of the clock, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then six minutes before Twelve of the clock, till to-morrow.
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Tuesday, 17th May 1938.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the Petition for the following Bill, originating in the Lords, the Standing Orders have not been complied with, viz.:

Stanmore Unused Burial Ground [Lords].

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Blackburn Corporation Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Mr. Bernays presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order of the Minister of Health relating to the Caine Waterworks Company Limited: 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. Bernays presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order of the Minister of Health relating to the Cholderton Water Company Limited: 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. Bernays presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order of the Minister of Health relating to the Torquay Water Company Limited: 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. Burgin presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations, dated 11th May 1938,

(1) the London Traffic (Prescribed Routes) (No. 22) (Erith) Regulations, 1938;
(2) the London Traffic (Parking Places) (Amendment) (No. 4) Regulations, 1938.

Copy of Regulations, dated 11th May 1938, entitled the Road and Rail Traffic Act (Exemption) Regulations, 1938.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Sir George Courthope presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Eighteenth Annual Report of the Forestry Commissioners for the year ended 30th September 1937.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

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Sir Alexander Russell reported from the Ossett Corporation Committee on Group B of Private Bills:
That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Ossett Corporation Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the facts as proved by the evidence adduced, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Sir Alexander Russell further reported from the Committee: That they had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders, and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, and the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Report be printed.

Colonel Gretton reported from the Committee Selection of Selection: That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee A:—Mr. Chapman; and had appointed in Committee A.
substitution: Sir Douglas Thomson.

Colonel Gretton further reported from the Standing Committee: That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee A (added in respect of the Fire Brigades Bill):— the Lord Advocate; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Anstruther-Gray.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords, one of their Clerks, as followeth:

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works and waterworks and to purchase lands compulsorily for those and other purposes; to extend the Corporation's limits for the supply of water; and to confer further powers upon the Corporation with regard to streets buildings sewers and drains and the health and good government of the city; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to empower the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the borough of Stockton-on-Tees to acquire and develop lands and to construct railways; and to confer upon the Corporation further powers with regard to their electricity undertaking and the health good government and improvement of the borough; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The West Thurrock Estate Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Wear Navigation and Sunderland Dock Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Nottingham Corporation Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Stockton-on-Tees Corporation Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates, 1938.

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Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £14,837,000 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 1939 for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Labour, including sums payable by the Exchequer to the Unemployment Fund, grants to local authorities, associations and other bodies in respect of unemployment insurance, employment exchange and other services; grant in aid of the National Council of Social Service; expenses of transfer and resettlement; expenses of training of unemployed persons and, on behalf of the Army Council and Air Council, of soldiers and airmen for employment; contribution towards the expenses of the International Labour Organisation (League of Nations); expenses of the Industrial Court; and sundry services.

Whereupon the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod being come with a Message, the Chairman left the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

A Message was delivered by Lieutenant-Royal Assents General Sir William Pulteney, G.C.V.O., 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 which are agreed upon by both Houses, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers:—And having returned;

Mr. Speaker reported, That the House, at the desire of the Lords authorised by virtue of His Majesty's Commission, had been at the House of Peers, where a Commission under the Great Seal was read, giving, declaring and notifying the Royal Assent to the several Acts therein mentioned; and that the Lords thereby authorised bad declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts as follow:—

1. Poor Law (Amendment) Act, 1938.
2. Conveyancing Amendment (Scotland) Act, 1938.
3. Eire (Confirmation of Agreements) Act, 1938.
5. Ministry of Health Provisional Order Confirmation (Scarborough) Act, 1938.

Then the House again resolved itself into Supply, the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Question again proposed, That a sum not exceeding £14,836,900 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 1939 for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Labour, including sums payable by the Exchequer to the Unemployment Fund, grants to local authorities, associations and other bodies in respect of unemployment insurance, employment exchange and other services; grant in aid of the National Council of Social Service; expenses of transfer and resettlement; expenses of training of unemployed persons and, on behalf of the Army Council and Air Council, of soldiers and airmen for employment; contribution towards the expenses of the International Labour Organisation (League of Nations); expenses of the Industrial Court; and sundry services.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a sum not exceeding £14,836,900 be granted for the said Service.—(Mr. Lansbury.)
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The Committee divided.

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.

Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Housing (Rural Workers) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Housing (Rural Workers) Amendment Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Patents, &c. (International Conventions) Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Patents, &c. (International Conventions) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

Herring Industry Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Herring Industry Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Road Haulage Wages (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Road Haulage Wages (No. 2) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Docking and Nicking of Horses (Prohibition) Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Docking and Nicking of Horses (Prohibition) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Lands Valuation (Scotland) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lands Valuation (Scotland) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

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The Local Government (Hours of Poll) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Contraceptives (Regulation) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Snowball Trading Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Jewish Citizenship Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Small Landholders Act (Scotland) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Secretary of State for Wales and Monmouthshire Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the adjourned Debate on the Amendment Bill, which, upon the 11th day of February last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Elections (Motor Cars) 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 Protection of Animals Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Access to Mountains Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Parliamentary Elections (Compulsory Voting) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.
And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till thirteen minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Distribution by Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 45, of Bills committed to a Standing Committee.

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[No. 113.]

Wednesday, 18th May 1938.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE House proceeded to take into consider-ation the Redcar Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. Stanley presented, pursuant to the Livestock directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Act, 1937. Order, dated 18th May 1938, entitled the Cattle (Import Regulation) Revocation Order, 1938.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Captain Wallace presented, by His Majesty’s Honours and Command,—Copy of Final Report of the Committee on Fees and Duties payable to public funds on the grant of Honours and Dignities.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Irvine and Irvine and Forfar Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time.

Mr. Speaker presented the Lords, that a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Irvine and Irvine and Forfar Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Betting and Bookmakers Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Air Navigation Financial Provisions Bill;
And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That," to the end of the Question, and adding the words "in view of the national and international importance of civil aviation, the transport by air of passengers and goods should be made a State service, and this House, therefore, cannot assent to the Second Reading of a Bill which increases the already heavy subsidy to inefficient private enterprise,"—(Mr. Montague).—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 Captain Dugdale, Yeas, Major Herbert: 173.
Tellers for the Mr. John, Noses, Mr. Charlton: 108.

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.—(Captain Dugdale.)

Secretary Sir Kingsley Wood, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House that His Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of the Motion relating to Air Navigation (Financial Provisions) [Money], proposed to be moved, under Standing Order No. 69, in Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Then the House, pursuant to Standing Order No. 69, resolved itself into Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to increase the maximum amount which may be paid annually by way of subsidies under section one of the Air Navigation Act, 1936, and to make provision with respect to the remuneration and expenses of, and the fees received by, any licensing authority which may be constituted under section five of that Act, it is expedient to authorise—

(1) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament—

(a) of the amounts necessary to defray such expenses of the Secretary of State as are attributable to any provisions of the said Act of the present Session increasing to three million pounds the sum which the aggregate amount of the subsidies payable under all agreements made in pursuance of section one of the Air Navigation Act, 1936, and in pursuance of the Air Transport (Subsidy Agreements) Act, 1930, must not exceed in any financial year;

(b) of such remuneration to the members of any licensing authority constituted by an Order in Council under section five of the Air Navigation Act, 1936, as may be approved by the Treasury; and

(c) of the amounts necessary to defray such expenses of any licensing authority constituted by an Order in Council under the said section five as may be approved by the Treasury; and

(2) the payment into the Exchequer of any amount received by way of fees by such a licensing authority as aforesaid and paid by that authority to the Secretary of State.

(Secretary Sir Kingsley Wood.)

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received and to-morrow.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, in pursuance of the provisions of subsection (3) of section five of the Air Navigation Act, 1936, praying that Navigation the Air Navigation (Licensing of Public Transport) Order, 1938, be made in the terms of the Transport) draft laid before Parliament.—(Secretary Sir Sir Kingsley Wood.)

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 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 Imperial Telegraphs Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Finance Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Marriage (Scotland) Bill;—(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 Marriage Bill, Second Reading of the Marriage Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;—(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 Housing (Rural Workers) Amendment Bill, as amended in the Committee;—(Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.
The Order of the day being read, for the
Committee on the Road Haulage Wages (No. 2)
Bill:
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow,
resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order made upon the 16th day of
this instant May, that the Evidence Bill
[Lords] be committed to a Standing Com-
mittee was read and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a
Committee of the whole House for Friday
next.—(Mr. Henry Strauss.)

Adjournment. A Motion was made, and the Question being
proposed, That this House do now adjourn—
(Captain Margesson);
And it being Eleven of the clock, the Motion
for the Adjournment of the House lapsed,
without Question put.

Adjournment. Resolved, That this House do now adjourn—
(Captain Margesson);
And accordingly the House, having con-
tinued to sit till 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.

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In pursuance of Standing Order No. 80 (4),
I hereby nominate Sir Malcolm Barclay-Harvey
Chairman of the Standing Committee on
Scottish Bills in respect of the Nursing Homes
Registration (Scotland) Bill.

E. A. FitzRoy,
Speaker.

18th May 1938.

[No. 114.]

Thursday, 19th May 1938.

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 County of Stafford (Stafford Division), in the room of The Right Honourable William George Arthur Ormsby-Gore, now Lord Harlech, called up to the House of Peers.—(Captain Margesson.)

The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the Gateshead and District
Tramways and Trolley Vehicles Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Thursday next.

Captain Austin Hudson presented a Bill to Pier and
Harbour Provisional Order (Clacton-on-Sea) Bill.

Bill 152.

Mr. Butler presented, by His Majesty's Refrigeration
Command,—Copy of International Agreement
modifying the International Convention of 21st
June 1929 for the establishment of an interna-
tional institute of Refrigeration. Paris, 31st
May 1937. [The Agreement has not been ratified by His Majesty.]

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Burgis presented, pursuant to the Light
directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy
of Report of the Proceedings of the Ministry of
Transport under the Light Railways Acts and 1921.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Captain Wallace presented, pursuant to the Light
directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account
of the Commissioners for the Reduction of the
National Debt, showing the amount issued from the Exchequer and applied in the year ended 31st March 1938, in respect of the Old
Sinking Fund and of the New Sinking Fund
(1928).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Resolved, That an humble Address be pre-
sented to His Majesty, that he will be graciously
pleased to give directions that there be laid before this House a Return showing the number of offences relating to motor vehicles in England and Wales, together with the results of the proceedings in courts of summary jurisdiction, and the number of persons cautioned or prosecuted for such offences during the year ended the 31st day of December
1937 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper,
No. 120, of Session 1936-37).—(Mr. Lloyd.)

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Marriages
Committee on Unopposed Bills: That they had considered the Order contained in the
Marriages Provisional Order Bill; that they were of opinion that the said Order ought to be
confirmed; and that they had gone through the Bill and directed him to report the same
without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time
to-morrow.
The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills: That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Herring Industry Bill, and found them to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, and the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Report be printed.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills: That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Derwent Valley Water Board Bill, and found them to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, and the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Report be printed.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills: That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the London County Council (Money) Bill, and found them to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, and the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Report be printed.

Major Mills reported from the Committee on Group G of Private Bills: That, for the convenience of parties, the Committee had adjourned till Tuesday next, at Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Increase of Rent and Mortgage Interest (Restrictions) Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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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 House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Patents, &c. (International Conventions) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 5, l. 13, by leaving out the word "After," and inserting the word "For;"

—(Mr. Alexander).—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the word "After" stand part of the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed, 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. Furness reported from the Committee on Air Navigation (Financial Provisions) [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to increase the maximum amount which may be paid annually by way of subsidies under section one of the Air Navigation Act, 1936, and to make provision with respect to the remuneration and expenses of, and the fees received by, any licensing authority which may be constituted under section five of that Act, it is expedient to authorise—

(1) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament—

(a) of the amounts necessary to defray such expenses of the Secretary of State as are attributable to any provisions of the said Act of the present Session increasing to three million pounds the sum which the aggregate amount of the subsidies payable under all agreements made in pursuance of section one of the Air Navigation Act, 1936, and in pursuance of the Air Transport (Subsidy Agreements) Act, 1936, must not exceed in any financial year;

(b) of such remuneration to the members of any licensing authority constituted by an Order in Council under section five of the Air Navigation Act, 1936, as may be approved by the Treasury; and

(c) of the amounts necessary to defray such expenses of any licensing authority constituted by an Order in Council under the said section five as may be approved by the Treasury; and

(2) the payment into the Exchequer of any amount received by way of fees by such a licensing authority as aforesaid and paid by that authority to the Secretary of State.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee of Supply:

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means 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 Air Committee on the Air Navigation (Financial Provisions) Bill:

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Imperial Second Reading of the Imperial Telegraphs Bill; Telegraphs Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Finance Bill. Second Reading of the Finance Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Marriage Second Reading of the Marriage (Scotland) Bill; (Scotland) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Criminal Procedure Procedure (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 Housing into consideration the Housing (Rural Workers) (Amendment) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.
PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the London and North Eastern Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Southern Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Marriages Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Secretary Colville presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Scheme entitled the Perth and Kinross Educational Trust Scheme, 1936.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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Sir David Reid reported from the Committee on Group E of Private Bills : That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Brighton Corporation (Transport) 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.

Sir David Reid further reported from the Committee: That they had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders, and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, and the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Report be printed.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Children and Young Persons Bill (changed from "Children and Young Persons Act (1933) Amendment " Children and Young Persons Bill"), as amended in the Standing Committee. And Amendments were made to the Bill, (1933) Amendment 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 Leasehold Property (Repairs) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Temporary provisions).—(Mr. Errington.)

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 Motion and Clause were, severally, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, resolved to take into consideration the Children and Young Persons Bill (changed from "Children and Young Persons Act (1933) Amendment " Children and Young Persons Bill"), as amended in the Standing Committee. And Amendments were made to the Bill, (1933) Amendment time.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third Bill ").

Ordered, That the Report be printed.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Children and Young Persons Act (1933) Amendment, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Temporary provisions).—(Mr. Errington.)

And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the said Clause be read a second time:—The said Motion and Clause were, severally, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

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 to take into consideration the Leasehold Property (Repairs) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Temporary provisions).—(Mr. Errington.)

And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the said Clause be read a second time:—The said Motion and Clause were, severally, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

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 to take into consideration the Children and Young Persons Bill (changed from "Children and Young Persons Act (1933) Amendment " Children and Young Persons Bill"), as amended in the Standing Committee. And Amendments were made to the Bill, (1933) Amendment time.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third Bill ").

Ordered, That the Report be printed.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Leasehold Property (Repairs) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Temporary provisions).—(Mr. Errington.)

And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the said Clause be read a second time:—The said Motion and Clause were, severally, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

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 to take into consideration the Leasehold Property (Repairs) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Temporary provisions).—(Mr. Errington.)

And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the said Clause be read a second time:—The said Motion and Clause were, severally, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

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 to take into consideration the Leasehold Property (Repairs) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Temporary provisions).—(Mr. Errington.)

And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the said Clause be read a second time:—The said Motion and Clause were, severally, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.
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The 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.

Adjournment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Captain Moresman);

And, it being Four of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.

Supply.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, without Question put, pursuant to Standing Order No. 2, it being then one minute after Four of the clock, till Monday next.

[No. 116.]

Monday, 23rd May 1938.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Blackpool Improvement Bill.

THE House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lord to the Blackpool Improvement Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Redcar Corporation Bill.

A Motion being made, That the Redcar Corporation Bill be now read the third time;

The Chairman of Ways and Means, by His Majesty’s Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives His Consent, as far as His Majesty’s interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the London County Council (Tunnel and Improvement) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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Mr. Ernest Brown presented, pursuant to Unemployment Insurance Act, 1938, to empower the parties to proceed with [Lords.] the Bill.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. William Morrison presented, pursuant to Trade Boards (Baking) Act, 1938, to empower the parties to proceed with [Lords.] the Bill.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare presented,—Offences relative to Offences relating to Motor Vehicles, 1938, to empower the parties to proceed with [Lords.] the Bill.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Standing Select Committee on Standing Orders, a Resolution; which was read as followeth:—

That, in the case of the Stanmore Unused Stanmore Burial Ground [Lords.], Petition for Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with as to the parties to be permitted to proceed with [Lords.] their Bill.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have passed a Bill intitled An Surrey Act to empower the Surrey County Council to purchase lands compulsorily; to confirm bill [Lords.] an agreement between the said County Council and the Carshalton Urban District Council; to empower the said Urban District Council
The Lords have passed a Bill, intitled An Amendment Act to change the name of the Sheffield Gas Company; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intitled An Amendment Act to enlarge the powers of the Mayor Aldermen and Citizens of the City of Chichester in regard to Chichester Harbour; to confer further powers upon the said Mayor Aldermen and Citizens with reference to their electricity and water undertakings; to make further and better provision for the health local government finance and improvement of the City; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the (Mr. John,
Yea, Mr. Groves :
Noes, Colonel Kerr,
Major Herbert :
)

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So it passed in the Negative.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question by leaving out from the word "That," to the end of the Question, and adding the words "this House, whilst recognising, as a supplement to the erection of new houses, the advisability of improving existing houses in rural areas where practicable, cannot assent to the Third Reading of a Bill which fails to provide that all the houses so repaired will approximate to modern standards,"—(Mr. Greenwood),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question;

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the (Colonel Kerr,
Yea, Major Harris Watt :
Noes, Mr. Charleton :
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So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Increase of Rent and Mortgage Interest (Restrictions) Bill; and the same was twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendment made by their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Air Navigation (Financial Provisions) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Increase of subsidies for air transport).

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. Montague.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Mr. John,
Yea, Mr. Whiteley :
Noes, Captain Hope,
Sir James Edmondson :
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Original Question again proposed.

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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 Private Bills [Lords.] 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, with, which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:

West Thurrock Estate Bill [Lords.]
Wear Navigation and Sunderland Dock Bill [Lords.]
Nottingham Corporation Bill [Lords.]
Stockton-on-Tees Corporation Bill [Lords.]
Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

The House, without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then twenty minutes before Twelve of the clock, till to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 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 twenty minutes before Twelve of the clock, till to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Bills be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

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Captain Austin Hudson presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order made by the Minister of Transport, under the General Pier and Harbour Act, 1861, relating to Plymouth: 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 Gretton reported from the Committee of Selection: That they had nominated the following Three Members to serve on the Select Committee on the Welsh Church (Amendment) Bill:—Major Colfax, Sir George Davies, and Mr. Grenfell.

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 Bournemouth Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill, without any Amendment.

Mr. Elliot, supported by Mr. Attorney-General and Mr. Berney, presented a Bill to extend by one month the time within which the Board of Control are required by section eleven of the Mental Deficiency Act, 1913, to determine whether orders made under that Act are to be continued; and to validate orders purporting to have been continued under that section: 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 an official Bill to amend section six of the Official Secrets Acts, 1920: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Foot accordingly presented a Bill to official amend section six of the Official Secrets Acts, 1920: 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, [2nd allotted Day.] (In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates, 1938.

Class VI.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £211,444 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 1939 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.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a sum not exceeding £211,314 be granted for the said Service.—(Mr. Grenfell.)
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the (Mr. John),
Yea, Mr. Adamson: 129.
Tellers for the (Mr. Grimston),
Nooe, Mr. Munro: 189.
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
to 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 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 Air Navigation (Financial
Provisions) Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Thurs-
day next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving
the Report from the Committee on Herring
Industry (Money);
Ordered, That the Report be received upon
Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Committee on the Herring Industry Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Thurs-
day next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the Imperial Telegraphs Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the Protection of Animals
Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the Street Trading (Regula-
tion) 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
Act (1911) Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the Chimney Sweeper Acts
(Repeal) 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 Access to Mountains
Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the Journalists (Registra-
tion) Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Wednesday the 1st day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the Lands Valuation
(Scotland) 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 Contraceptives (Regu-
lation) 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 Snowball Trading Bill; Trading 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 Jewish Citizenship Bill; Citizenship Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the Small Landholders
Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Advanet Papers (Repeal) Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Secretary of State for Wales and Monmouthshire Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Adjourned Debate on the Amendment (Motor Cars)
which, upon the 11th day of February last,
was proposed to be made to the Question,
that the Elections (Motor Cars) 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
Protection of Animals Acts (Repeal) 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 Access to Mountains
Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the Street Trading (Regula-
tion) 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 Parliamentary Elections (Compulsory Voting) 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 Agricultural Marketing Act (1933) 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 Works Councils 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 Peace Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Merchandise Marks (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 Agricultural Marketing Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Motor Drivers (Signals) 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 Assurance Companies (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 Amendment (Scotland) Bill [Lords]:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Selection (Standing Committees) Standing Committee B, B (in respect of the Local Government (Hours of Poll) Bill) :-Mr. Doland, Mr. Dodd, Mr. Holy Hutchinson, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Lee, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Palmer, Mr. Parker, Sir Stanley Reed, and Mr. Solicitor-General.

Colonel Gretton reported from the Committee of Selection: That they had added the following Ten Members to Standing Committee on Scottish Bills (in respect of the Nursing Homes Regulation (Scotland) Bill) :-Captain Cobb, Mr. De la Bère, Mr. Grant-Ferris, Vol. 193.

Mr. Higgs, Sir George Jones, Mr. Harold Macmillan, Sir Mervyn Manningham-Buller, Mr. Moreing, Sir Arthur Salter, and Mr. Samuel.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—Adjournment, (Captain Margesson.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till thirteen minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 118.]

Wednesday, 25th May 1938.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

P R A Y E R S.

THE House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the East Lothian Water Order Confirmation Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Winterton presented, pursuant to the Merchant directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Shipping

Copies of Orders in Council, dated 6th May 1938—

(1) revoking the Order in Council of 10th November 1936;

(2) declaring that the Government of Brazil has acceded to the Load Line Convention.


Order, 1938.


Copy of Statute made by the Governing Universities Body of Magdalen College, Oxford, on 9th of Oxford and March 1938, amending existing Statutes of the College.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Burgin presented, pursuant to the London directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy


Copy of Special Order in respect of the Electricity compulsory acquisition of servitudes or other (Supply) Acts. rights for overhead main transmission lines in and over certain lands situate at Garscube, in the parish of New Kilpatrick, in the county of Dunbarton.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.
Mr. Stanley presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Standing Committee set up under the Merchandise Marks Act, 1926, respecting Sanitary Ware of Pottery.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders made under the Shops Acts by the Councils of the undermentioned local authorities, and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department:—

1. City of Liverpool;
2. Borough of Wrexham.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Elliot presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copies of Schemes made under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937, by—

1. the Coventry Corporation;
2. the South-West Lancashire Superannuation Joint Committee;
3. the Watford Borough Council;
4. the West Kent Superannuation Joint Committee;
5. the Wolverhampton Town Council.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Infanticide Bill [Lords] was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by Mr. Elliot, Sir Francis Fremantle, and Authorities appointed for the purpose, desiring this House to agree to the Second Reading of the Mental Deficiency Bill; and the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

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. Secretary Colville presented, pursuant to a Resolution of the House of Commons, dated 26th May 1938, a Report from the Select Committee on the Kitchen and Refreshment Rooms (House of Commons), containing the following Recommendation:—

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Bracewell Smith reported from the Select Committee on the Kitchen and Refreshment Rooms (House of Commons), that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble and the First Schedule of the London County Council (General Powers) Bill [Lords], and found the same to be true; and had reported the Bill to the House with Amendments thereunto. Ordered, That the Special Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, that a Message from the Lords had been brought from the Lords by the Lords' Messengers. The Lords have agreed to the Amendments inserted by this House to the Patents, &c. (International Conventions) Bill [Lords], with Amendments; and desire the concurrence of the Lords in and for the passage thereof. The Lords have agreed to the Aldridge Urban District Council Bill, with Amendments; and desire the concurrence of this Council in the Report which they had made to the House: And the Lords desire the concurrence of this Council in the Bill, as amended in the Committee.

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The Deputy Chairman further reported from the
Committee: That they had considered the
several matters required by the Standing
Orders, and had directed him to make a Report
thereof to the House: And the Report was
brought up and read.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the
Committee, and the Report do lie upon the
Table.

Ordered, That the Report be printed.

Cowes Urban
District
Council Bill.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the
Committee on Unopposed Bills: That they
had examined the allegations contained in the
Preamble of the Cowes Urban District Council
Bill, and found the same to be true; and had
gone through the Bill and made Amendments
thereunto.

The Deputy Chairman further reported from the
Committee: That they had considered the
several matters required by the Standing
Orders, and had directed him to make a Report
thereof to the House: And the Report was
brought up and read.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the
Committee, and the Report do lie upon the
Table.

Ordered, That the Report be printed.

Sea Fish
Industry Bill. Lords to the Sea Fish Industry Bill be taken
thereof to the House: And the Report was
brought up and read.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the
Committee on Unopposed Bills be taken
into consideration upon Monday next; and be
printed.

Essential
Commodities
Reserves Bill
Bill 163.

Mr. Stanley, supported by Mr. Chancellor of
the Exchequer, Sir Thomas Inskip, Mr. Secre-
tary Colellle, Mr. William Morrison, and Mr.
Coss, presented a Bill to enable the Board of
Trade to obtain information as to commodities
which in the opinion of the Board would be
necessary for the vital needs of the community
in the event of war and to make provision for
the maintenance of reserves of such com-
modities; and for purposes connected with the
matters aforesaid: And the same was
ordered to be read a second time upon Monday
next; and to be printed.

Finance Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the Finance 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 regards with
concern the continuing policy of unbalanced
Budgets, and cannot assent to the Second
Reading of a Bill which, while permitting
excessive profits on rearmament and subsidies
to private industry to make increasing inroads
on the public purse, penalises road transport
and adds to the already heavy burdens of
people of small means, instead of raising the
necessary revenue from the taxation of great
wealth,"—(Mr. Alexander).—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the
words proposed to be left out stand part of the
Question;

A Message was delivered by Lieutenant-
Royal Assent.

General Sir William Pulteney, G.C.V.O., 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 which are agreed upon
by both Houses, desire the immediate attend-
ance of this Honourable House in the House of
Peers, to hear the Commission read.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House,
went up to the House of Peers:—And having
returned;

Mr. Speaker reported, That the House, at
the desire of the Lords authorised by virtue
of His Majesty's Commission, had been at the
House of Peers, where a Commission under the
Great Seal was read, giving, declaring and
notifying the Royal Assent to the several Acts
therein mentioned; and that the Lords thereby
authorised had declared the Royal Assent to
the said Acts as follow:

1. Increase of Rent and Mortgage Interest
Restrictions) Act, 1938.
2. Workmen's Compensation (Amendment)
Act, 1938.
4. Patents, &c. (International Conventions)
Act, 1938.
5. Poors' Allotment in Hanwell Charity
Scheme Confirmation Act, 1938.
6. Forfar Corporation Water Order Confirma-
tion Act, 1938.
7. Irvine and District Water Board Order
Confirmation Act, 1938.
8. Bournemouth Corporation (Trolley Ve-
hicles) Order Confirmation Act, 1938.

And the Question being again proposed, Finance Bill.

That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:

And the Question being put;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right:
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the (Colonel Kerr, Yeas,
Mr. Grimston : 250.
Mr. Adamson, Noes,
Mr. Anderson : 122.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
The Bill was read a second time, and
committed to a Committee of the whole
House for Monday next.

Mr. Secretary Colelille reported from the Herring
Industry Committee on Herring Industry [Money], a
Industry Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the
present Session to amend the Herring Industry
Act, 1935, to authorise the giving of further
financial assistance to the Herring Industry
Board and to herring fishermen, and for
purposes connected with the matters aforesaid,
it is expedient—

(a) to authorise the payment out of moneys
provided by Parliament—

(i) in respect of the general adminis-
trative expenses of the Herring In-
dustry Board (including the expenses

26th May. 1938.
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;
Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Herring Industry Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Imperial Telegraph Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Marriage (Scotland) Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Criminal Procedure (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 Road Haulage Wages (No. 2) Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Mental Deficiency Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Divorce and Nullity of Marriage (Scotland) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Tuesday the 14th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Solicitors Amendment (Scotland) Bill [Lords];
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. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House, without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then twenty-eight minutes after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning, till this day.
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[No. 120.]

Friday, 27th May 1938.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Barnsley Borough Writ.

ORDERED, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ for the electing of a member to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough of Barnsley, in the room of John Potts, Esquire, deceased.—(Sir Charles Edwards.)

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Derwent Valley Water Board Bill, as amended in the Committee.

ORDERED That the Bill be read the third time.

London County Council (Money) Bill.

Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, —Copy of Order made under the Shops Acts by the Council of the under-mentioned local authority, and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department:

Borough of Stockton-on-Tees.

ORDERED, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—

Copy of Schedule containing a List and Particulars of certain classes of Documents, existing or accruing in the Office of the Government Actuary, which are not considered of sufficient public value to justify their preservation in the Public Record Office.

Wakefield Corporation Bill [Lords.]

Sir Richard Meller reported from the Committee on Group J of Private Bills: That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Wakefield Corporation Bill [Lords], and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Sir Richard Meller further reported from the Committee: That they had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders, and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

ORDERED, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, and the Report do lie upon the Table.

ORDERED, That the Report be printed.

Road Haulage Wages (No. 2) Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Road Haulage Wages (No. 2) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Constitution of Central Board and of area boards).

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 20, at the end, to insert the words,—

“Provided also that workers employed upon road haulage work by railway companies shall enjoy remuneration and conditions of service not less favourable than other workers employed upon road haulage work.”—(Colonel Sandeman Allen.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 31, at the end, to add the words,—

“The constitution of each such new area shall be such as to provide from each area so combined representation not less effective than it obtained before combination.”—(Mr. Herbert Williams.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 37, after the word “ workers,” to insert the words “ in any district.”—(Colonel Sandeman Allen.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 10, to leave out the words “ transmit a draft of its proposals to,” and insert the words “ receive proposals from.”—(Mr. Graham White.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 9, to leave out from the word “ employers,” to the end of the Clause.—(Colonel Sandeman Allen.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (Functions of Central Board and of area boards).

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 37, after the word “ workers,” to insert the words “ in any district.”—(Colonel Sandeman Allen.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 10, to leave out the words “ transmit a draft of its proposals to,” and insert the words “ receive proposals from.”—(Mr. Graham White.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 9, to leave out from the word “ employers,” to the end of the Clause.—(Colonel Sandeman Allen.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 3 agreed to.

Clause No. 4 (Power to refer questions as to unfair wages).

Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 20, to leave out from the word “ member,” to the word “ considers,” in l. 23.—(Mr. Herbert Williams.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 23, after the word “ work,” to insert the words “ or an organisation of employers.”—(Colonel Sandeman Allen.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 5 (Power of Industrial Court to fix statutory remuneration).

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 8, l. 37, after the word “ employer,” to insert the words “ or any organisation of employers of which the employer is a member.”—(Mr. Herbert Williams.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clause No. 6 (Duty to pay statutory remuneration).

Amendment proposed, in p. 9, l. 29, after the word “fund,” to insert the words “or any appropriate voluntary deductions made by an employer in response to a request in writing signed by the worker concerned.”—(Colonel Sandeman Allen.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 7 (Remedies for default).

Amendment proposed, in p. 10, l. 21, to leave out subsection (2).—(Mr. Herbert Williams.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 8 agreed to.

Clause No. 9 (Persons working under arrangements to be deemed to be employed).

Amendment proposed, in p. 11, l. 34, after the word “road,” to insert the words “to whom Part I of this Act applies.”—(Colonel Sandeman Allen.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 10 (Duty of employers to keep records).

Amendment proposed, in p. 12, l. 3, to leave out subsection (1), and insert the words,—

“(1) It shall be the duty of every employer to keep such records as are necessary to show the wages paid as respects all workers engaged on road haulage work.”—(Colonel Sandeman Allen.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 11 (Appointment and powers of officers).

Amendment proposed, in p. 13, l. 1, to leave out from the word “thereof,” to the word “and,” in l. 3.—(Colonel Sandeman Allen.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses No. 12 to No. 17 agreed to.

First Schedule.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 17, l. 8, at the end, to insert the words “who shall not be members of the area boards.”—(Mr. Herbert Williams.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 17, l. 10, after the word “boards,” to insert the words “after nomination by such boards.”—(Mr. Graham White).

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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.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply:

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means:

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Owen Evans, Mr. Morgan Jones, Mr. Arthur Reed, and Mr. Selley were nominated Members of the Select Committee on the Welsh Church (Amendment) Bill [Lords].—(Mr. James Stuart.)

Whereupon Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House, without Question put, pursuant to Standing Order No. 2, it being then eleven minutes before Two of the clock, till Monday next.

[No. 121.]

Monday, 30th May 1938.

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 Aldridge Urban District Council Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Birnham Gas and Electricity Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the London and North Eastern Railway Bill, and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

A Motion being made, That the London and North Eastern Railway Bill be now read the third time;

The Chairman of Ways and Means, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives His Consent, as far as His Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

A Motion being made, That the London County Council (Tunnel and Improvements) Bill be now read the third time;

The Chairman of Ways and Means, 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 Royal Sheffield Infirmary and Hospital Royal 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 Brighton Corporation (Transport) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Lee Conservancy Catchment Board Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Nottingham Corporation Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.
The Stockton-on-Tees Corporation Bill [Lords.] was read a second time, and committed.

The Wear Navigation and Sunderland Dock Bill [Lords.] was read a second time, and committed.

The West Thurrock Estate Bill [Lords.] was read a second time, and committed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Gateshead and District Tramways and Trolley Vehicles Bill [Lords.];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.


Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Colonel Muirhead presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Indian Finance Act, 1938, passed under the procedure prescribed by Section 97a (2) of the Ninth Schedule to the Government of India Act, 1935.

Copy of Finance and Revenue Accounts of the Government of India for 1936–37.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relative to East India (Finance Act, 1938) be printed.

Mr. Stanley presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Sixth Report of the Tramp Shipping Administrative Committee.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Duff Cooper presented, by His Majesty’s Command.—Estimate of the further Sum required to be voted for the Navy for the year ending 31st March 1939.

Ordered, That the said Estimate be referred to the Committee of Supply; and be printed.

Mr. Secretary Colville presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 27th May 1938, entitled the Rent Restrictions (Scotland) Regulations, 1938.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, at this day’s Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House)—(The Prime Minister); The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. James Stuart, Captain Dundale; Mr. Major Herbert, Captain Dugdale.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Groves, Mr. Adamson.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question ;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Captain Dugdale, Major Herbert; Mr. John, Mr. Adamson.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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 regrets that, under the Imperial Telegraphs Act, 1929, public utility was sacrificed to private gain by the disposal of valuable State undertakings to private interests, regards the continuation and development of this policy by the proposal to alienate the freehold of the beam wireless stations as directly contrary to the national interest, and is of opinion that the arrangements now proposed and the financial basis of the scheme are wholly unsatisfactory.”—(Mr. Lees-Smith), 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, Captain Dugdale, Major Herbert.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John, Mr. Adamson.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being put, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for to-morrow.—(Captain Margesson.)

Secretary Lord Stanley, by His Majesty’s Imperial Command, acquainted the House that His Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of the Motion relating to Imperial Telegraphs [Money], proposed to be moved, under Standing Order No. 69, in Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Then the House, pursuant to Standing Order No. 69, resolved itself into Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Motion made, and Question put, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to enable the Treasury and the Postmaster-General to carry out certain arrangements made by His Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom with Cable and Wireless, Limited, and in connection with those arrangements to amend the law with respect to the calculation of the Post Office net surplus, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the payment into the Exchequer of any dividends or other sums received by the Treasury in respect of any shares in Cable and Wireless, Limited, accepted by the Treasury under such arrangements;

(b) the waiver by the Postmaster-General of a claim against Cable and Wireless, Limited, in respect of a right conceded to that company to operate a wireless telegraph service with Kenya.

(c) the payment out of the Consolidated Fund of such sums as may become payable.
therefrom under section thirty-nine of the Finance Act, 1933, into the Post Office Fund by reason of the inclusion for the purpose of the statement required to be made under section thirty-eight of the Finance Act, 1933, in the revenue of the Post Office of a sum calculated at the rate of one hundred and fifty thousand pounds per annum.

—(Secretary Lord Stanley.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Captain Dugdale, Yeas, (Major Herbert :
Mr. Groves, Noes, (Mr. Whiteley :
183.
109.
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.

Mental Deficiency Bill.

The Mental Deficiency 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.—(Major Hume Watt.)

Sea Fish Industry Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Sea Fish Industry Bill.

The Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 13, l. 27, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment, in p. 13, l. 27, leave out from (" licence "), to the first (" to "), in l. 30, the next Amendment, being read a second time;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. William Morrison);

The House divided.
The Yeas, (Mr. Mann : 131.
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the (Mr. Furness : (Mr. Adamson :
85.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the remaining Lords Amendments, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Supply.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

Reseolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Essential Commodities Reserves Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Finance Bill Committee on the Finance Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Air Navigation (Financial Provisions) Bill;

Resolved, That the Lords Bill was, according to Order, read a second time;

The Order of the day being read, for the Marriage Second Reading of the Marriage (Scotland) Bill; (Scotland) Bill

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Criminal into consideration the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Resolved, That the draft of a Special Order Gas proposed to be made by the Board of Trade, Undertakings Acts, 1920 to 1934, on the application of the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the borough of Walsall, which was presented on the 4th day of April and published, be approved.—(Mr. Cross.)

Resolved, That the draft of a Special Order Gas proposed to be made by the Board of Trade, Undertakings Acts, 1920 to 1934, on the application of the Portsmouth and Gosport Gas Company, which was presented on the 12th day of April and published, be approved.—(Mr. Cross.)

Resolved, That the draft of a Special Order Gas proposed to be made by the Board of Trade, Undertakings Acts, 1920 to 1934, on the application of the Portmouth and Gosport Gas Company, which was presented on the 3rd day of May and published, be approved.—(Mr. Cross.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment, proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Furness);

And, it being Eleven of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—Adjournment. (Captain Margeson.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
Tuesday, 31st May 1938.

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.:

Surrey County Council Bill [Lords].
Sheffield Gas Bill [Lords].
Harwich Harbour Bill [Lords].
Chichester Corporation Bill [Lords].
Warrington Corporation Water 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, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz.:

Pier and Harbour Provisional Order (Clacton-on-Sea) Bill.
Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Cholmondeley and District Water) 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, no Standing Orders are applicable, viz.:

Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Torquay) Bill.
Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Calne Water) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time to-morrow.

The Derwent Valley 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.

Mr. Secretary Coleville presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order made by the Minister of Transport under the West Hartlepool Corporation Act, 1923, relating to West Hartlepool Corporation Trolley Vehicles : And the same was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Orders of the Day.

Mr. Stanley presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Agreement with the Government of the Turkish Republic, dated 27th May 1938, relating to Guarantees in connection with the Export to Turkey of Goods Manufactured in the United Kingdom.

Mr. Stanley also presented, pursuant to the Standing Orders, directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order in Council, entitled the Mercantile Marks (Imported Goods) No. 3 Order, 1938, relating to Sporting Cartridge Cases.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Earl Winterton presented, pursuant to the Standing Orders, directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Statute made by the Government of the Turkish Republic, entitled the West African Court of Arbitration (Further Amendment) Order in Council, 1938.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Sir Francis Fremantle reported from the Food and Drugs Bill Committee of the House of Lords, and from a Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Commons, a Bill to regulate the importation of Drugs, and to prevent the sale of Drugs in an improper state of preparation, or for improper use, or for the purpose of excitation, to be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Order made upon the 22nd day of March last, that the Public Meeting Act (1908) Amendment Bill be committed to a Standing Committee, was read and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Radcliffe Corporation Bill, with Amendments; to which Bill, the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Romford Gas Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.
The Lords have agreed to the Amendment made by this House to the West Surrey Water Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to consolidate the Shropshire Worcestershire and Staffordshire Electric Power Acts and Orders 1903 to 1933; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to authorise the Lord Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the City of Bristol to execute works and to acquire lands; to alter the limits of the Port and Harbour of Bristol and to constitute the Corporation a local lighthouse authority; to confer further powers upon the Corporation and to make further and better provision for the health local government improvement and finance of the City; to authorise the use of certain lands in the City as burial grounds; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Shropshire Worcestershire and Staffordshire Electric Power Acts (Consolidation) Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Bristol Corporation Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Middlesex County Council (General Powers) Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Major Mills reported from the Committee on Group G of Private Bills: That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Rickmansworth and Uxbridge Valley Water Bill [Lords], 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 Bill, as amended in the Committee, do lie upon the Table.

Sir Malcolm Barclay-Harvey reported from the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills: That they had gone through the Nursing Homes Registration (Scotland) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Thursday the 16th day of June next; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

Mr. Shakespeare, supported by Colonel Naval Discipline (Amendment) Bill, presented a Bill to provide for subjects dealing with naval discipline certain persons who engage with the Admiralty to serve His Majesty in ships and agree to become subject to the Naval Discipline Act; and for purposes connected with the matter aforesaid: 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 Business of the day put, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House)—(The Prime Minister);

The House divided. 

The Yeas to the Right; 

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Captain Hope, Yeas, Captain Dougdale: ] 247. 

Tellers for the [Mr. Groves, Noes, Mr. Adamson: ] 117.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

A Motion was made, and the Question being House of Lords Question put 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. 10;

The House divided. 

The Yeas to the Right; 

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mrs. Tate, Yeas, Commander Bower: ] 210. 

Tellers for the [Mr. Tomlinson, Noes, Mr. Ellis Smith: ] 116.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That Mrs. Tate, Mr. Guinnanea, Sir Joseph Lumb, Mr. Turton, Mr. Greenall, Mr. Holderness, Mr. Alan Herbert, Mr. Bosson, Mr. Tree, Sir Arnold Wilson, Sir Derrick Gunston, and Brigadier-General Clifton Brown do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Mrs. Tate accordingly presented a Bill to House of Commons to restrict the demolition of rural cottages certified as reconditioned or subject to reconditioning, in order to amend the Housing Act, 1936, and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid.—(Mrs. Tate.)

And the Motion being opposed, after a brief Question put, the Committee on the Air Navigation (Financial Provisions) Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved Air Navigation (Financial Provisions) Bill 170.

The same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved Air Navigation (Financial Provisions) Bill.

Clause No. 1 (Increase of subsidies for air transport).

Question again proposed, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

Question put.
The Committee divided.

(b) the waiver by the Postmaster-General of a claim against Cable and Wireless, Limited, in respect of a right conceded to that company to operate a wireless telegraph service with Kenya;

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.

(c) the payment out of the Consolidated Fund of such sums as may become payable therefrom under section thirty-nine of the Finance Act, 1933, into the Post Office Fund by reason of the inclusion for the purpose of the statement required to be made under section thirty-eight of the Finance Act, 1933, in the revenue of the Post Office of a sum calculated at the rate of one hundred and fifty thousand pounds per annum.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Imperial Telegraphs Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Mental Deficiency Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Essential Commodities Reserves Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Finance Committee on the Finance Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Marriage (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Criminal Procedure Procedure into consideration the Criminal Procedure (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 Official Secrets Acts (Amendment) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 14th day of this instant June.

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 Yeas divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Grimston; Mr. Anderson.

Tellers for the Noes, Captain Dagdale; Mr. Mathers.

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. FrizzRoy, Speaker).

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time and passed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Herring Industry Bill:

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Colonel Kerr reported from the Committee on Imperial Telegraphs (Money), a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to enable the Treasury and the Postmaster-General to carry out certain arrangements made by His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom with Cable and Wireless, Limited, and in connection with those arrangements to amend the law with respect to the calculation of the Post Office net surplus, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the payment into the Exchequer of any dividends or other sums received by the Treasury in respect of any shares in Cable and Wireless, Limited, accepted by the Treasury under such arrangements;

(b) the payment of any dividend or other sum paid by the Treasury into the Exchequer for assisting certain undertakings).

(Colonel Ropner),—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time.

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Question put, and negatived.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read the third time;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Sir James Edmondson; Mr. Anderson.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Mathers; Mr. Anderson.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Mr. Speaker's Certificate.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence (the Bill having been endorsed by Mr. Speaker with the following Certificate:—

I hereby certify that this Bill is a Money Bill within the meaning of the Parliament Act, 1911.

E. A. FrizzRoy, Speaker).

Herring Industry Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Herring Industry Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Imperial Telegraphs (Money.)

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time and passed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Imperial Telegraphs Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Essential Commodities Reserves Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Marriage (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Criminal Procedure Procedure into consideration the Criminal Procedure (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 Official Secrets Acts (Amendment) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 14th day of this instant June.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Parliamentary Elections (Compulsory Voting) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 14th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Agricultural Marketing Bill (1933) Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 14th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Agricultural Marketing Bill (Amendment) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 14th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Merchandise Marks (Amendment) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 14th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Assurance Companies (Amendment) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 14th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Solicitors Amendment Amendment Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 14th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Health (Compulsory Coal Mine Refuse) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 14th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Betting and Bookmakers Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 14th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Secretary of State for Wales and Monmouthshire Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 14th day of this instant June.

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Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 14th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Protection of Animals Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 14th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Access to Mountains Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 14th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Street Trading (Regulation) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 14th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Solicitors Amendment Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 14th day of this instant June.
2 Geo. VI.

31st May—1st June.

The Infanticide Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Authorities and Local Government Officers (Joint Councils) (No. 2) Bill; 

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday the 14th day of this instant June.

And it being after half-past Eleven of the clock on Tuesday evening, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then twenty-eight minutes before One of the clock on Wednesday morning, till this day.

[No. 123.]

Wednesday, 1st June 1938.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE Vice-Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, That their Address of the 18th day of May last relative to Air Navigation Act, 1936 (Air Navigation (Licensing of Public Transport) Order) 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 the Air Navigation (Licensing of Public Transport) Order, 1938, be made in the terms of the draft laid before Parliament.

I will comply with your request.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Bangor 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 Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Torquay) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The Pier and Harbour Provisional Order (Torquay) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

Mr. Butler presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Agreement between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Turkish Republic, supplementary to the Agreement of 2nd September 1936, regarding Trade and Clearing with agreed Minute. London, 27th May 1938.

Copy of Agreement between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Turkish Republic regarding an Armaments Credit for Turkey. London, 27th May 1938. [The Agreement has not been ratified by His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom.]

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Stanley presented, pursuant to the Merchant Seamen's Fund.

Mr. Secretary Colville presented, pursuant to Milk Acts, directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Arrangements for increasing the demand for Milk by the supply thereof at reduced prices in schools within the area of the Scottish Milk Marketing Scheme, 1933.

Copies of Regulations, dated 24th May 1938, Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1929, entitled—

(1) the Local Government (Adjustment of Gains and Losses in Separately Rated County Areas) Regulations (Scotland), 1938; (2) the Local Government (Adjustment of Losses in Separately Rated Large Burgh Areas) Regulations (Scotland), 1938; (3) the Local Government (Application of Compensation for Loss of Special Rates) Regulations (Scotland), 1938.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Captain Wallace presented, pursuant to the Public directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy Accounts of Treasury Minute, dated 31st May 1938, made under the Public Accounts and Charges Act, 1929, directing the application of certain Receipts as Appropriations in Aid of the Votes for the Home Office and for the Law Charges and Courts of Law, Scotland, respectively.


Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.
Air Force Reserve.

Secretary Sir Kingsley Wood presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order, dated 7th May 1938, amending in certain respects His Majesty's Order, dated 21st January 1937, as amended by subsequent Orders, providing for the government, discipline, and pay of the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of Standing Committee B on the Public Meeting Act (1908) Amendment Bill be laid before this House.—(Mr. Gordon Macdonald.)

Mr. Lewis reported from the Committee on Group H of Private Bills: That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Plymouth Extension Bill [Lords], and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Mr. Lewis further reported from the Committee: That they had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders, and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, and the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Report be printed.

Mr. Roland Robinson, supported by Major Braithwaite, Mr. Channon, Mr. Loftus, Mr. Harbord, Mr. Haslam, Mr. Holmes, and Mr. Ross Taylor, presented a Bill to amend the Shops (Sunday Trading Restriction) Act, 1936, in respect of holiday resorts: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 22nd day of this instant June; and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

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 Second Reading of the Naval Discipline (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 Naval Discipline (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 Naval Discipline (Amendment) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 28th day of this instant June.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 14th day of this instant June.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon the 14th day of this instant June.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 28th day of this instant June.

A Motion being made, and the Question adjournment being proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Captain Marksman);

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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In pursuance of Standing Order No. 80 (4), I hereby nominate Sir Hugh O'Neill Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Administration of Justice (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill [Lords].

E. A. FitzRoy,
Speaker.

1st June 1938.
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[No. 124.]

Thursday, 2nd June 1938.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The Brighton Corporation (Transport) Bill was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Lee Conservancy Catchment 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 Gateshead and District Tramways and Trolley Vehicles Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

Mr. William Morrison presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order made by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries under Part III of the Land Drainage Act, 1930, relating to Louth Drainage 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.

A Public Petition was presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Butler presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of International Agreement for the Regulation of Whaling. London, 8th June 1937. [Ratifications of His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and of the Government of Eire deposited on 29th October 1937 and 7th May 1938, respectively.]

Copy of Correspondence with the Mexican Government regarding the Expropriation of Oil Properties in Mexico. Mexico, 8th April to 20th May 1938.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Cadville presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,— Copies of Reports as to the Statistics and state of the Finances of the Universities of Aberdeen, Edinburgh, Glasgow, and St. Andrews for 1936-37, made to the Secretary of State under the provisions of the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Stanley presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,— Copies of Drafts of Special Orders proposed to be made under the Gas Undertakings Acts, on the application of—

(1) the Reading Gas Company;

(2) the Tottenham and District Gas Company.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare presented, by Public His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis for 1937.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—

Return to an Order dated the 1st day of this Public instant June for the Minutes of the Proceedings of Standing Committee B on the Public Amendment Meeting Act (1908) Amendment Bill.

No. 127.

The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were also laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—

Copy of Schedule containing a list and particulars of documents existing in the Western Command of the War Office, which are not considered of sufficient public value to justify their preservation in the Public Record Office.

Copy of Liverpool City Churches Act, 1897 (Amendment) Measure, 1938, passed by the National Assembly of the Church of England.

No. 128.

Copy of Seventy-fourth Report of the Church of Ecclesiastical Committee, being a Report on the Liverpool City Churches Act, 1897 (Amendment) Measure, 1938.

No. 129.

Copy of Parsonages Measure, 1938, passed Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act, 1919.

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No. 131.

Copy of Faculty Jurisdiction Measure, 1938, Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act, 1919.

No. 132.

Copy of Seventy-sixth Report of the Ecclesiastical Committee, being a Report on the Faculty Jurisdiction Measure, 1938.

No. 133.

Copy of Ecclesiastical Commissioners (Powers) Measure, 1928, passed by the National Assembly of the Church of England.

No. 134.

Copy of Ecclesiastical Commissioners (Powers) Measure, 1938.

No. 135.

Ordered, That the said Minutes and the Papers relative to Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act, 1919, be printed.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills: That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Workington Corporation Bill and amended the same so as to make it
consistent with the facts as proved by the evidence adduced, and found the same as amended to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

The Deputy Chairman further reported from the Committee: That they had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders, and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, and the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Report be printed.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills: That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Gateshead Corporation Bill (Sewerage) Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the facts as proved by the evidence adduced, and found the same as amended to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

The Deputy Chairman further reported from the Committee: That they had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders, and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, and the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Report be printed.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills: That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Gateshead Corporation Bill [Lords]; and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

The Deputy Chairman further reported from the Committee: That they had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders, and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, and the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Report be printed.

Colonel Gretton reported from the Committee of Selection: That they had added the following Ten Members to Standing Committee C (in respect of the Administration of Justice (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill [Lords]):—Mr. Attorney-General, Mr. Benson, Mr. Clement Davies, Sir Geoffrey Ellis, Mr. Lyons, Mr. Pickthorn, Mr. Silverman, Mr. Solicitor-General, Mr. Henry Strauss, and Mr. Tomlinson.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Scottish Land Court Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Royal Sheffield Infirmary and Hospital Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

Sir Cyril Entwistle reported from Standing Committee C: That they had gone through the Bacon Industry Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Tuesday the 14th day of this instant June; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings No. 136. of the Committee be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House)—(The Prime Minister); The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left;

Tellers for the Yeas: Mr. Mauro ;
Mr. Groves,
Mr. Mathers ;

Tellers for the Noes: Mr. Dugdale ;
Mr. Burns,
Mr. Speaker.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Essential Commodities Reserves Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords authorised by virtue of His Majesty's Commission, for declaring His Royal Assent to Acts which are agreed upon by both Houses, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers:—And having returned;

Mr. Speaker reported, That the House, at the desire of the Lords authorised by virtue of His Majesty's Commission, had been at the House of Peers, where a Commission under the Great Seal was read, giving, declaring, and notifying the Royal Assent to the several Acts therein mentioned; and that the Lords thereby authorised had declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts as follow:

2. Scottish Land Court Act, 1938.
4. Royal Sheffield Infirmary and Hospital Act, 1938.
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Herring Industry Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Reconstitution of Herring Industry Board).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 18, after the word "person," to insert the words "shall have had wide business and administrative experience, and".—(Mr. Henderson Stewart.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (Herring Industry Advisory Council).

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 7, after the word "functions," to insert the words "and of making such recommendations as may be deemed practicable for the improvement of the conditions of persons employed in the industry."—(Mr. Johnson.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 21, to leave out the word "consult," and insert the words "obtain the approval of".—(Mr. Boothby.)

Question proposed, That the word "consult," stand part of the Clause.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 3 agreed to.

Clause No. 4 (Grants for provision of new motor boats).

Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 26, at the end, to add the words,—

"(c) in selecting applications for the giving of grants the Board shall take into account the character, skill, and experience of the applicants and the needs of the locality in which the applicants reside."—(Mr. Henderson Stewart.)

Question, That those words be there added, put, and negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses No. 5 to No. 10 agreed to.

First to Third Schedules agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Tuesday the 14th day of this instant June; and be printed.

Resolved, That the Import Duties (Exemptions) (No. 2) Order, 1938, dated the eleventh day of May, nineteen hundred and thirty-eight, be made by the Treasury under the Import Duties Act, 1932, a copy of which was presented to this House on the said eleventh day of May, nineteen hundred and thirty-eight, be approved.

—(Mr. Cross.)
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Ordered, That Mr. Secretary Coleville be public

discharged from the Committee of Public Accounts.

Accounts, and that Captain Wallace be added to the Committee.—(Mr. James Stuart.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Chimney Sweepers Acts (Repeal) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday the 14th day of this instant June, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Housing Second Reading of the Housing (Rural Cottages Protection) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 15th day of this instant June.

And it being half an hour after Eleven of the clock, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, till to-morrow.

[No. 125.]

Friday, 3rd June 1938.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE House proceeded to take into con-

sideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Crewe Corporation Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into con-

sideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Radcliffe Farnworth and District 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 House proceeded to take into con-

sideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Romford 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 House proceeded to take into con-

sideration the Amendments made by the Cowes Urban District Council Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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.

Imperial Telegraphs Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Imperial Telegraphs Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday the 14th day of this instant June, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mental Deficiency Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Mental Deficiency Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday the 14th day of this instant June, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Finance Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Finance Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday the 14th day of this instant June, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Marriage (Scotland) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Marriage (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 14th day of this instant June.

Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Tuesday the 14th day of this instant June.

Naval Discipline (Amendment) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Naval Discipline (Amendment) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 14th day of this instant June.

Livestock Industry Act, 1932.

Resolved, That the Cattle (Import Regulation) Revocation Order, 1938, dated the eighteenth day of May, nineteen hundred and thirty-eight, made by the Board of Trade under the Livestock Industry Act, 1932, a copy of which was presented to this House on the said eighteenth day of May, nineteen hundred and thirty-eight, be approved.—(Mr. Cross.)

And upon Tuesday the 14th day of this instant June, resolve itself into the said Committee.

THE House proceeded to take into con-

sideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Radcliffe Farnworth and District 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 House proceeded to take into con-

sideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Romford 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 House proceeded to take into con-

sideration the Amendments made by the Cowes Urban District Council Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.
Mr. Elliot presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order of the Minister of Health relating to the district of the Bucks Water Board: And the same was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Mr. Elliot presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order of the Minister of Health relating to the urban district of Church Stretton: 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. Elliot presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order of the Minister of Health relating to the urban district of Church Stretton: 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. Elliot presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order of the Minister of Health relating to the urban district of Cirencester: 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. Elliot presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order of the Minister of Health relating to the Mid-Staffordshire Joint Hospital District: And the same was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Mr. Elliot presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order of the Minister of Health relating to the urban district of Llandrindod Wells: 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. Elliot presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order of the Minister of Health relating to the urban district of Rawmarsh: 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. Elliot presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order of the Minister of Health relating to the urban district of Wash upon Dearne: 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. Ernest Brown presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Draft Regulations, dated 2nd June 1938, entitled the Unemployment Assistance (Winter Adjustments) Regulations, 1938.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

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Secretary Sir Kingsley Wood presented, Air Force (Constitution) Act, 1917.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Resolved, That this House, at its rising Adjournment, this day, do adjourn till Tuesday 14th June. (Whitmonday.)

—(The Prime Minister.)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.

(Captain Margesson.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till Four of the clock, adjourned till Tuesday the 14th day of this instant June, pursuant to the Resolution of the House this day.

Tuesday, 14th June 1938.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report Private Bills from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bills, originating in the Lords, and previously referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz.:

Bristol Corporation Bill [Lords].

Shropshire Worcestershire and Staffordshire Electric Power (Consolidation) Bill [Lords].

Middlesex County Council (General Powers) 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, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz.:

Pier and Harbour Provisional Order (Plymouth) Bill.

Ipswich Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill.

Newcastle-upon-Tyne Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order 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, no Standing Orders are applicable, viz.:—

West Midlands Joint Electricity Authority Provisional Order Bill
Dumbarton Burgh (Water) Order Confirmation Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time to-morrow.

The Lee Conservancy 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 Rickmansworth and Uxbridge Valley Water Bill [Lords.], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Worthington Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Chichester Corporation Bill [Lords.] was read a second time, and committed.

The Harwich Harbour Bill [Lords.] was read a second time, and committed.

The Sheffield Gas Bill [Lords.] was read a second time, and committed.

Ordered, That the Surrey County Council Bill [Lords] be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Warrington Corporation Water Bill [Lords.] was read a second time, and committed.

The following Papers, presented by His Majesty’s Command during the Whitsuntide Adjournment, were delivered to the Librarian of the House of Commons during the Adjournment, pursuant to Standing Order No. 93:—

Copy of Papers relating to the British War Debt, June 1938.

Copy of Third Annual Report of the Herring Industry Board, for the period ending 31st March 1938.

Copy of Report of the Unemployment Assistance Board for 1937.

Copy of Statement to accompany the Estimates for Colonial and Middle Eastern Services, 1938.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. William Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Dangers of Animals Acts. Copy of Order, dated 3rd June 1938, authorising the landing at Birkenhead from Australia of three stud Merino Sheep, and prescribing Regulations in relation thereto (Order No. 5,738).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Ernest Brown presented, pursuant to the Unemployment Insurance (Banking Industry Special Scheme) (Amendment) Special Order, 1938.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Elliot presented, pursuant to the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937, by—

(1) the Malling and Hollingbourn Superannuation Joint Committee;
(2) the Dorking and Leatherhead Superannuation Joint Committee;
(3) the Lewes and District Superannuation Joint Committee;
(4) the Blackpool County Borough Council;
(5) the Weymouth and Melcombe Regis Borough Council.

Copy of Provisional Regulations, dated 27th Rent and Interest Restrictions Regulations, 1938.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Colville presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Orders dated—

(1) 1st June 1938, entitled the Importation of Plants (Scotland) (Amendment) Order of 1938;
(2) 3rd June 1938, entitled the Wart Disease of Potatoes (Scotland) Order of 1938.

Copy of Regulations, dated 8th June 1938, Local Government (Loss on Account of Rates levied by Special Rating Authorities) Regulations (Scotland), 1938.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.


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Mr. William Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order, dated 3rd June 1938, authorising the landing at Birkenhead from Australia of three stud Merino Sheep, and prescribing Regulations in relation thereto (Order No. 5,738).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
Mr. Stanley presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Drafts of Special Orders proposed to be made, under the Gas Undertakings Acts, on the application of—

(1) the Runcorn Gas Company;

(2) the Hyde Gas Company;

(3) the Corporation of the City of Glasgow and the Provost Magistrates and Councillors of the Royal Burgh of Renfrew.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Order made under the Shops Acts by the Council of the undermentioned local authority, and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department:

Borough of Nelson.

Copy of Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the borough of Epsom and Ewell.

Copy of Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the urban district of Cheshunt.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Papers relative to Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, be printed.

Captain Wallace presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Reports respecting the Peterhead Harbour Works for the year ended 31st March 1937.

Captain Wallace also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Finance Accounts of the United Kingdom for the year ended 31st March 1938.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the said Accounts 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:


The Order for reading a second time, to-morrow, the Housing (Rural Cottages Protection) Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Henry Philip Hunloke, Esquire, Member for the County of Derby (Western Division), was sworn.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

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Class II.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £118,078 be granted to Vol. 193.
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Finance Bill; 

*Resolved*, That this House do now adjourn. — (Adjourned.)

(Captain Margesson.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

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**Wednesday, 15th June 1938.**

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

**Prayers.**

The Ipswich Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The Newcastle-upon-Tyne Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The Pier and Harbour Provisional Order (Plymouth) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The West Midlands Joint Electricity Authority Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The Dumbarton Burgh (Water) Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and ordered (under Sections 9 and 16 of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1936) to be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Secretary Sir Kingsley Wood presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Note by the Secretary of State for Air and the Postmaster-General on the proposed arrangements with Imperial Airways, Limited, for the further extension of the South African (Empire) Agreement.

Copy of Note by the Secretary of State for Civil Air on the proposed arrangements with Imperial Airways, Limited, for the continued operation of (1) an air service between Khartoum and West Africa and (2) an air service between Kisumu and Lusaka.

*Ordered*, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Salford Infanticide Bill [Lords], for the continuance of the Salford Infanticide Act to authorise the Mayor Aldermen and Citizens of the City of Salford to confer upon their Local Government Officers (Joint) Councils (No. 2) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

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 Amendment (Scotland) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Health (Coal Mine Refuse) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Mining Subsidence Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order made upon the 31st day of May last, that the Infanticide Bill [Lords] be committed to a Standing Committee, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for Thursday next.—(Mr. Wakefield.)
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further powers upon the Corporation and to make further and better provision for the health local government improvement and finance of the City; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Salford Corporation Bill [Lords.]

The Salford Corporation Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

New Member sworn.

George Edward Peter Thorneycroft, Esquire, Member for the County of Stafford (Stafford Division), was sworn.

Supply [16th allotted Day.]

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates, 1938.

Class VI.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £211,444 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 1939 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.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a sum not exceeding £211,344 be granted for the said Service.—(Sir Hugh Seely.)

The Committee divided.

 Tellers for the [Sir Percy Harris, Yeas, Sir Hugh Seely:
 Tellers for the [Captain Hope, Noes, Colonel Kerr : ] 192.

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 reported that the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again. Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Essential Commodities Reserves [Money.]

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee on Essential Commodities Reserves [Money];

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

Peace Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Peace Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next. Vol. 193.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.— Adjournment. (Mr. James Stuart.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till ten minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 128.]

Thursday, 16th June 1938.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

A MOTION being made, That the Cowes Urban District Council Bill be now read the third time;

The Deputy Chairman, 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 Gateshead Corporation Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the London County Council (General Powers) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Middlesex County Council (Sewerage) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Dumbarton Burgh (Water) Order Confirmation Bill. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Order of the day being read, for the Surrey County Council Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next, at half an hour after Seven of the clock.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Dumbarton Burgh (Water) Order Confirmation Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Captain Wallace presented, pursuant to the Debts Clearing Offices and Import Restrictions Restrictions Act, 1934, entitled the Clearing Office (Turkey) Act, 1934. Amendment Order, 1938. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table. Q Q
Earl Winterton presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Statute made by the Governing Body of Magdalen College, Oxford, on the 5th April 1938, amending an existing Statute of the College.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Burgin presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 13th June 1938, entitled the London Traffic (Prescribed Routes) (No. 27) (Walham Green) Regulations, 1938.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Elliot presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Schemes made under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937, by—

1) the Bexley and Swanscombe Superannuation Joint Committee;
2) the East Cheshire (Local Authorities) Superannuation Joint Committee;
3) the South-East Lancashire (Local Authorities) Superannuation Joint Committee;
4) the West Lancashire Superannuation Joint Committee.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Standing Committee A. Fire Brigades Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

No. 141.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills: That they had considered the Order contained in the Preamble of the Sheffield Gas Bill [Lords]; and verbally amended the same, and found the same as amended to be true; and had gone through the Bill and directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills: That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the West Thurrock Estate Bill [Lords], and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the facts as proved by the evidence adduced, and found the same as amended to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, do lie upon the Table.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills: That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Blackburn Corporation Bill [Lords], and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be printed.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Blackburn Committee on Unopposed Bills: That they had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders, and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, and the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Report be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being 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 Captain Dugdale,
Yeas, Mr. Munro : 205.
Tellers for the Mr. Groves,
Noes, Mr. Mathers : 121.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Herring Industry Bill, as amended in the Committee.
And Amendments were made to the Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.
The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.
A Clause (Modification of sentences).—(The Lord Advocate),—was twice read and made part of the Bill.
Another Clause (S. 4 (1) of 61 and 62 Vict., c. 36, to apply to certain offences).—(The Lord Advocate),—was twice read, and made part of the Bill.
Another Clause (Amendment of 8 Edw. 7. c. 65, s. 33 (2)).—(The Lord Advocate),—was twice read, and made part of the Bill.
Another Clause (Amendment of 23 and 24 Geo. 5, c. 41, s. 20).—(The Lord Advocate),—was twice read, and made part of the Bill.
Then Amendments were made to the Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.
The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Naval Discipline (Amendment) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.
Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for Monday next.—(Major Harvie Watt.)

Major Harvie Watt reported from the Committee on Essential Commodities Reserves [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

"That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to enable the Board of Trade to obtain information as to commodities which in the opinion of the Board would be essential for the vital needs of the community in the event of war and to make provision for the maintenance of reserves of such commodities, and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid, it is expedient to authorise—
(a) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenses incurred by the Board of Trade for the purposes of the said Act and of any expenses incurred by the Board before the passing of the said Act for the purpose of creating or assisting the creation of a reserve of any such commodity as aforesaid; and
(b) the making out of the Consolidated Fund of temporary advances to any fund established by the said Act for the purpose of meeting such expenses as aforesaid, but so that any such advance shall be repaid out of the fund to the Exchequer not later than the thirtieth day of September next following the end of the financial year in which the advance was made."
The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Essential Commodities Reserves Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Power to obtain information).
Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 12, to leave out the words "available for storing and."—(Sir Waldron Smithers.)
Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.
Clause agreed to.
Clause No. 2 (Creation of reserves).
Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 34, to leave out subsection (2).—(Sir Waldron Smithers.)
Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.
Clause agreed to.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 37, after the word "including," to insert the words "the acquisition, by purchase or hire, of storage accommodation."—(Sir Waldron Smithers.)
Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 38, after the word "buildings," to insert the words "on lands belonging to them."—(Mr. Moreing.)
Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 41, to leave out subsection (3).—(Mr. Turton.)
Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. Furness,
Yeas, Sir James Edmondson : 182.
Tellers for the Mr. George Griffiths,
Noes, Mr. Adamson : 99.
Clause agreed to.
Clause No. 3 (Financial provisions).
Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 38, after the word "Exchequer," to insert the words "as soon as may be and in any case."—(Mr. Morgan Jones.)
Question put, That those words be there inserted.

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Imperial Telegraphs Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, 
Mr. Mathers, 110,
Mr. Anderson :
Tellers for the Noes, 
Captain Dugdale, 170,
Sir James Edmondson:
Clause agreed to.
Clauses No. 4 to No. 7 agreed to.
Schedule agreed to.
Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Sir Robert Young reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Imperial Telegraphs Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Power of Treasury and Postmaster-General to carry out arrangements with Cable and Wireless Limited).

Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, 
Mr. Grimston, 170,
Mr. Furness :
Tellers for the Noes, 
Mr. Whiteley, 90.
Mr. Anderson :
Clause No. 2 (Amendment as to calculation of Post Office net surplus).

Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

The Committee proceeded to a Division.

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Tellers for the Yeas, 
Colonel Kerr, 162,
Mr. Grimston :
Tellers for the Noes, 
Mr. Adamson, 85,
Mr. Anderson :
Clause No. 3 agreed to.
Preamble agreed to.
Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Mental Deficiency Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 and No. 2 agreed to.
Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Bacon Industry 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 Finance Bill, 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 Bacon Industry Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Nursing Homes Registration (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 Marriage 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 Marriage (Scotland) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Infanticide Committee on the Infanticide Bill [Lords];

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Solicitors Amendment (Scotland) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday 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 five minutes after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning, till this day.
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Friday, 17th June 1938.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE Rickmansworth and Uxbridge Valley Water Bill [Lords] was read the third time and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

A Motion being made, That the Workington Corporation Bill be now read the third time;

The Deputy Chairman, 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 Fier and Harbour Provisional Order (Clacton-on-Sea) 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 (Cholderton and District Water) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Torquay) 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 Dumbarton Burgh (Water) Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Ministry of Health Provisional Order (C volume of water Bill), as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

Mr. Secretary Colville presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—(Statistics) Copy of Regulations, dated 4th June 1938, relating to the Registration of Births and Deaths (Statistics) Regulations (Scotland), 1938.

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, 1938.

Class VI.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £203,430 be granted for the said Service.—(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the

Mr. Mathers,
Mr. Adamson :

Yeas,

89.

Noes,

115.

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. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported that the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, 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.

Whereupon Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House, without Question put, pursuant to Standing Order No. 2, it being then eight minutes after Four of the clock, till Monday next.

In pursuance of Standing Order No. 80 (4), I hereby nominate Mr. Gordon Macdonald Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Local Government (Hours of Poll) Bill.

E. A. FitzRoy, Speaker.

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[No. 130.]

Monday, 20th June 1938.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

A MOTION being made, That the Gateshead Corporation Bill [Lords.] be now read the third time;

The Chairman of Ways and Means, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives His Consent, as far as His Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

A Motion being made, That the London County Council (General Powers) Bill [Lords.] be now read the third time;

The Chairman of Ways and Means, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives His Consent, as far as His Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

A Motion being made, That the Middlesex County Council (Sewerage) Bill be now read the third time;

The Chairman of Ways and Means, 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 Wakefield 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 Bristol Corporation Bill [Lords.] was read Bristol a second time, and committed.

Ordered, That the Middlesex County Council Middlesex (General Powers) Bill [Lords.] be read a second time to-morrow.

The Shropshire Worcestershire and Staffordshire Electric Power (Consolidation) Bill [Lords.] was read a second time, and committed.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Order Ministry (Caine Water) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Elliot presented, pursuant to the National directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Health Regulations, dated 1st June 1938, entitled the National Health Insurance (Voluntary Contributors) Regulations, 1938.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order made under the Shops Acts by the Council of the under-mentioned local authority, and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department:

Borough of Iford.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Coleville presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of University Court Ordinance No. 196 (Aberdeen, No. 36) (General Regulations relative to Bursaries and Scholarships).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Captain Wallace presented, by His Majesty's Import Command,—Copy of Recommendations of the Duties. Import Duties Advisory Committee, dated 14th April 1938, relating to the Additional Import Duties (No. 6) Order, 1938.

Captain Wallace also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order, dated 29th June 1938, made under the Import Duties Act, 1932, entitled the Additional Import Duties Act, 1932, Order. 1938.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Butler presented, by His Majesty's Treaty Series Command,—Copy of Notes exchanged between the Kingdom, the Commonwealth of Australia and New Zealand and the Government of India, and the Government of Belgium regarding Documents of Identity for Aircraft Personnel. Brussels, 29th April 1938.
Copy of Convention between His Majesty in respect of the United Kingdom and His Serene Highness the Regent of Hungary relating to Air Navigation. Budapest, 22nd March 1937. [Ratifications exchanged at London on 19th May 1938.]

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Prevention and Treatment of Blindness (Scotland) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Housing (Rural Workers) Amendment Bill, with Amendments, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Irwell Valley Water Board Bill, with Amendments, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intitled An Act for incorporating and conferring powers upon the West Yorkshire Gas Distribution Company, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords request the Commons will be pleased to give leave to Henry Strauss, Esquire, Barrister-at-law, a Member of their House, to attend in order to his being examined as a witness before the Select Committee, appointed by their Lordships on the Prevention of Road Accidents.

The West Yorkshire Gas Distribution Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ordered, That the Amendment made by the Lords to the Housing (Rural Workers) Amendment Bill be taken into consideration upon Wednesday next; and be printed.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act for incorporating and conferring powers upon the West Yorkshire Gas Distribution Company, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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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 Nursing Homes Registration (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, resolved Infanticide itself into a Committee on the Infanticide Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 and No. 2 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Housing (Rural Cottages Protection) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. — Adjournment. (Captain Margesson.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

Tuesday, 21st June 1938.

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 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.:

Salford Corporation Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.
Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bills, referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders, which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:

West Hartlepool Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill.
Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Bucks Water Board) 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, no Standing Orders are applicable, viz.:

Land Drainage Provisional Order (Louth Drainage District) Bill.
Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Church斯顿) Bill.
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Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Horsforth) Bill.
Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Landrindod Wells) Bill.
Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Mid Staffordshire Joint Hospital District) Bill.
Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Rawmarsh) Bill.
Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Wath upon Dearne) Bill.
Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Middlesex County Council (General Powers) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. Secretary MacDonald presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Amendments to Glendairy Prison Rules, 1936, made by the Governor of Barbados in Executive Council on 10th February 1938.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Stanley presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Draft of a Special Order proposed to be made under the Gas Undertakings Acts on the application of the Sudbury Gas and Coke Company, Limited.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Captain Wallace presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account of all Deposits received and paid during 1937, together with Statement showing the aggregate amount of the Liabilities of the Government to Depositors in the Post Office Savings Banks on 31st December 1937, 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.

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Colonel Mairhead presented, pursuant to the Government directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Draft Order, entitled the Government of India (High Court Judges (Amendment) Order, 1935, (Amendment) Order.

Copy of Draft Order, entitled the Government of Burma (High Court Judges (Amendment) Order, 1938.


Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.


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Mr. Elliot presented, pursuant to the Contributory directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Contrary Orders, Regulations, dated 2nd June 1938, entitled the Contributory Pensions (Voluntary Contributors) Regulations, 1938.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Captain Crookshank presented, by His Coal Mines Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report on the working of Schemes under Part I of the Coal Mines Act, 1939, since the quarter ended 31st December 1939.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir David Reid reported from the Committee Green Belt on Group K of Private Bills: That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Green Belt (London and Home Counties) Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the facts as proved by the evidence adduced, and found the same, to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereto.

Sir David Reid further reported from the Committee: That they had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders, and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, and the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Report be printed.

Sir David Reid reported from the Committee Private Bills on Group K of Private Bills: That, for the convenience of parties, the Committee had adjourned till Tuesday next, at Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Rickmansworth and Uxbridge Valley Water Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.
The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to provide for the removal of the restrictions attaching to certain land which is consecrated as a burial ground in the urban district of Harrow; to authorize the sale of such land and its use for building or otherwise, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Stanmore Unused Burial Ground Bill (Lords.) was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Mr. Chanceller of the Exchequer, supported by Mr. Stanley, Captain Wallace, and Mr. Butler, presented a Bill to confirm and give effect to an agreement between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Turkish Republic; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid:—

And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. Whiteley accordingly presented a Bill to repeal sections eight and nine of the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1925, relating to the amount of compensation payable and to substitute other sections therefor, and that Mr. Whiteley, Mr. Ritson, Mr. Robert Taylor, Mr. William Joseph Stewart, Mr. Tinker, Mr. Westbrook, Mr. Edward Williams, Mr. Tom Smith, Mr. Batey, and Mr. Sexton do prepare and bring it in.

Workmen's Compensation (No. 2.) Bill.

Supplied.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Civil Estimates, 1938.

Clause No. 1 agreed to.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £71,143 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 1939 for the salaries and expenses of the Department of His Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a sum not exceeding £71,043 be granted for the said Service.—(Mr. Noel-Baker.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Mothers.]

Yeas, [Mr. Anderson:] 148.

Tellers for the [Captain Hope.]

Noses, [Colonel Kerr:] 278.

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 the Supreme Court of Judicature (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Resolved, That, in accordance with the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act, England Assembly 1919, this House do direct that the Ecclesiastical Commissioners (Powers) Measure, 1938, 1919, be presented to His Majesty for Royal Assent—(Sir Francis Fyfe-Macmillan);

And a Debate arising thereupon;

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned—(Sir Joseph Nall.)

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Divorce and Nullity of Marriage (Scotland) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved Chimney Sweopers Acts (Repeal) Bill.

Ordered, That this House will, to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Public Health Second Reading of the Public Health (Coal Mine Refuse) 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 Mining Subsidence Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Adjournment. Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. —(Captain Margesson.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-two minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 132.]

Wednesday, 22nd June 1938.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Sheffield Gas Bill [Lords.]

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Sheffield Gas Bill [Lords]; as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Middlesex County Council (General Powers) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Land Drainage Provisional Order (Leith Drainage District) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Bucks Water Board) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Church Stretton) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

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The West Hartlepool Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.


Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, —Copy of Ninth Annual Report and Accounts Board, of the Racecourse Betting Control Board, for 1937.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Stanley presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, —Copy of Draft of a Special Order proposed to be made under the Gas Undertakings Acts, on the application of the Lymm Urban District Council.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. William Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, —Animals Acts. Copies of Orders, dated 20th June 1938, authorising the landing—

(1) at Liverpool from South America of four Llamas and four Alpacas (Order No. 5749);

(2) at Portland from Nigeria of one Duiker-bok (Order No. 5741) and prescribing Regulations in relation thereto.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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Salmon Fishery (Scotland) Bill, 189.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, at this day’s Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House)—(The Prime Minister):

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, {Captain Dupplin, Mr. Munro: }
{ Mr. Groves, Mr. Mathers: }

Tellers for the Noes, {Mr. Groves, Mr. Mathers: }
{Mr. Mathers: }

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Amendment proposed in p. 2, l. 9, to leave out the word “twelve,” and insert the word “six.”—(Colonel Sandeman Allen.)

Question put, That the word “twelve” stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

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Question, That the word “eighteenpence” stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Clause agreed to.

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Question, That the word “nineteenpence” stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Clause agreed to.

Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 14, to leave out the word “increased,” and insert the words “fourpence halfpenny.”—(Mr. R. Hunter.)

Question, That the word “increased” stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 19, to leave out the word “increased,” and insert the word “reduced.”—(Mr. D. Adams.)

Question put, That the word “increased” stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Sir James Edmondson, Yeas,
{ Major Herbert: }
{ Mr. Groves, }
{ Mr. Mathers: }
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Question, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

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(2) The Treasury shall by order direct that, as from the said date, there shall be charged under section three of the Import Duties Act, 1925, on all goods which immediately before the said date were chargeable with a duty of customs under section three of the Finance Act, 1925, an additional duty of such an amount as will, with the general ad valorem duty, amount to the rate of duty so chargeable thereon immediately before that date;

(3) any such order shall be deemed to have been made under the Import Duties Act, 1925, but for the purposes of section nineteen of that Act shall be deemed not to be an order imposing a duty of customs;

(4) section five of the Import Duties Act, 1925, and section two of the Ottawa Agreements Act, 1932 (which relate to Imperial preference), shall not apply to any such goods as aforesaid, but all such goods which, but for this provision, would be exempt from the general ad valorem duty and any additional duty shall, as from the said date, be charged with those duties at the preferential rate of two-thirds of the full rate.

—(Mr. Stanley.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the 'Captain Hope,'
Yea, [ Colonel Kerr : 274.
Tellers for the 'Sir Percy Harris,'
Noes, [ Sir Hugh Sedley : 10.
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 House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Housing (Rural Workers) Amendment Bill.

The Lords Amendment in p. 7, l. 12, insert new clause A (Additional provisions with respect to loans by local authorities):

"(A)—(1) Where in pursuance of section two of the principal Act a local authority give assistance by way of loan to the owner of a dwelling, then, subject to the provisions of this section and to such conditions as may be approved by the Department, the loan may, in lieu of being secured by a bond and disposition in security or other deed of security, be secured by an order (in this section referred to as a 'charging order') made by the local authority providing and declaring the dwelling, or the dwelling and such other subjects belonging to the owner of the dwelling as the local authority and such owner may agree, to be charged and burdened with an annuity to repay the amount of the loan.

(2) The annuity charged shall commence from the date of the order, and shall be a sum of such amount and shall be payable to the local authority or their assignees for such period of years, not exceeding twenty, as the local authority and the owner may agree.

(3) A local authority shall not make a charging order, and a charging order shall not be effectual, unless—

(a) the local authority have served on every person appearing in the Register of Sasines as the proprietor of, or as holding a heritable security over, the subjects or any part thereof to be charged and burdened with the said annuity, notice that if no objection is intimated to them in writing by such person within twenty-one days from the date of service of the notice, they intend to make such charging order; and

(b) no objection has been so intimated by any person on whom notice has been so served.

(4) The provisions of section twenty-two of the Housing (Scotland) Act, 1925, shall apply to a charging order made under this section in like manner as they apply to a charging order made under section twenty-one of the said Act, subject to the following and any other necessary modifications—

(a) subsection (2) shall apply as if after the words 'advances of public money' there were inserted the words—

'(d) any rent charge secured on the premises by absolute order made under and in terms of the Improvement of Land Act, 1864;

(e) any loan made for agricultural purposes in pursuance of the Agricultural Credits (Scotland) Act, 1929, by any company incorporated for the purposes of that Act, where such loan has been secured on the premises by a bond and disposition in security or other deed of security duly registered in the appropriate Register of Sasines; and

(f) any charge on the premises created under any provision in any Act authorising a charge for recovery of expenses incurred by a local authority under section one hundred and twenty-five of the Public Health (Scotland) Act, 1897, or by a local authority or an owner under section twenty of the Housing (Scotland) Act, 1925, or section fifteen of the Housing (Scotland) Act, 1930';

(b) Subsection (3) shall not apply.

(3) For the purpose of this section a notice may be served by delivering it to the person on whom it is required to be served or by sending it by registered letter to such person at his usual or last known address, or if such person cannot be found, to the Extractor of the Court of Session. An acknowledgment endorsed on such notice or a copy thereof, by such person, or where the notice is sent by registered letter, a certificate subscribed by the clerk to the local authority that such notice was duly posted and having the Post Office receipt for the registered letter attached shall be conclusive evidence that such notice was duly served on the date stated in the acknowledgment or Post Office receipt.

(6) In this section the expression 'owner' has the like meaning as in section forty-nine of the Housing (Scotland) Act, 1925.
The Question being again proposed:—
The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Chimney Sweepers Acts (Repeal) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Shops (Sunday Trading Restriction) Act (1936) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.— Adjournment. (Captain Margesson.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-one minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

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Thursday, 23rd June 1938.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE House proceeded to take into consideraation the Amendments made by the Lords to the Irwell Valley Water Board Bill; the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acqui\mend their concurrence.

The Manchester Corporation Bill [Lords] was Manchester Corporation Bill [Lords] read the third time and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acqui\mend their concurrence.

The Plymouth Extension Bill [Lords] was Plymouth Extension Bill [Lords] read the third time and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acqui\mend their concurrence.

The Wakefield Corporation Bill [Lords] was Wakefield Corporation Bill [Lords] read the third time and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acqui\mend their concurrence. to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Land Drainage Pro-

visional Order (Louth Drainage District) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time

upon Monday next.

A Petition of the Trustees of the British Museum being offered to be presented—(Secre-

tary Sir Samuel Hoare);

Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House that His

Majesty, having been informed of the contents of the said Petition, recommends it to the

consideration of the House.

Then the said Petition was brought up, and read; setting forth, That the only funds

belonging to the Petitioners for the support of the British Museum and the British Museum

(Natural History) consist of thirty thousand

pounds Two and one-half per cent. Consolidated

Annuities, the annual dividends whereof

amounted to seven hundred and fifty pounds;

of a bequest of the eighth Earl of Bridgewater,

the annual proceeds of which amount to about

four hundred and one pounds; of a bequest of

Lord Farnborough, the annual proceeds of

which amount to about seventy-two pounds;

of a bequest of the late Henry Louis Florence, the annual proceeds of which amount to about

one hundred and seven pounds; of a bequest of

the late Honourable Nathaniel Charles

Rothschild, the annual proceeds of which

amount to about five hundred and fourteen

pounds; of a bequest of James Rose

Vallentin, the annual proceeds of which amount to about

three hundred and ninety-four pounds;

and of one eighth of the proceeds of the

James Mew Will Trust, amounting to about

three hundred and ninety-four pounds;

amount to about one hundred

and forty-four pounds.

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.

Mr. Stanley presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of

Draft of a Special Order proposed to be made

under the Gas Undertakings Acts on the application of the Sherborne Gas and Coke

Commy, Limited.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Coley, 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, 1936, that they are of opinion

(1) that the following Orders, namely, the

Aberdeen Corporation Order, so far as Clauses

214 and 215 are concerned, and the Glasgow

Corporation Order, so far as Clause 7 is con-

cerned, raise questions of public policy of such

novelty and importance that they ought to be

dealt with by Private Bill and not by Provisional

Order; (2) that, save as aforesaid, the Provi-

sional Orders be allowed to proceed, subject

to such recommendations as they may hereafter

make with respect to the several Orders.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. William Morrison presented, pursuant to Land

Drainage

Order, to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—

Copy of Regulations, dated 2nd June 1938, entitled

the Land Drainage (Election of Drainage Boards) Regulations, 1938.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid

upon the Table by the Clerk of the House :—

Copy of Report of Lord Chancellor of the

Lunacy.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a

Message from the Lords, one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Leasehold

Property (Repairs) Bill, without any Amend-

ment.

The Lords have agreed to the Housing

Housing (Agricultural Population) (Scotland) Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Street Play-

grounds Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Children and

Young Persons 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 Lee Conservancy

Bill [Lords].

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments

made by this House to the Manchester Corpora-

tion Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments

made by this House to the Plymouth Extension

Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

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tion Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

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The Lords have agreed to the Amendment

made by this House to the Amendment made

by the Lords to the Housing (Rural Workers) Amendment Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An

Act to consolidate with amendments certain

enactments relating to food, drugs, markets,

slaughter-houses and knackers' yards; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this

House.

Ordered, That the Amendment made by the

Lords to the Housing (Agricultural Population) (Scotland) Bill be taken into consideration

upon Monday next; and be printed.

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Bill 191.
Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Street Playgrounds Bill be taken into consideration upon Tuesday next; and be printed.

Mr. Boulton reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills: That they had considered the Order contained in the West Midlands Joint Electricity Authority Provisional Order Bill; that they were of opinion that the said Order ought to be confirmed; and that they had gone through the Bill and directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Boulton reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills: That they had considered the Order contained in the Pier and Harbour Provisional Order (Plymouth) Bill; that they were of opinion that the said Order ought to be confirmed; and that they had gone through the Bill and directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Boulton reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills: That they had considered the Order contained in the Ipswich Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill; that they were of opinion that the said Order ought to be confirmed; and that they had gone through the Bill and directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Boulton reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills: That they had considered the Order contained in the Newcastle-upon-Tyne Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Bill; that they were of opinion that the said Order ought to be confirmed; and that they had gone through the Bill and directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Boulton reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills: That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Harwich Harbour Bill [Lords], 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 Bill, as amended in the Committee, do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Boulton reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills: That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Shropshire Worcester-shire and Staffordshire Electric Power (Consolidation) Bill [Lords], and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for Monday next.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Committee do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Protection of Animals Monday next, the Protection of Animals (No. 2) Animals Bill was read and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Ordered, That the Solicitors Amendment Solicitors (Scotland) Bill [Lords] be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Mr. Attlee, Member for the Limehouse Adjournment Division of Stepney, rose in his place, and moved leave to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., "the attacks made yesterday upon British ships and their crews, and the refusal of His Majesty's Government either to afford adequate protection or to take measures to prevent their recurrence;" and the pleasure of the House having been signified, the Motion stood over.

Ordered, That the Report be printed.

Mr. Mathers, supported by Viscountess Astor, Importation of Plumage Mr. Barr, Mr. Stephen Davies, Mr. Grenfell, (Prohibition) Bill. Mr. Kingseley Griffith, Mr. Groves, Mr. Lewis, Act (1921) Miss Raphael, and Dr. Summerskill, presented a Bill to amend the Importation of Plumage Amendment (Prohibition) Act, 1921: And the same was under Standing Order No. 8, until half an hour after Seven of the clock this evening.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be read a second time upon Monday next, and be printed.

Captain Wallace reported from the Com- mittee of Ways and Means, of the 22nd day of June this instant June, a Resolution; which was Report. read as followeth:

Duties on Motor Cars, Musical Instruments, Clocks, Films, &c.

That—

(1) as from the twentieth day of August, nineteen hundred and thirty-eight, section three of the Finance Act, 1925 (which
imposes duties of customs on motor cars, 
musical instruments, clocks, films, &c.), 
and any other enactment which amends 
or expressly relates to that section, shall 
cease to have effect;

(2) the Treasury shall by order direct that, 
as from the said date, there shall be 
charged under section three of the Import 
Duties Act, 1932, on all goods which 
immediately before the said date were 
chargeable with a duty of customs under 
section three of the Finance Act, 1925, 
an additional duty of such an amount as 
will, with the general ad valorem duty, 
amount to the rate of duty so chargeable 
thereon immediately before that date;

(3) any such order shall be deemed to have 
been made under the Import Duties Act, 
1932, but for the purposes of section 
nineteen of that Act shall be deemed not 
to be an order imposing a duty of customs;

(4) section five of the Import Duties Act, 
1922, and section two of the Ottawa 
Agreements Act, 1922 (which relate to 
Imperial preference), shall not apply to 
any such goods as aforesaid, but all such 
goods which, but for this provision, 
would be exempt from the general ad 
valorem duty and any additional duty 
shall, as from the said date, be charged 
with those duties at the preferential rate 
of two-thirds of the full rate.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, 
was agreed to.

Orders, That it be an Instruction to the 
Committee on the Finance Bill that they have 
power to make provision therein pursuant to 
the said Resolution.

Finance Bill. The House, according to Order, resolved 
itself into a Committee on the Finance Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 5 (Increased customs duties on 
tea).

Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 16, to leave 
out the word "increased".

Question again proposed, That the word 
"increased" stand part of the Clause.

Question put, That the Clause stand part 
of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

tellers for the Sir James Edmondson, 
Yees, Major Herbert : 241.
tellers for the Mr. Whiteley, 
Noes, Mr. Anderson : 144.

Question put, That the Clause stand part 
of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

tellers for the Sir James Edmondson, 
Yees, Major Herbert : 237.
tellers for the Mr. Whiteley, 
Noes, Mr. Anderson : 142.

Clauses No. 6 to No. 17 agreed to.

Clause No. 18 (Amendments of Schedule C 
and consequential amendments of Schedule D),

The Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod 
being come with a Message, the Chairman left 
the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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And it being half-past Seven of the clock, and leave having been given to move the Adjournment of the House under Standing Order No. 8, further Proceeding was postponed, without Question put.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Attlee).

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noses to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. John, Mr. Mathers.

Tellers for the Noses, Colonel Kerr.

So it passed in the Negative.

Postponed Proceeding on Amendment proposed on consideration of Clause No. 18 of the Finance Bill, resumed.

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.—(Captain Marjoribanks), put, and agreed to.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported that the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Bacon Industry Bill, into consideration the Bacon Industry 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 Marriage Second Reading of the Marriage (Scotland) Bill; (Scotland) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Anglo-Turkish (Armenian Credit) Agreement Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supreme Second Reading of the Supreme Court of Judicature (Amendment) (No. 2) 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 Undertakings Acts, 1920 to 1934, on the application of the Reading Gas Company, which was presented on the 11th day of May and published, be approved.—(Mr. Cross.)

Resolved, That the draft of a Special Order Gas proposed to be made by the Board of Trade Undertakings Acts, 1920 to 1934, on the application of the Haslingden Union Gas Company, which was presented on the 13th day of May and published, be approved.—(Mr. Cross.)

Resolved, That the draft of a Special Order Gas proposed to be made by the Board of Trade Undertakings Acts, 1920 to 1934, on the application of the Torquay and Paignton Gas Company, which was presented on the 2nd day of June and published, be approved.—(Mr. Cross.)

Resolved, That the draft of a Special Order Gas proposed to be made by the Board of Trade Undertakings Acts, 1920 to 1934, on the application of the Tottenham and District Gas Company, which was presented on the 2nd day of June and published, be approved.—(Mr. Cross.)

Ordered, That Mr. Markham be added to the Estimates Select Committee on Estimates.—(Mr. James Stuart.)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.— Adjourned.

(Captain Marjoribanks.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till fourteen minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
Mr. William Morrison, supported by Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare, Mr. Secretary Coleville, Mr. Elliot, Mr. Ransbotham, and Captain W. W. Wallace, presented a Bill to extend certain temporary provisions of the Milk Acts, 1934 to 1937; to release milk marketing boards and the Government of Northern Ireland from certain obligations under those Acts; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

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Civil Estimates, 1938.

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 Finance Bill Committee on the Finance Bill.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.
Mr. William Morrison presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Portions of the Milk Acts, 1934 to 1937, showing the amendments proposed to be made thereto by the Milk (Extension and Amendment) Bill.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Whereupon Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House, without Question put, pursuant to Standing Order No. 2, it being then eight minutes after Four of the clock, till Monday next.

[No. 135.]

Monday, 27th June 1938.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Elliot presented, pursuant to the Alkali, &c., Works Regulation Act, 1906, directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Seventy-fourth Annual Report on Alkali, &c., Works, by the Chief Inspectors, for 1937.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Captain Wallace presented, pursuant to the Isle of Man, 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 ended 31st March 1938, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

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.

Captain Wallace presented, pursuant to the Isle of Man, 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 ended 31st March 1938, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. A. Elliot presented, by His Majesty's Command, the Seventh Annual Report of the Chief Inspector of Mines, for the year 1937, also the Table.

Mr. William Morrison presented, by His Majesty's Command, the Thirteenth Annual Report of the Chief Inspector of Mines, for the year 1937, also the Table.

Mr. William Morrison presented, by His Majesty's Command, the Eighteenth Annual Report of the Chief Inspector of Mines, for the year 1937, also the Table.
Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 13, l. 28, after the first word "or," to insert the words "less than six months."—(Mr. Hely-Hutchinson.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 20 (Charge of tax on funding bonds issued in respect of interest on certain debts). Amendment proposed, in p. 16, l. 12, after the first word "the," to insert the word "market."—(Mr. Spens.)

Question proposed, That the word "market" be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses No. 21 and No. 22 agreed to.

Clause No. 23 (Amendments as respects avoidance of tax by transfer of income to persons abroad).

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 21, to leave out ll. 5 to 16.—(Mr. Benson.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "purpose" in l. 10, stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 21, l. 10, after the first word "the," to insert the word "principal."—(Mr. Spens.)

Question, That the word "principal" be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 21, l. 30, at the end, to insert the words—

"(5) At the end of paragraph (a) of subsection (5) of the said section the following words shall be added ' and after the death of the individual, his heirs, or assigns.'"—(Mr. Benson.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the \[Mr. Charleton, Yeas, \{Mr. Adamson : \] 120.

Tellers for the \[Captain Dugdale, \{Major Harvie Watt : \] 199.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 24 (Provisions as to limited interests in residue).

Amendment proposed, in p. 22, l. 43, at the end, to insert the words,—

"Provided that any sum paid on account of legacy duty shall not be deemed for the purposes of this subsection to be a sum paid or payable in respect of a limited interest."—(Mr. Hely-Hutchinson.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 25 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 26 to No. 28 agreed to.

Clause No. 29 (Interpretation of Part III).

Amendment proposed, in p. 32, l. 10, at the end, to insert the words "or in relation to income in respect of which relief has been allowed under the provisions of section twenty-seven of the Finance Act, 1920, income tax at the standard rate as reduced by the rate at which such relief was allowed."—(Mr. Hely-Hutchinson.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 30 agreed to.

Clause No. 31 (Commencement of Part III).

Amendment proposed, in p. 33, to leave out ll. 18 to 34, and insert the words "for the purpose of assessment to income tax and reliefs for the year 1938-39 and subsequent years and shall apply in relation to the estate of a deceased person whether he died before or after the commencement of the year 1938-39."—(Mr. Hely-Hutchinson.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "for," in l. 19, stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 32 (Income arising under certain settlements to be treated as income of settlor).

Amendment proposed, in p. 34, l. 32, at the end, to insert the words,—

"Provided also that if the settlor shall within three months of the date on which this Act comes into force by deed release any existing power of revocation or declare that the settlement shall be irrevocable from the date on which the settlement was made, it shall be deemed to have been irrevocable from the date on which the settlement was made."—(Captain Sir William Brass.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 37, l. 4, after the word "but," to insert the words "in all cases other than cases to which the provisions of subsections (1) and (2) of this section apply."—(Sir Alfred Beale.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 33 (Disallowance of deduction from total income of certain sums paid by settlor).

Amendment proposed, in p. 38, l. 7, to leave out from the first word "made," to the second word "and," in l. 8.—(Mr. Benson.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 34 (Sums paid to settlor otherwise than as income).

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 40, l. 14, at the end, to insert the words "or any sum paid to the settlor by way of loan on mortgage or charge of freehold, leasehold, or other property of the settlor to an amount not exceeding two-thirds of the value of the
property mortgaged or charged by the settlor as security for repayment of the said loan."—(Mr. Holyhead.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 35 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 36 to No. 40 agreed to.

Clause No. 41 (Amendments as respects property transferred to, and shares in, certain companies).

Amendment proposed, in p. 47, l. 14, to leave out the words "or section thirty-five."—(Brigadier-General Clifton Brown.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses No. 42 to No. 45 agreed to.

A Clause (Relief of air-raid protection works from tax under Schedule A),—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer),—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Relief of air-raid protection works from duty on excise licences),—(Captain Wallace),—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Repeal of stamp duties in respect of honours and dignities),—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer),—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Amendment as respects duties on motor cars, musical instruments, clocks, films, &c.),—(Mr. Stanley),—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Ordered, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again.—(Captain Hope.)

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair: and the Deputy Chairman reported that the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Housing (Agricultural Population) (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the said Amendment be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Welsh Church (Amendment) Bill (Lords);

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Fire Brigades Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Naval Committee on the Naval Discipline (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 Essential Commodities Reserves Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Imperial Third Reading of the Imperial Telegraphs Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Bacon into consideration the Bacon Industry Bill, as Industry Bill, amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Marriage Second Reading of the Marriage (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Anglo-Turkish (Armenia) (Armenian Credit) Agreement Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supreme Court of Judicature (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Food and Drugs Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Milk Second Reading of the Milk (Extension and Amendment) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Resolved, That the draft of a Special Order proposed to be made by the Board of Trade under the Gas Undertakings Acts, 1920 to 1934, on the application of the Corporation of the City of Glasgow and the Provost Magistrates and Councillors of the Royal Burgh of Renfrew, which was presented on the 14th day of June and published, be approved.

—(Mr. Cross.)
Standing Orders not previously inquired into, which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:

- West Yorkshire Gas Distribution Bill [Lords].
- Stanmore Unused Burial Ground Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

The House proceeded to take into consider-

- Canterbury Gas and Water Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That Standing Orders 240 and 282 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 proceeded to take into con-

- Harwich Harbour Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. Stanley presented, pursuant to the gas

directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Under-

Draft of a Special Order proposed to be made

under the Gas Undertakings Acts on the ap-

lication of the Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors of the burgh of Kirkintilloch.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Resolved, That an humble Address be pre-

sent to His Majesty, that he will be

graciously pleased to give directions that there

be laid before this House, a Return of Licences

granted under the Act, and the registered

places at which such experiments may be

performed (in continuance of Parliamentary

Paper, No. 133, of 1937).—(Earl Winterton.)

Mr. Gordon Macdonald reported from Stand-

Committee B: That they had gone through the Bill and directed him to report the

Standing Committee, be taken into consider-

ation upon Thursday next; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

Mr. Boulton reported from the Committee Ministry on Unopposed Bills: That they had considered the Order contained in the Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Bucks Water Board) Bill; that they were of opinion that the said Order ought to be confirmed; and that they had gone through the Bill and directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Boulton reported from the Committee Ministry on Unopposed Bills: That they had considered the Order contained in the Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Church Stretton) Bill, that they were of opinion that the said

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—

(Captain Hope.)

And accordingly the House, having con-

continued to sit till thirteen minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 136.]

Tuesday, 28th June 1938.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Private Bills

[Lords]

Standing Orders not previously inquired into, which are applicable thereto, have been 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, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the

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Order ought to be confirmed; and that they had gone through the Bill and directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Boulton reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills: That they had considered the Order contained in the Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Cirencester) Bill; that they were of opinion that the said Order ought to be confirmed; and that they had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Mr. Boulton reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills: That they had considered the Order contained in the Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Landrindod Wells) Bill; that they were of opinion that the said Order ought to be confirmed; and that they had gone through the Bill and directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Boulton reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills: That they had considered the Order contained in the Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Horsforth) Bill; that they were of opinion that the said Order ought to be confirmed; and that they had gone through the Bill and directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Boulton reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills: That they had considered the Order contained in the Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Wath upon Dearne) Bill; that they were of opinion that the said Order ought to be confirmed; and that they had gone through the Bill and directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Boulton reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills: That they had considered the Order contained in the Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill; that they were of opinion that the said Order ought to be confirmed; and that they had gone through the Bill and directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. 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 Swinton and Pendlebury Corporation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Redcar Corporation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the London and London North Eastern Railway Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Southern Railway Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Tatton Estate Act to vary the limitations and trusts of the Will dated the 28th day of February 1923 and the First Codicil thereto dated the 16th day of January 1924 both proved in the Manchester District Probate Registry on the 11th day of January 1927 of Reginald Arthur Tatton late of Cuerden Hall in the County of Lancaster; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Tatton Estate Bill [Lords.] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Captain Heilgers, supported by Sir Edward Ruggles-Brise, Mr. Hopkins, Mr. Tree, Mr. Dorman-Smith, Mr. Ross Taylor, Colonel Clarke, and Mr. Raffles, Mr. Goldie, and Wing-Commander Wright, presented a Bill to provide for the registration and inspection of riding establishments, and for other purposes connected therewith:—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 on the Motion put, the Question was put and resolved in the Negative.

Mr. Speaker put the Question, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
Ordered, That Captain Ramsey, Sir William Davidson, and Colonel Sandeman Allen do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Captain Ramsey accordingly presented a Bill to prevent the participation of aliens in assemblies for the purpose of propagating blasphemous or atheistic doctrines or in other activities calculated to interfere with the established religious institutions of Great Britain, to amend the Aliens Restriction (Amendment) Act, 1910, and for other purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Finance Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Another Clause (Repeal of customs duties on foodstuffs), by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Relief in respect of income from investments and other property) 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. Mathews: 138.

Tellers for the Noes, Major Harvie Watt: 203.

Another Clause (Definition of the expression "the controlling interest").—(Mr. Tinker),—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 24 and 25 Geo. 5. c. 32, s. 1),—(Captain Arthur Evans),—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again. (Mr. Petherick-Laurence):—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Relief in respect of income from investments and other property in certain cases),—(Captain Sir William Brass),—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Amendment as respects income from investments and other property),—(Captain Sir William Brass),—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 (Prepayment of estate duty),—(Mr. Keeling),—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again. (Mr. Petherick-Laurence):—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Refund of land tax).—(Mr. Keeling),—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 24 and 25 Geo. 5. c. 32, s. 1),—(Captain Arthur Evans),—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again. (Mr. Petherick-Laurence):—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Relief in respect of income from investments and other property in certain cases),—(Captain Sir William Brass),—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Amendment as respects income from investments and other property),—(Captain Sir William Brass),—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 (Prepayment of estate duty),—(Mr. Keeling),—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again. (Mr. Petherick-Laurence):—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Charles Taylor: 12.

Tellers for the Noes, Colonel Kerr: 226.

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Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Ordered, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again. (Captain Waterhouse.)

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 Third Reading of the Essential Commodities Reserves Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Welsh Church Committee on the Welsh Church (Amendment) Bill [Lords].

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means Committee of Ways and Means, resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.
The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Housing (Agricultural Population) (Scotland) Bill:

Ordered, That the said Amendment be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Imperial Telegraphs Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Street Playgrounds 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 Journalists (Registration) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 21st day of July next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Health (Coal Mine Refuse) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

And it being after half-past Eleven of the clock on Tuesday evening, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then eight minutes after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning, till this day.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Bucks Water Board) 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 (Church Stretton) 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 (Horsforth) 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 (Llandrindod Wells) 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 (Rawmarsh) 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 Vehicdes) Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Cirencester) 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 (Wath upon Dearne) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Captain Wallace presented, pursuant to the Public Works directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Loan Board.


Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Ernest Brown presented, pursuant to the Trade Boards directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Acts.


Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Burgin presented, pursuant to the Electricity directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of (Supply) Acts.

Report respecting the applications to and proceedings of the Minister of Transport, under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, from 1st April 1937 to 31st March 1938.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
Mr. Butler presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Additional Protocol to the Convention of 12th June 1934 relating to the Salvage of Torpedoes. Paris, 12th January 1938.

Copy of Treaty between His Majesty in respect of the United Kingdom and His Majesty the King of the Belgians regarding the Boundary between Tanganyika and Ruanda-Urundi. London, 22nd November 1934. [Ratifications exchanged in London on 19th May 1938.]

Copy of Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom and the Belgian Government regarding Water Rights on the Boundary between Tanganyika and Ruanda-Urundi. London, 22nd November 1934. [Ratifications exchanged in London on 19th May 1938.]

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Elliot presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of Scheme made under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937, by the West Riding (Local Authorities) Superannuation Joint Committee.

Copy of Regulations, dated 10th June 1938, entitled the Local Government Superannuation (Administration) Regulations, 1938.

Copy of Provisional Regulations, dated 22nd June 1938, entitled the Local Government Superannuation (Administration) (No. 2) Regulations, 1938.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. William Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 27th May 1938, entitled the Agricultural Produce (Grading and Marking) (Cream Cheese) Regulations, 1938.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—

Account of the advances made under Part II of the British Shipping (Assistance) Act, 1935, and of the sums received by way of interest on, or in repayment of, such advances for the year ended 31st March 1938, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of a Measure, was also laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—

Copy of Rules made by Queen Anne’s Bounty pursuant to Section 15 of the Parishages Measure, 1938.

Ordered, That the said Account be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Coal Bill, with Amendments, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments to the Sheffield Gas Bill made by this House to the Sheffield Gas Bill [Lords.], without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Coal Bill Lords to the Coal Bill be taken into consideration on Monday next; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Architects to the Architects Registration Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Official Secrets Acts (Amendment) Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Ordered, That Standing Committee C, which stands adjourned till to-morrow, be further adjourned till Tuesday next, at Eleven of the clock.—(Sir Hugh O’Neill.)

Complaint made to the House by Mr. Sandys, Privilege. Member for the Norwood Division of Lambeth, of an order by a military Court of Inquiry summoning him to appear in uniform before that Court to-morrow morning for the purpose of giving evidence.

Ordered, That the matter of the complaint be referred to the Committee of Privileges.—(The Prime Minister.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, at this day’s Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House)—(The Prime Minister):

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right:

Tellers for the Captain Dupplin, Yeas, Major Herbert: 247.

Tellers for the Mr. Groves, Noes, Mr. Adamson: 133.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Bacon Industry Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Requirements as to manner of exercise of power to determine form of long contracts) — (Mr. William Morrison.)

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. 51, by leaving out the words "one shilling, of which sixpence," and inserting the words "not less than two shillings, of which not less than eightpence;"—(Mr. Turton).—instead thereof.
And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed Clause:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the proposed Clause, in I. 34, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words:—

"The allocation premium in respect of group contracts or open offer contracts shall not exceed one shilling per pig."

—(Mr. Alexander.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the proposed Clause:—It passed in the Negative.

And the said Clause was made part of the Bill.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Proceedings subsequent to determination of forms of contract).—(Mr. William Morrison.)

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 I. 51, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words:—

"and in the exercise of such power of transferring pigs the Board shall have regard to the time when the offer so to contract was made by the producer, and an offer to contract nominating a particular registered curer shall not be transferred to another registered curer if an offer nominating the same curer made subsequently by another producer has not been or is not being transferred."

—(Mr. Tutton.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the proposed Clause:—It passed in the Negative.

And the said Clause was made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Pooling as between buyers of burden of allocation premiums).—(Mr. William Morrison), was twice read, and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Provisions as to transport of pigs on behalf of curers).—(Mr. Spens.)

And the said Clause was brought up and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the said Clause be read a second time;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the (Captain Douglate, Yeas, 181. Major Harvie Watt: ) 197. Sir James Edmondson: 

Tellers for the (Mr. John, Noes, 115. Mr. Groves, Mr. Anderson: 128. Mr. Whiteley: )

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The said Clause was accordingly read a second time, and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Arbitration safeguard).—(Sir Arnold Gridley.)

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.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 17, by leaving out the word "live," and inserting the word "seven,"—(Mr. Thomas Williams).—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word "five" stand part of the Bill:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the (Captain Douglate, Yeas, 181. Sir James Edmondson: )

Tellers for the (Mr. John, Noes, 115. Mr. Anderson: )

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 4, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words:—

"Provided that the persons nominated by the Pigs Marketing Board and the Bacon Marketing Board, respectively, shall include two representatives of the pig producing industry or the bacon industry in Scotland.

—(Mr. Johnston.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill,

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 29, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words:—Nothing in this section shall authorise the re-transfer of that power until five years have elapsed from the date of the order effecting the transfer.

—(Mr. Ramsbotham.)

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 I. 3, by leaving out the word "five," and inserting the word "two,"—(Colonel Sir Edward Ruggles-Brise),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word "five" stand part of the proposed Amendment:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being put, That the proposed words be there inserted in the Bill:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right:

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the (Captain Douglate, Yeas, 181. Sir James Edmondson: )

Tellers for the (Mr. John, Noes, 115. Mr. Groves, Mr. Anderson: )

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, by leaving out ll. 5 to 18. (Mr. Thomas 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.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

And the Question being put, That the words 'five' stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 7, l. 15, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words:—

"Provided that the persons nominated by the Pig Marketing Board, the Bacon Marketing Board, respectively, shall include two representatives of the pig production industry or the bacon industry in Scotland.

—(Mr. Johnston.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 8, l. 20, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words:—Nothing in this section shall authorise the re-transfer of that power until five years have elapsed from the date of the order effecting the transfer.

—(Mr. Ramsbotham.)

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 I. 4, by leaving out the word "five," and inserting the word "seven,"—(Mr. Thomas Williams).—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word "five" stand part of the proposed Amendment:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being put, That the proposed words be there inserted in the Bill:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right:

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the (Captain Douglate, Yeas, 181. Sir James Edmondson: )

Tellers for the (Mr. John, Noes, 115. Mr. Groves, Mr. Anderson: )

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 9, l. 11, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words:—

"Provided that the persons nominated by the Pig Marketing Board, the Bacon Marketing Board, respectively, shall include two representatives of the pig producing industry or the bacon industry in Scotland.

—(Mr. Johnston.)

And the Question being put, That the words 'five' stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 10, l. 1, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words:—

"Provided that the persons nominated by the Pig Marketing Board, the Bacon Marketing Board, respectively, shall include two representatives of the pig producing industry or the bacon industry in Scotland.

—(Mr. Johnston.)

And the Question being put, That the words 'five' stand part of the proposed Amendment:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

And the Question being put, That the words 'five' stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.
Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 7, l. 28, by leaving out from the word “ Board,” to the end of the subsection. — (Mr. Turton.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill; — The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right; — The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Colonel Kerr, Mr. Whiteley, Mr. Clarke). — Sir James Edmondson: 186. — Mr. Matthers, Mr. Chatterton: 128.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 8, l. 9, by inserting, after the first word “ Board,” the words “ or by the Pigs Marketing Board.” — (Colonel Ponsonby.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:— It passed in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 12, l. 4, by leaving out the word “ sixty,” and inserting the words “ one hundred and twenty.” — (Mr. Liddell), — instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word “ sixty” stand part of the Bill:— It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 12, l. 28, by inserting, after “ 1935,” the words “ that the existing supply of bacon, whether produced in Great Britain or elsewhere, exceeds eleven million five hundred thousand hundredweights.” — (Mr. Alexander.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:— It passed in the Negative.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 19, l. 6, by leaving out from the second word “ the,” to the end of the subsection, and inserting the words “ Development Board to enforce the provisions of this section,” — (Mr. Leonard), — instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill: — It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 29, l. 16, by leaving out the words “ of the Minister,” and inserting the words “ made by the Minister after consultation with the Development Board,” — (Colonel Clarke), — instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:— The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 33, l. 7, by leaving out the words “ Bacon Marketing,” and inserting the word “ Development,” — (Mr. Turton), — instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:— The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 45, l. 32, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words “ so however that except with the consent of the Minister (to be embodied in an order made by him) such sum shall not exceed threepence.

(2) An order of the Minister under this section—

(a) may be revoked or varied by a subsequent order of the Minister made thereunder;

(b) shall be laid before Parliament as soon as may be after it is made;

and if either House within the next subsequent twenty-eight days on which that House has sat after the order has been laid before it resolves that the order be annulled the order shall thenceforth be void but without prejudice to the making of a new order.” — (Mr. Thomas Williams.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:— It passed in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 51, l. 13, by leaving out the words “ transported or.” — (Mr. Alexander.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill; — The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right; — The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Captain Dugdale, Mr. Mathers, Mr. Whiteley, Mr. Williams]: — Colonel Kerr: 188. — Mr. Adams on: 95.

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. 55, l. 13, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words, —

“ (4) Where the remuneration paid by an employer to a worker includes remuneration in respect of other work as well as in respect of bacon production work, the amount of the remuneration which is attributable to the bacon production work shall, if not apparent from the terms of the contract between the employer and the worker, be deemed to be an amount bearing the same proportion to
the total remuneration as the time spent on bacon production work, during the period in respect of which the total remuneration is payable bears to the whole of the time in respect of which that remuneration is payable."—(Mr. Liddall.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill;

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Thursday morning:

Thursday, 30th June 1938:

And the Question being put:—It passed in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Housing (Agricultural Population) (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the said Amendment be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the re-committed Bill [Lords];

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Welsh Church (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Fire Brigades Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

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 Naval Discipline (Amendment) 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 Marriage (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 Anglo-Turkish (Arms and Armaments Credit) Agreement Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Imperial Telegraphs Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

Resolved, That in accordance with the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act, 1919, this House do direct that the Liverpool City Churches Act, 1897 (Amendment) Measure, 1919, be presented to His Majesty for Royal Assent.—(Lieutenant-Commander Agnew.)

Resolved, That, in accordance with the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act, 1919, this House do direct that the Liverpool City Churches Act, 1897 (Amendment) Measure, 1898, be presented to His Majesty for Royal Assent.—(Mr. Fyfe.)

And it being after half-past Eleven of the clock on Wednesday evening, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House, without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then sixteen minutes after Twelve of the clock on Thursday morning, till this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Food and Drugs 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 Milk (Extension and Amendment) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Finance Bill Committee on the Finance Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Essential Commodities Reserves Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Imperial Telegraphs Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

PRAYERS.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Cirencester) 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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Ministry of Health Provisional Order (With upon Dearne) 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.

Treaty Series (No. 43, 1938.)
Mr. Butler presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Protocol modifying the Treaty of 25th March 1936 for the Limitation of Naval Armament. London, 30th June 1938.

Copy of Convention concerning the Status of Refugees coming from Germany [with Final Amendments thereunto]. Geneva, 16th February 1938. [The Convention has not been ratified by His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom.]

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Stanley presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Drafts of Special Orders proposed to be made under the Gas Undertakings Acts on the application of—
(1) the Croydon Gas Company;
(2) the Hessle Gas Company;
(3) the British Gas-Light Company, Limited, with respect to the Hull Undertaking of that Company;
(4) the March Gas and Coke Company, Limited;
(5) the Urban District Council of Rothwell (Northampton);
(6) the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the borough of St. Helens;
(7) the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the borough of Chorley.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Civil Air Transport Services.
Secretary Sir Kingsley Wood presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Letters of Agreement with Imperial Airways, Limited, relating to the financial guarantee in respect of the fleet of flying boats for the projected service across the North Atlantic.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Education Act, 1931.
Mr. Lindsay presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 15th June 1938, entitled the State Scholarships Regulations, 1938.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Bonds Act, 1920.
Mr. Burgess presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 28th June 1938, entitled the Motor Vehicles (International Circulation) Amendment Regulations, 1938.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Road Traffic Acts.
Copy of Provisional Regulations, dated 16th June 1938, entitled the Traffic Signs (Pedestrian Crossings) (Amendment) Provisional Regulations, 1938.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

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The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Finance Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Another Clause (Entertainments duty to cease at end of financial year)—(Mr. Alan Herbert)—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. Mathers, Yeas, Mr. Adamson: 115.]

Tellers for the [Captain Hope, Noses, Captain Waterhouse: 191.]

First Schedule amended, and agreed to.

Second and Third Schedules agreed to.

Fourth Schedule amended, and agreed to.

A Schedule (Enactments relating to certain Customs Duties repealed),—(Captain Wallace),—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

**Bill 200.**

Bacon Industry Bill.

The Bacon Industry 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.

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.

Housing (Agricultural Population) (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Housing (Agricultural Population) (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the said Amendment be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty in pursuance of the provisions of Section 157 of the Government of India Act, 1935, praying that the Government of India (High Court Judges) (Amendment) Order, 1938, be made in the form of the draft laid before Parliament.—(Colonel Muirhead):—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.—(Colonel Muirhead.)

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Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Monday next.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Protection of Animals (No. 2) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Aliens Restriction (Blasphemy) Bill:

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Adjournment.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Captain Hope.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till seven minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 139.]

Friday, 1st July 1938.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the London and North Eastern Railway Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Redcar Corporation Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Southern Railway Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Swinton and Pendlebury 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 Harwich Harbour Bill [Lords] was read for 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 West Thurrock Estate Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

A Public Petition was presented, and read; Public Petitions. Vide Second Report.

Mr. Lindsay presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copies of Acts, Regulations, dated—

(1) 16th June 1938, entitled the Secondary Schools Amending Regulations No. 2, 1938;

(2) 21st June 1938, entitled the Adult Education Regulations, 1938.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.


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Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, —Copy of Order made under the Shops Acts by the Council of the under-mentioned local authority, and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department:—

Urban District of Darlaston.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Children and Lords to the Children and Young Persons Bill Young Persons Bill be taken into consideration upon Wednesday next; and be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved Supply itself into the Committee of Supply. [16th allotted Day] [First Part.]

(In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates, 1938.

Class VI.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £550,000 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 1939 for a grant in aid of the Forestry Fund.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again,—(Captain Margesson)—put, and agreed to.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported that the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred: and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Adjournment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—

(Captain Margesson);

The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;—

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Private Bills (Group K).

Sir David Reid reported from the Committee on Group K of Private Bills: That, for the convenience of parties, the Committee had adjourned till Wednesday next, at Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, without Question put, pursuant to Standing Order No. 2, it being then four minutes before Four of the clock, till Monday next.

[No. 140.]

Monday, 4th July 1938.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

A MOTION being made, That the Shropshire Worcestershire and Staffordshire Electric Power (Consolidation) Bill [Lords] be now read the third time:

The Chairman of Ways and Means, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives His Consent, as far as His Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments, to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Ordered, That the Stanmore Unused Burial Ground Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

Ordered, That the West Yorkshire Gas Distribution Bill [Lords] be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. Secretary MacDonald presented, by His Women's Welfare (Consolidation) Agreement, with Letters exchanged regarding the Welfare of Women in Tropical Africa, 1935-37.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Captain Wallace presented, by His Majesty's Import Duties Command,—Copy of Recommendations of the Import Duties Advisory Committee, dated 25th May 1938, relating to the Import Duties (Drawback) (No. 7) Order, 1938.

Copy of Recommendations of the Import Duties Advisory Committee, dated 25th May 1938, relating to Import Duties (Drawback) (No. 8) Order, 1938.

Captain Wallace also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Order, dated 4th July 1938, made under the Finance Act, 1932, entitled the Import Duties (Drawback) (No. 7) Order, 1938.

Copy of Order, dated 4th July 1938, made under the Import Duties Act, 1932, entitled the Import Duties (Drawback) (No. 8) Order, 1938.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Attorney-General presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Draft Order, made under the Supreme Court of Judicature (Consolidation) Act, 1925, entitled the District Probate Registries Order, 1938.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table;

Mr. Butler presented, by His Majesty's Germany Command,—Copy of Anglo-German Payments (Amendment) Agreement, with Letters exchanged for the Government of the United Kingdom and the German Reich regarding negotiations for Mutual Trade Relations with Germany, London, 1st July 1938.

Copy of Anglo-German Trade Relations Agreement, Germany London, 1st July 1938.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Housing (Rural Cottages Protection) Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.
Ordered, That the Amendment made by the Lords to the Baking Industry (Hours of Work) Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next; and be printed.

The Order for reading a second time, to-morrow, the Riding Establishments (Registration and Inspection) Bill, was read and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Sir Francis Fremantle reported from the Select Committee on Publications and Debates Reports: that they had made Progress in the matters to them referred, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

No. 148. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

No. 148. Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House) (Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer); the House divided.

The Yeas were: Yeas, Mr. Massena: 216. Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Furness. Noes, Mr. Mothers: 104. So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Anglo-Turkish (Armsments Credit) Agreement 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. (Major Herbert.)

Resolved, That the Clearing Office (Turkey) Amendment Order, 1898, dated the fifteenth day of June, nineteen hundred and thirty-eight, made by the Treasury under the Debts Clearing Offices and Import Restrictions Act, 1934, a copy of which was presented to this House on the sixteenth day of June, nineteen hundred and thirty-eight, be approved.—(Mr. Robert Hudson.)

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The Milk (Extension and 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. Furness.)

The Essential Commodities Reserves 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 Amendment made by the Lords to the Housing (Agricultural Population) (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 their Lordships.

The Order of the day being read, for the Welsh Church (Amendment) Bill (re-committed) Bill [Lords];

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Stanley, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House that His Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of the Motion relating to Anglo-Turkish Agreement (Armsments Credit) Agreement [Money], proposed to be moved, under Standing Order No. 69, in Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Then the House, pursuant to Standing Order No. 69, resolved itself into Committee. (In the Committee.)

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to confirm and give effect to an agreement made between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Turkish Republic, and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid, it is expedient to authorise the following payments under the said Act, that is to say—

(a) the payment out of the Consolidated Fund of any advances made by the Treasury not exceeding in the aggregate six million pounds;

(b) the payment into the Exchequer of any sums received by His Majesty's Government in respect of such advances;

(c) the payment out of the Consolidated Fund of any sums so paid out into the Exchequer; and to authorise the Treasury to raise money and to create and issue securities for the purpose of making such advances as aforesaid and to apply any sums paid out of the Consolidated Fund under paragraph (c) of this Resolution in relief of the National Debt,—(Mr. Stanley.)

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.
Ordered, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 30th day of June last, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty in pursuance of the provisions of Section 157 of the Government of Burma Act, 1935, praying that the Government of Burma (Adaptation of Laws) (Amendment) Order, 1938, be made in the form of the draft laid before Parliament;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Food and Drugs Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 30th day of June last, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty in pursuance of the provisions of Section 157 of the Government of Burma Act, 1935, praying that the Government of Burma (Adaptation of Laws) (Amendment) Order, 1938, be made in the form of the draft laid before Parliament;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till nine minutes after Nine of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Food and Drugs Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

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Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.
Mr. Secretary MacDonald presented, by His Majesty's Command, a Copy of Ninth Annual Report of the Colonial Development Advisory Committee, covering the period 1st April 1937 to 31st March 1938.

Ordered, That the said Paper 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 Paper be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Marriages (Finance Act, 1932.) Provisional Order Bill, without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Captain Wallace presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Recommendations of the Import Duties Advisory Committee, dated 14th June 1938, relating to Import Duties (Drawback) (No. 9) Order, 1938.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Captain Wallace also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order made under the Finance Act, 1932, entitled the Import Duties (Drawback) (No. 9) Order, 1938.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare presented,—Return to an Address to His Majesty, dated 28th day of June last, for a Return relative to Experiments on Living Animals.

Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Draft Rules proposed to be made by the Secretary of State under the Prison Acts to amend the Prison Rules, dated 12th August 1933, for the government of prisons.

Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

Copy of Order made under the Shops Acts, by the Council of the under-mentioned local authority, and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department:—Borough of Aylesbury.

Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

Copies of Regulations, dated—

(1) 24th June 1938, entitled the Factories (Intervals for Women and Young Persons) Regulations, 1938;

(2) 24th June 1938, entitled the Night Work of Male Young Persons (Medical Examinations) Regulations, 1938;

(3) 24th June 1938, entitled the Sanitary Accommodation Regulations, 1938;

(4) 24th June 1938, entitled the Factories Act (Docks, Building and Engineering Construction, &c.) Modification Regulations, 1938;

(5) 30th June 1938, entitled the Factory Overtime (Separation of Different Parts or Sets) Regulations, 1938;

(6) 30th June 1938, entitled the Operations at Unfenced Machinery Regulations, 1938;

(7) 5th July 1938, entitled the Protection of Eyes Regulations, 1938.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the said Return be printed.
Clause 16, Clause 24, p. 10, 1, 8, and the First Schedule, standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare:—(Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare)

The Question was amended in l. 9, by adding at the end thereof the words, "and in respect of the Amendment in Clause 16, p. 14, l. 14, standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Westwood."—(Mr. Westwood).

And the Question, so amended, being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House in respect of the Clauses in Amendment 2, p. 4, l. 16, Clause 16, Clause 24, p. 16, l. 8, and the First Schedule, standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare, and in respect of the Amendment in Clause 16, p. 14, l. 14, standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Westwood.

The House immediately resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 2 (Fire-hydrants and water supply in case of fire).

Amendment made.

Question put, That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Captain Hope, Mr. Grimston : 
223.
Tellers for the (Mr. Mathers, Mr. Anderson : 
126.

Clause No. 16 (Definition of "fire brigade duties" for purposes of Fire Brigade Pensions Act, 1925, and this Act).

Amendment proposed, in p. 14, l. 14, to leave out the word "being," and insert the word "or."—(Mr. Westwood.)

Question proposed, That the word "being" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 24 amended, and agreed to.

First Schedule amended, and agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had made Amendments to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee and on re-committal, be now taken into consideration.

The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Repeal of certain enactments requiring owners and occupiers to defray expenses of fire brigades).—(Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare.)

And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the said Clause be read a second time;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the (Captain Dydale, Sir James Edmondson : 
210.
Tellers for the (Mr. John, Mr. Anderson : 
190.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The said Clause was accordingly read a second time; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Power of Secretary of State to require uniformity of appliances and equipment).—(Mr. Lloyd), was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Notices).—(Mr. Lloyd), was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause was to be added to the Bill (Exemption from restrictions relating to traffic lights, &c.).—(Commander Tufnell.)

And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the said Clause be read a second time:—The said Motion and Clause were, severally, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Clause was to be added to the Bill (Free passage to be afforded to fire-brigade vehicles).—(Commander Tufnell.)

And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the said Clause be read a second time:—The said Motion and Clause were, severally, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 16, by inserting, after the word "that," the words "after the expiration of five years after the passing of this Act."—(Mr. Maitland.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 34, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words "and if any dispute arises between a fire authority and any railway company or statutory undertaking regarding the exercise of powers conferred by this subsection the question shall be referred to the Secretary of State, whose decision shall be final."—(Mr. Westwood.)

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. 3, l. 34, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words,—

"(8) Nothing in this section shall be deemed to render any fire authority liable to any action, proceedings, claims, or demands."—(Mr. Maitland.)
2 Geo. VI. 5th July.

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 34, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words,—

“(8) The provisions of this Act shall not come into force in the area of any county fire authority in Scotland unless the Secretary of State, after consultation with the fire authority concerned, shall by order direct that the Act shall apply within such area or any part thereof.”—(Sir Archibald Sinclair.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 34, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words,—

“(8) This Act shall not apply to the counties specified in the Schedule (Highlands and Islands) to this Act.”—(Sir Archibald Sinclair.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 5, l. 27, by leaving out Clause 5.—(Mr. Lloyd.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word “whereby,” in l. 29, stand part of the Bill:

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right:
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Captain Dugdale,
Yeas, [ Mr. Furness : ] 184.
Tellers for the [Mr. Mathers,

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Welsh Church (Amendment) (re-committed) Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 and No. 2 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair: and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, by His Milk (Extension and Amendment) (Money) Bill [Lords], acquainted the House, that His Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of the Motion relating to Milk (Extension and Amendment) (Money), proposed to be moved, under Standing Order No. 69, in Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Then the House, pursuant to Standing Order No. 69, resolved itself into Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to extend certain temporary provisions of the Milk Acts, 1934 to 1937, to release Milk Marketing Boards and the Government of Northern Ireland from certain obligations thereunder, and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid, it is expedient—

(a) to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of such increase in the expenditure falling to be made out of moneys so provided as is attributable to any provisions of the said Act—

(i) extending by twelve months the periods in respect of which sums are to be payable to milk marketing boards under sections one, two, and three of the Milk Act, 1934, as amended by the Milk (Extension of Temporary Provisions) Act, 1936, and by the Milk (Amendment) Act, 1937 (which Act of 1994, as so amended, is hereinafter referred to as "the Milk Act");

(ii) enabling the payments which may be made under subsection (1) of section eleven of the Milk Act in respect of
expenses incurred by milk marketing boards to be made in respect of such expenses attributable to any time before the first day of October, nineteen hundred and thirty-nine, and increasing by seven hundred and fifty thousand pounds the amount which may be so expended under that subsection;

(b) to release milk marketing boards and the Government of Northern Ireland from any obligation to make payments to the Exchequer under sections five and six of the Milk Act in respect of milk used for manufacture after the end of September 1937.

—(Captain Wallace.)
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 Food and Drugs Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for Thursday next.—(Captain Margesson.)

Food and Drugs Bill [Lords.]—[Lords.]—

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 Food and Drugs [Money], proposed to be moved, under Standing Order No. 69, in Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Then the House, pursuant to Standing Order No. 69, resolved itself into Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to consolidate with amendments certain enactments relating to food, drugs, markets, slaughter-houses, and knackers' yards, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenses incurred by the Minister of Health or the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries under the said Act in exercising any powers of a council, port health authority, or joint board, subject however to the recovery of those expenses from the council, authority, or board in question, in manner provided by the said Act.—(Captain Wallace.)
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 House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Naval Discipline (Amendment) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 amended, and agreed to.
Clause No. 2 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, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration to-morrow; and be printed.

Captain Dugdale reported from the Committee on Anglo-Turkish (Armaments Credit) Agreement [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to confirm and give effect to an agreement made between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Turkish Republic, and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid, it is expedient to authorise the following payments under the said Act, that is to say—

(a) the payment out of the Consolidated Fund of any advances made by the Treasury not exceeding in the aggregate six million pounds;
(b) the payment into the Exchequer of any sums received by His Majesty's Government in respect of such advances;
(c) the payment out of the Consolidated Fund of any sums so paid into the Exchequer;

and to authorise the Treasury to raise money and to create and issue securities for the purpose of making such advances as aforesaid and to apply any sums paid out of the Consolidated Fund under paragraph (c) of this Resolution in relief of the National Debt.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The House according to Order, resolved, Anglo-Turkish (Armaments Credit) Agreement Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Confirmation of agreement and power to make advances).

Question proposed, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

Wednesday, 6th July 1938:

Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again,—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer), put, and agreed to.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the 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 Supreme Court of Judicature (Amendment) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.
2 GEO. VI. 5th—6th July.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means:
Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Milk (Extension and Amendment) Bill:
Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Architects Registration Bill:
Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Divorce and Nullity of Marriage (Scotland) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Health (Coal Mine Refuse) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Protection of Animals (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

And, it being after half-past Eleven of the clock on Tuesday evening, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House, without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then six minutes after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning, till this day.

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Wednesday, 6th July 1938.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE West Thurrock 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.

Mr. Rammohan presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Twenty-first Annual Report of the Minister of Pensions, from 1st April 1937 to 31st March 1938.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Vol. 193.
Ordered, That the Workmen's Compensation (No. 2) Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Inheritance (Family Provision) Bill with Amendments: to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Harwich Harbour Bill [Lords.]

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Harwich Harbour Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

Shropshire, Worcestershire and Staffordshire Electric Power (Consolidation) Bill [Lords.]

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Shropshire, Worcestershire and Staffordshire Electric Power (Consolidation) Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Inheritance (Family Provision) Bill be taken into consideration upon Tuesday next; and be printed.

Shops (Sunday Trading Restriction) Act (1936) Amendment Bill.

Ordered, That the Shops (Sunday Trading Restriction) Act (1936) Amendment Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 27th day of this instant July.

The Order for reading a second time, to-morrow, the Housing (Rural Cottages Protection) Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Business of the House.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House)—(The Prime Minister):

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

Tellers for the Mr. John, Yes, Sir James Edmondson; Mr. Whiteley: 139.

Tellers for the Mr. G. Grimston, Noes, Mr. John: 249.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Lords Amendment was agreed to. The Lords Amendment in p. 2, l. 19, leave out (" and performance "), the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 2, l. 24, at end, insert—

("Provided that nothing in this subsection shall be construed as conferring on the Board any power to give a direction in relation to any matter regulated by or under the Coal Mines Act, 1911, or by or under any other enactment relating to the control or management of a mine within the meaning of that Act ")

the next Amendment, being read a second time;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Captain Crookshank):—It passed in the Negative.

The Lords Amendment in p. 2, l. 36, leave out (" or created by working facilities orders "); and insert (" and of certain other interests "); the next Amendment, being read a second time;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Attorney-General);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

Tellers for the Mr. Dugdale, Yes, Major Herbert: 221.

Tellers for the Mr. Whiteley, Noes, Mr. Charleton: 141.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Lords Amendment in p. 2, l. 8, leave out subsection (1) and insert—

("(1) It shall be the duty of the Commission to exercise their functions as owners of the fee simple in coal and mines of coal and of the property and rights to be acquired by them therewith in such manner as they may think best for promoting the interests, efficiency, and better organisation of the coal-mining industry.

(2) The Commission shall not themselves engage in the business of coal-mining or carry on any operations for coal-mining purposes, other than searching and boring for coal, but shall grant leases for those purposes:

Provided that the Commission may carry on any operations for those purposes which may be requisite for preserving in good order premises that are not for the time being subject to a coal-mining lease ").

the first Amendment, being read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Lords Amendment in l. 16, by inserting, after the words " for ", the words " continuous employment and ";—(Sir Stafford Cripps.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Lords Amendment;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

Tellers for the Mr. Mothers: 132.

Mr. Furness: 257.

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Captain Hope, Yes, Mr. Mothers: 132.

Mr. Furness: 257.

The Yeas to the Right;

The House divided.

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("Provided that nothing in this subsection shall be construed as conferring on the Board any power to give a direction in relation to any matter regulated by or under the Coal Mines Act, 1911, or by or under any other enactment relating to the control or management of a mine within the meaning of that Act ");

the next Amendment, being read a second time;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Captain Crookshank):—It passed in the Negative.

The Lords Amendment in p. 2, l. 36, leave out (" or created by working facilities orders "); and insert (" and of certain other interests "); the next Amendment, being read a second time;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Attorney-General);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

Tellers for the Mr. Dugdale, Yes, Major Herbert: 221.

Tellers for the Mr. Whiteley, Noes, Mr. Charleton: 141.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 3, l. 30, being read a second time, were disagreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 3, l. 30, leave out ("as"), and insert ("which"), the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 4, leave out from beginning of l. 32 to end of l. 23 on p. 5, and insert:

"(1) Except as provided by subsection (2) of this section, interests in coal or a mine of coal that arise under a coal-mining lease shall be retained interests.

(2) The following interests, that is to say—

(a) interests arising under a coal-mining lease in coal or a mine of coal which is subdemised by a coal-mining lease derived out of that lease, or which is, by virtue of any other form of disposition taking effect directly or indirectly out of that lease, held in like manner as if it had been so subdemised; and

(b) interests arising under a coal-mining lease where neither the lessee nor any person claiming under him is a person carrying on the business of coal-mining and having a substantial beneficial interest in the exercise of the rights conferred by the lease; shall not be retained interests unless the Commission so direct.

(3) Any direction to be given for the purposes of the last preceding subsection shall be given by means of a notice in writing served on the lessee under the lease under which the interests in question arise, and must be given not later than the expiration of six months from the valuation date, or, if later, from the time when the Commission have received notice of the subsistence of that lease and also, in a case to which paragraph (a) of that subsection applies, of the subdemise or other disposition.

Where a direction might be given both as respects interests arising under a lease and as respects interests arising under a lease derived out of that lease, a direction shall not be given as respects the former unless a direction has been given or is to be given as respects the latter also), the next Amendment, being read a second time;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Attorney-General):

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Mr. Furness,
Yeas, Sir James Edmondson: 201.
Tellers for the Mr. Whiteley,
Noes, Mr. Adamson: 141.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 11, l. 39, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 11, l. 15, at end, insert new Clause A (Acquisition by the Commission of right to arrears of rent), the next Amendment, being read a second time;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Attorney-General):

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Mr. Furness,
Yeas, Major Herbert: 209.
Tellers for the Mr. Whiteley,
Noes, Mr. Adamson: 142.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 14, l. 39, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 14, l. 39, leave out ("not") and insert ("which shall not in any case be") the next Amendment, being read a second time;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Stonely):

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Mr. Munro,
Yeas, Mr. Furness: 210.
Tellers for the Mr. Whiteley,
Noes, Mr. Adamson: 140.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Lords Amendment in p. 15, l. 2, leave out from ("the") to end of subsection (2), and insert ("conditions of the lease shall, where the person entitled thereto acquired the fee simple in the coal before the tenth day of November nineteen hundred and thirty-seven, be so framed as to secure that his financial position in respect of his business of working the coal shall neither be adversely affected nor improved by the fact that, in lieu of his remaining entitled to the fee simple in the coal, compensation of the amount ascertained under section seven of this Act becomes payable in respect thereof, and he becomes liable to a periodical payment of rent of an amount fixed by reference to the time requisite for enabling the coal to be worked out, and
ceases to be liable as proprietor thereof for the payment of mineral rights duty and royalties for manufacture after the end of September 1937.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Captain Wallace reported from the Committee on Food and Drugs [Money], a Resolution, which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to consolidate with amendments certain enactments relating to food, drugs, markets, slaughterhouses, and knackers' yards, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenses incurred by the Minister of Health or the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries under the said Act in exercising any powers of a council, port health authority, or joint board, subject however to the recovery of those expenses from the council, authority, or board in question, in manner provided by the said Act.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Order of the day being read, for the Anglo-Turkish (Armaments Credit) Agreement Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supreme Court of Judicature (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Marriage (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Finance Bill into consideration the Finance Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Naval Discipline (Amendment) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Milk (Extension and Amendment) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.
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The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Children and Young Persons 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 Amendments made by the Lords to the Architects Registration Bill; Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration 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.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Distribution by Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 47, of Bills committed to a Standing Committee.

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[No. 143.]

Thursday, 7th July 1938.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAyERS.

A PUBLIC Petition was presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, the Copy of Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the urban district of Billerica. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Earl Winterton present, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, Copies of Orders in Council, dated 23rd June 1938, entitled—

(1) the Northern Rhodesia (Legislative Council) Amendment Order in Council, 1938; and

(2) the Somalland Order in Council, 1938.

Copies of Statutes made—

(1) by the University of Oxford, on 20th April and 3rd May 1938, amending existing Statutes of the University; and

Copies of Statutes made—

(1) by the University of Oxford, on 4th May 1958, amending an existing Statute of the College.

Copies of Orders in Council, dated 23rd June 1938, entitled—

(1) the Trinity House (Variation of Establishment) Order, 1938; and

(2) the Merchant Shipping (Grimsby Seamen's Lodging-houses Keepers) Order, 1938.

Copies of Three Orders in Council, dated 23rd June 1938, declaring—

(1) that the Government of Greece has acceded to the Safety Convention; and

(2) that the Safety and Load Line Conventions have been applied to Burma.

Copy of Order in Council, dated 23rd June 1938, approving an Admiralty Memorial under the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865.

Copy of Order in Council, dated 23rd June 1938, entitled the Weights and Measures (Verification and Stamping Fees) Order, 1938.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Captain Wallace presented, by His Majesty's Import Command, the Copy of Recommendations of the Import Duties Advisory Committee, dated 14th June 1938, relating to the Import Duties (Drawback) (No. 10) Order, 1938.

Captain Wallace also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, the Copy of Order, dated 7th July 1938, made under the Finance Act, 1932, entitled the Import Duties (Drawback) (No. 10) Order, 1938.

Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 1st July 1938, directing the application of certain receipts as Appropriations in Aid of the Vote for the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Elliot presented, pursuant to the Town and Country Planning Act, 1932, entitled the Coventry (Whoberley and Fletchamstead) Planning Scheme.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Morgan Jones reported from the Committee of the House of Commons, that they had made further Progress in the matter of the Report referred to the House, together with the Minutes and Appendices; and the Report was brought up and read.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.
Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, that a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Post Office (Sites) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Derwent Valley Water Board Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Road Haulage Wages (No. 2) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Clacton 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 regulate the hours of employment of persons under the age of eighteen years employed in certain occupations; to amend the Shops Act, 1934, with respect to the regulation of the hours of employment of persons under the age of sixteen years, and with respect to the determination of the number of working hours of persons under the age of eighteen years; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Road Haulage Wages (No. 2) Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Young Persons (Employment) Bill [Lords] be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Boulton reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills: That they had considered the Order contained in the Land Drainage Provisional Order (Louth Drainage District) Bill; that they were of opinion that the said Order ought to be confirmed; and that they had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Mr. Boulton reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills: That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Chichester Corporation Bill [Lords], and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table: and be printed.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills: That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Surrey County Council Bill [Lords], and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table: and be printed.

Sir David Reid reported from the Committee on Group K of Private Bills: That they had considered the Order contained in the Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Mid-Staffordshire Joint Hospital District) Bill; that they were of opinion that the said Order ought to be confirmed; and that they had gone through the Bill and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Report be printed.

Mr. Ernest Brown, supported by Mr. Secretary Holidays, presented a will to enable wage regulating authorities to make provision for holidays and
holiday remuneration for workers whose wages they regulate, and to enable the Minister of Labour to assist voluntary schemes for securing holidays with pay for workers in any industry: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Elliot, supported by Mr. Attorney-General and Mr. Bernays, presented a Bill to provide for relief from rates in respect of air-raid protection works: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Secretary Coleville, supported by the Lord Advocate, presented a Bill to provide for relief from rates in respect of air-raid protection works in Scotland: 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 this House would insert "a" in so much of the Lords Amendment in p. 16, 1. 4, as to the words "the Court in which the proceedings are pending," and in the other case where the premises are or are about to become not subject to a coal mining lease, the Court,"—(Sir Stafford Cripps),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Lords Amendment; the Yeas and Noes were as follows:

The House divided.

The Lords Amendment in p. 25, 1. 10, at end, insert new Clause D (Power of the Court to provide for relief from rates in respect of air-raid protection works in Scotland: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

And the Question being put, That this House will agree with the Lords Amendment; the Yeas and Noes were as follows:

The Lords Amendment in p. 19, 1. 41, being read a second time, were agreed to.
The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right:
Tellers for the [Mr. M'Nair.]
Yea. [Sir James Edmondson:]
Tellers for the [Mr. Whitbread.]
Noes. [Mr. Mothers:]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 41, l. 17, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 41, l. 17, at end, insert ("and for any reference to a receiver of the rents and profits of premises there shall be substituted a reference to a judicial factor;"

(7) Any question which is required in pursuance of this Act to be referred to an arbitral agreement, being directed by the Court of Session, shall, if so directed, be resolved in a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 41, l. 17, at end, insert ("and for any reference to a receiver of the rents and profits of premises there shall be substituted a reference to a judicial factor;"

(8) In any arbitration in pursuance of this Act, the arbitrator may, and, if so directed by the Court of Session, shall, state a case for the opinion of that Court on any question of law arising in the arbitration ").

The next Amendment, being read a second time, was amended, in l. 9, by leaving out the word "sheriff," and inserting the words "Lord President of the Court of Session,"—(Mr. Solicitor-General for Scotland),—instead thereof,—and, so amended, was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 41, l. 30, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 42, l. 26, at end, insert:

("(15) The aggregate of the values of (a) any coal or mine of coal and any property and rights vested in the Commission by virtue of this Act, and (b) any erections or structural improvements used exclusively for the purpose of working or cleaning such coal, entered in any Valuation Roll or Supplementary Valuation Roll for any period ending after the vesting date, shall not exceed the value or values at which such coal, mine of coal, property and rights and such erections or improvements would have been so entered if this Act had not passed, and, notwithstanding anything contained in section six of the Lands Valuation (Scotland) Act, 1854, as amended by any subsequent enactment, no entry shall be made in any such roll in respect of erections or structural improvements used exclusively for the purpose of working or cleaning coal by reason only of the fact, that in consequence of the vesting of the coal in the Commission under this Act, the land on which the said erections or structural improvements are situated is not included in the lease of the coal.").

The next Amendment, being read a second time.

And it appearing that the object of the Amendment was to provide for cases not previously contemplated by the Commons, the same was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 44, l. 21, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 44, l. 21, at beginning, insert:

("Where information is required by the Commission for the discharge of the functions to be performed by them by virtue of this Part of this Act and the Commission consider it necessary for the purpose of obtaining such information to cause an inspection to be made at any premises used in connection with the carrying on of a coal-mining undertaking the Commission may, by serving upon the persons carrying on the undertaking a notice showing the general nature of the information required, authorise in writing ").

the next Amendment, being read a second time;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Captain Crookshank):

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right:
Tellers for the [Mr. M'Nair.]
Yea. [Sir James Edmondson:]
Tellers for the [Mr. Mothers.]
Noes. [Mr. Adamson:]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 44, l. 42, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 44, l. 42, leave out ("the Commission consider "), and insert ("are reasonably "), the next Amendment, being read a second time;

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. 6, further Proceeding was postponed without Question put.

The West Yorkshire Gas Distribution Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That it be an Instruction to the Committee to insert provisions in the Bill:

(1) For the further and better protection of highway authorities than is afforded by the Gas Works Clauses Act, 1847, in respect of the laying of pipes and mains by the company in county roads and any other roads vested in any local authority, the filling in and restoration of such roads after the pipes and mains have been laid, and the duty and expense of altering the position of such pipes and mains after any subsequent diversion, alteration, or improvement of such roads.

(2) For requiring the approval of the county council and the local authority to the site selected for the erection of any gas holder or container for storing gas so that due regard may be had to the amenities of the district and to the prevention of interference with air-nait precautions—(Major Miller):—

The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

The postponed Proceeding on Consideration Coal Bill of the Lords Amendment to the Coal Bill, in p. 44, l. 42, was resumed.

Resolved, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Captain Crookshank).
Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 50, l. 8, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 50, l. 8, at end, insert:

(‘2. At least two of the members of the Commission shall be persons who have had administrative or other practical experience in the coal-mining industry’),

the next Amendment, being read a second time, was amended, by adding at the end thereof the words ‘and one of those two members shall be a person who has been a wage earner in the coal-mining industry.’—(Mr. George Hall)—and, so amended, was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 50, l. 31, leave out (‘or machinery or plant for coal-mining’), the next Amendment, being read a second time;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That this House do agree with the Lords in the said Amendment.—(Captain Crooks);

The House divided.

The Yeas for the Amendment, Noes for the said Amendment, were agreed to.

The Yeas for the Amendment, Noes for the said Amendment, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 54, l. 15, at end, insert:

(‘2) The Commission shall on the occasion of their first exercising, or granting to a lessee the benefit of, a right vested in them giving effect to the Commission’s proposals or to any postponement or interruption of the construction thereof as that person may reasonably require, and if it is alleged by the Commission that the foundations are being constructed otherwise than in accordance with any plans or specifications produced or furnished to them, or otherwise than in accordance with any such plans or specifications as modified in accordance with proposals made by the Commission, as the case may be, the Commission shall notify the building owner of the matter alleged to constitute a departure therefrom and any question arising in relation thereto shall be determined by arbitration;

(d) the Commission shall pay all costs reasonably incurred by the building owner in the production or furnishing of copies of plans and specifications pursuant to a request made by the Commission under this sub-paragraph, and the amount of any addition to the expense incurred by him in constructing the buildings or works which is attributable to giving effect to the Commission’s proposals or to any postponement or interruption of the construction thereof consequent upon an allegation on the part of the Commission of a departure from plans and specifications which is determined not to have been well founded, and any question as to the subsistence of a liability of the Commission by virtue of this provision or as to the amount payable by them in respect of any such liability shall be determined by arbitration;

(e) if the building owner fails to give notice to the Commission in accordance with this sub-paragraph of the proposal to construct the buildings or works or fails to comply with a request made by the Commission thereunder, the obligation to pay compensation or to make good referred to in sub-paragraph (1) of this paragraph shall not extend to any damage that would have been avoided if they had been so constructed;

(4) On granting to any person the right to withdraw support from any land the Commission shall require that person to give
adequate security for the payment of any compensation likely to become payable as a result of the exercise of that right.

The said Amendment was divided.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Lords in so much of the said Amendment as proposes to insert sub-paragraphs (2) and (3)—(Captain Crookshank);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right.

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the—Sir James Edmondson—196.

Tellers for the—Mr. John—129.

Mr. Whiteley:

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

So much of the Lords Amendment as proposes to insert sub-paragraph (4), was disagreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 34, leave out ll. 16 to 27, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 55, l. 3, at end, insert ("and such restrictions may be so imposed on the application of, and so as to vest the right to enforce the restrictions in, any company or other body or person carrying on an undertaking primarily for the supply of gas, electricity, water or hydraulic power for public purposes or to members of the public.

7.—(1) Any person interested in land damaged by the working of coal in exercise of a right to withdraw support therefrom which vests in the Commission under either of the two preceding paragraphs subject to an obligation to pay proper compensation for or to make good damage arising from such working, and which has been granted by the Commission to a lessee, shall be entitled to enforce against the Commission any liability to pay proper compensation for or to make good that damage pursuant to that obligation which the lessee fails to discharge.

Provided that nothing in this sub-paragraph shall be construed as rendering invalid any provision in a lease granted by the Commission requiring the lessee to indemnify the Commission against liability in respect of any such obligation as aforesaid, and the Commission may require the inclusion of such a provision in a lease which they are under obligation by virtue of section twelve of this Act to grant.

(2) Any question as to the subsistence by virtue of either of the two preceding paragraphs of an obligation to pay proper compensation for or to make good damage to any land, or as to the rights or liabilities of any person in respect of the enforcement of such an obligation so subsisting, shall be determined by arbitration.

The next Amendment, being read a second time.

The said Amendment was divided.

So much of the Lords Amendment as proposes to insert ("and such restrictions may be so imposed on the application of, and so as to vest the right to enforce the restrictions in, any company or other body or person carrying on an undertaking primarily for the supply of gas, electricity, water or hydraulic power for public purposes or to members of the public.

And a Motion being made, That this House doth agree with the Lords in so much of the said Amendment as proposes to insert paragraph (7)—(Captain Crookshank);

And it appearing that the Commons were Special Entry, willing to waive their Privileges;

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Lords in so much of the said Amendment as proposes to insert paragraph (7)—(Captain Crookshank);

The Lords Amendment in p. 57, l. 26, after ("profession"), insert ("or a person who has had experience in the management of land or with business experience"), the next Amendment, being read a second time;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Captain Crookshank);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right.

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the—Mr. James Stuart—150.

Tellers for the—Mr. Munro—89.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 73, l. 13, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 73, l. 13, at end, insert ("and accordingly shall be treated as a proper deduction from income.

The next Amendment, being read a second time;

And it appearing that the object of the Special Entry. Amendment was to remove doubts, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 73, l. 21, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 74, l. 41, at end, insert:

("Expenses of Surface Damage Claims.

The Commission shall pay the costs and expenses reasonably incurred by any person after the vesting date in connection with a claim for compensation in respect of damage arising from the working of coal to the land, buildings or other property of such person and to which he may be entitled under the provisions of paragraphs 5 and 6 of the Second Schedule to this Act").

The next Amendment, being read a second time, was disagreed to.
Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 88, l. 4, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 88, l. 4, at beginning, insert:  
("1. After subsection (1) of section five there shall be inserted the following new subsection—
' (1A) If it appears to the Board of Trade to be expedient that more than one district committee of investigation should be constituted for any district with a view to the investigation of complaints relating to different matters or to different localities by different committees, two or more such committees may be constituted therefor and shall be charged respectively with the duty of investigating any complaint with respect to the operation of the district scheme for that district made in relation to such matters or to such localities as the Board may direct."");

Special Entry.  

And it appearing that the object of the Amendment was to provide for cases not previously contemplated by the Commons, the same was agreed to.  

The Lords Amendment in p. 88, l. 6, at end, insert:  
("3. At the end of subsection (5) of section five the following words shall be added—
' and the complainant also shall furnish the committee with such returns, accounts and other information as the committee considers relevant to the investigation,'"");

the next Amendment, being read a second time;

And it appearing that the object of the Amendment was to provide for cases not previously contemplated by the Commons, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 88, l. 6, at end, insert:
("( 3. At the end of subsection (5) of section five the following words shall be added—
' and the complainant also shall furnish the committee with such returns, accounts and other information as the committee considers relevant to the investigation,'"");

the next Amendment, being read a second time;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Captain Crookshank),

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Nos to the Left;

Tellers for the [Mr. Munro], [Sir James Edmondson]: 138.

Tellers for the [Mr. Mathers], [Mr. Anderson]: 79.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the remaining Lords Amendments, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords in the said Amendment (Mr. Crookshank),

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Nos to the Left;

Tellers for the [Mr. Munro], [Sir James Edmondson]: 138.

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So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the remaining Lords Amendments, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords in the said Amendment (Mr. Crookshank),

And a Committee was nominated of,—Mr. Stanley, Captain Crookshank, Captain Briscoe, Sir Stafford Cripps, and Mr. Paling.

Ordered, That Three be the quorum of the Committee.—(Mr. Stanley).

And they are to withdraw immediately.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Supreme Court of Judicature (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Anglo-Turkish (Arms Credit) Agreement Bill:

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Milk (Extension and Amendment) Bill:

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The Order of the day being read, for taking Naval Discipline (Amendment) Bill, as amended in the Committee:

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee on the Anglo-Turkish (Arms Credit) Agreement Bill;

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The Order of the day being read, for the War (Extension, and Amendment) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Food and Drugs Bill (Lords);

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Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Marriage (Scotland) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Finance Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Baking Industry (Hours of Work) Bill; and the same was twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lordes; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendment made by their Lordships.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Architects Registration 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 Divorce and Nullity of Marriage (Scotland) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Tuesday next.

The Order made upon the 5th day of this instant July, That the Protection of Animals (No. 2) 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 Monday next.—(Sir Robert Gower.)

Mr. Stanley reported from the Committee appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to certain of the Amendments made by their Lordships to the Coal Bill; That they had drawn up Reasons accordingly, which they directed him to report to the House; and the same were read, as follow:

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in p. 2, l. 24, for the following Reason:

Because the Amendment is unduly restrictive as respects directions which it might be expedient for the Board of Trade to give for securing safety.

They disagree to the Amendments made by the Lords in p. 2, l. 40; p. 3, l. 2; and p. 3, l. 9, for the following Reason:

Because they consider that the period up to the 1st July, 1942, will be adequate for the completion of valuations and because uncertainty as to the vesting date would render it impracticable to make the valuations.

They disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in p. 15, l. 20, to insert New Clause (Provisions affecting renewal of leases) for the following Reason:

Because it is inexpedient that the exercise by the Commission of their functions in relation to the granting of leases should be subject to review by arbitrators.

They disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in p. 54, l. 13, to insert new sub-paragraph (4), for the following Reason:

Because the Amendment is unnecessary having regard to the Amendment in p. 55, l. 3.

They disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in p. 74, l. 41, for the following Reason:

Because the Amendment would impose on the Commission liability for costs and expenses in relation to matters over which they have no control.

The said Reasons, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to communicate the said Reasons (with the Bill and Amendments): And that the Clerk do carry the same.

And it being after half-past Eleven of the clock on Thursday evening, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then twenty-six minutes before Two of the clock, on Friday morning, till this day.

[No. 144.]

Friday, 8th July 1938.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Cowes Urban District Council Bill, and the same were twice read, and agreed to

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Mid-Staffordshire Joint Hospital District) 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 (Louth Drainage District) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.
Mr. Bulter presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Text of a proposed Resolution reaffirming and extending the Non-Intervention Agreement and providing for the withdrawal of Foreign Volunteers from Spain, for the grant in certain circumstances of belligerent rights to the two parties in Spain, and for the observation of the Spanish frontiers by land and sea adopted by the International Committee for the application of the Agreement regarding non-intervention in Spain at a plenary session, held on Tuesday 5th July 1938, for transmission to the two Spanish parties for their approval.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Public Accounts. No. 154. Mr. Wallace presented,—Return to an Order dated the 6th day of this instant July; for a Return relative to Public Accounts.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Judicial Statistics (England and Wales.) Mr. Attorney-General presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Statistics relating to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, the House of Lords, the Supreme Court of Judicature, County Courts and other Civil Courts for 1937.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Shops Acts. Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order made under the Shops Acts, by the Council of the under-mentioned local authority, and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department:—

County of Cumberland, for the rural district of Ennerdale.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Education (Scotland.) Mr. Secretary Coleville presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Minute of the Committee of Council on Education in Scotland, dated 7th July 1938, entitled the Adult Education (Scotland) (Residential Institutions) Regulations Minute, 1938.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Importation of Plumage (Prohibition) Act (1921) Amendment Bill. The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates, 1938.

Class VI. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £284,870 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 1939 for the salaries and expenses of certain Merivale Marine services, including the expenses of Coastguard and General Register and Record Office of Shipping and Seamen.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a sum not exceeding £284,870 be granted for the said Service.—(Mr. Greenwood.) The Committee divided.

Tellers for the "Yeas, Mr. Musters: 73,

Tellers for the "Noses, Mr. Grimston: 156.

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. Deputy 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 Committee of 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. 2, it being then nine minutes after Four of the clock, till Monday next.

[No. 145.]

Monday, 11th July 1938.

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 Willesden, East Division, in the room of Daniel Gerald Somerville, Esquire, deceased, —(Captain Maryonson.)

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Clacton Urban District Council Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.
The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Derwent Valley Water Board Bill; and the same was twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendment made by their Lordships.

The Surrey County Council 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 Tatton Estate Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

Ordered, That the Report of the Committee on Unopposed Bills on the Bristol Corporation Bill [Lords] be now taken into consideration.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Ordered. That the House doth agree with the Committee in their recommendation that a period of eighty years for the repayment of money to be borrowed by the promoters for the construction of certain works and the acquisition of certain lands for the purposes of their dock undertaking under powers sought by the Bill be allowed.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

The Land Drainage Provisional Order (Louth Drainage District) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Ordered. That the reported Provisional Order be now considered, and be printed.

Air Services (Supplementary Estimates, 1938.)

No. 155.

Ordered. That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Elliot presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of Scheme made under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937, by the Fleetwood and Thornton Superannuation Joint Committee.

Ordered, That the said Estimate be referred to the Committee of Supply; and be printed.

Mr. Stanley presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Standing Committee set up under the Merchandise Marks Act, 1926, respecting Basketware.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Colville presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Sixty-fifth Annual Report by the Accountant to the Scottish Education Department, for 1936-37.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered. That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. William Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 25th June 1938, entitled the Cattle Subsidy Regulations, 1938.

Ordered. That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Burgess presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 5th July 1938, entitled the London Traffic (Prescribed Routes) (No. 28) (Sevenoaks) Regulations, 1938.

Ordered. That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Isidore Salaman reported from the Select Committee on Estimates:—That they had considered the matters to them referred, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them, and Appendices: And the Report was brought up and read.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

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British Museum Bill [Lords] was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Ordered. That the Bill do lie upon the Table.

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Sir Hugh O'Neill reported from Standing Committee C:—That they had gone through the Administration of Justice (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill [Lords], and made Amendments thereto, and had amended the Title as followeth:—A Bill to amend the law with respect to assizes and to quarter sessions and with respect to proceedings heretofore usually dealt with on the Crown side of the King's Bench Division of the High Court; to enable effect to be given to international conventions affecting English Courts; to extend the jurisdiction of county courts and to amend the Supreme Court of Judicature (Consolidation) Act, 1925, and the County Courts Act, 1934; to amend the law relating to appeals from the Mayor's and City of London Court; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid.
Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Tuesday next; and be printed.

No. 157. Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

Privileges. Resolved, nemine contradicente, That this House doth agree with the Report of the Committee of Privileges.—(The Prime Minister.)

Finance Bill. The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Finance Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause (Deduction in respect of children over sixteen undergoing training).—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer).—was twice read, and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Amendment as to appeals under Schedule B in the case of nurseries and gardens).—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer),—was twice read, and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Limitation of the amount of investment income to be included in profits of certain assurance businesses).—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer),—was twice read, and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Extension of time for making certain claims for purpose of national defence contribution).—(Captain Wallace),—was twice read, and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Extension of relief in respect of land tax).—(Captain Wallace),—was twice read, and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Charge of national defence contribution).—(Mr. Pethick-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 Yeas, {Mr. Whiteley : 135.}

Tellers for the Noes, 

126.

191.

229.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Relief in respect of certain profits of housing associations).—(Mr. Pethick-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 Yeas, {Mr. Groves, Mr. Whiteley : 135.}

Tellers for the Noes, {Captain Hope, Sir James Edmondson : 229.}

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Amendment of s. 1 of c. 18 of 19 & 11 Geo. 5).—(Mr. Herbert Williams.)

And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the said Clause be read a second time:—The said Motion and Clause were severally, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Deductions for expenses incurred during disability).—(Mr. Herbert Williams.)

And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the said Clause be read a second time:—The said Motion and Clause were severally, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Relief in respect of estate duty on list of dependent relative).—(Mr. George Griffiths.)

And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first and second time, and amended, in l. 1, by leaving out from the word "person," to the end of the proposed Clause, and adding the words "proves that during any year of assessment he has a relative living with him—

(a) who in that year has been denied wholly or in part unemployment allowance under Part II of the Unemployment Act, 1934, or public assistance, on the ground that the relative was being maintained wholly or partly by him; and

(b) in respect of whom he is entitled to no deduction for that year under section twenty-two of the Finance Act, 1929;

he shall be entitled to a deduction from the amount of tax with which he is chargeable for that year equal to tax at the standard rate on the amount deemed to have been paid by him in that year towards such maintenance but not exceeding tax on twenty-five pounds."

—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer),—instead thereof, and, so amended, was made part of the Bill.

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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:

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So it passed in the Negative.

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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.
Ordered. That further Consideration of the Bill, as amended, be now adjourned.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Ordered. That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into further consideration to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 30th day of June last, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty in pursuance of the provisions of Section 309 of the Government of India Act, 1935, praying that the Government of India (High Court Judges) (Amendment) Order, 1938, be made in the form of the draft laid before Parliament;

And the Question being again proposed:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Ordered, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty in pursuance of the provisions of Section 157 of the Government of India Act, 1935, praying that the Government of Burma (High Court Judges) (Amendment) Order, 1938, be made in the form of the draft laid before 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.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 30th day of June last, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty in pursuance of the provisions of Section 157 of the Government of Burma Act, 1935, praying that the Government of Burma (High Court Judges) (Amendment) Order, 1938, be made in the form of the draft laid before Parliament;

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Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Majesty by such Members of this House as are of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council or of His Majesty's Household.

The Order of the day being read, for 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 Rating and Valuation (Air Raid Works) Bill:

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Young Persons (Employment) (Scotland) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Holidays with Pay Bill:

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 Rating and Valuation (Air Raid Works) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Rating and Valuation (Air Raid Works) (Scotland) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supreme Court of Judicature (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Anglo-Turkish (Armaments—Credit) Agreement Bill:

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Milk Committee on the Milk (Extension and Amendment) Bill:

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Naval Discipline (Amendment) Bill, as amended in the Committee:

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Food and Drugs 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 Marriage (Scotland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Marriage (Scotland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Architects Registration Bill;
Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Housing (Rural Cottages Protection) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Restoration of Mills in Rural Areas 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 Importation of Plumage (Prohibition) Act (1921) Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Restoration of Mills in Rural Areas Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the War Department Property 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 Marriage (Scotland) 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 Restoration of Mills in Rural Areas Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Importation of Plumage (Prohibition) Act (1921) Amendment Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Adjournment, Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.  
(Captain Jorgesson.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-five minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the West Thurrock Estate Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on Government Business and on the Divorce and Nullity of Marriage (Scotland) Bill [Lords] be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House)—(The Prime Minister);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right:

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the 
Mr. Munro,

Yeas, 
Major Herbert : 256.

Tellers for the 
Mr. Mathers,

Noes, 
Mr. Adamson : 128.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 42, l. 23, by leaving out the word "twenty-five," and inserting the word "thirty,"—(Mr. Spens).—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the word "twenty-five" 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. 53, l. 19, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words,—

Provided that this subsection shall not apply in any case where the transfer or transfers in respect of which the liability to estate duty arises under the provisions of the said section thirty-five were made before the commencement of the said Act."—(Lord Apsley.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Friday next: and be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Anglo-Turkish (Armaments Credit) Agreement Bill. (In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Confirmation of agreement and power to make advances.) Question again proposed, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

Question put, and agreed to.

Clauses No. 2 and No. 3 agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.

The House, according to Order, resolved Milk (Extension Amendment) Bill.

(Angle.)

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Question put, and agreed to.

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Schedule agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

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. FrazRoy, Speaker).

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Milk (Extension Amendment) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 to No. 5 agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Bill to be reported.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Major Milner reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The War Department Property Bill [Lords], was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for Thursday next.—(Captain Dugdale.)

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Road Haulage Wages (No. 2) Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Naval Discipline (Amendment) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Road Haulage Wages (No. 2) Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Food and Drugs Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 to No. 4 agreed to.

Clause No. 5 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 6 to No. 56 agreed to.

Clause No. 57 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 58 to No. 60 agreed to.

Clause No. 61 (Elimination of private slaughter-houses.)

Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the \{Captain Dugdale, Yeas, \} \{Major Harvie Watt,\} 181.

Tellers for the \{Mr. Whiteley, Noes,\} \{Mr. Adamson :\} 115.

Clause No. 62 to No. 100 agreed to.

Clause No. 101 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 102 and No. 103 agreed to.

First to Third Schedules agreed to.

Fourth Schedule amended, and 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, be now taken into consideration.

The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Divorce and Nullity of Marriage (Scotland) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, by leaving out l. 15.—(Mr. Westwood.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the \{Mr. Erskine Hill, Yeas, \} \{Mr. Graham Kerr :\} 158.

Tellers for the \{Mr. Kirkwood, Noes, \} \{Miss Horsbrugh :\} 31.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 15, by inserting, after the word "insane," the words "and has been continuously under care and treatment as an insane person for a period of at least five years immediately preceding the action for divorce."—(Captain McEwen.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill;

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning:

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And the Question being put;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the \{Captain McEwen, Yeas, \} \{Miss Horsbrugh :\} 51.

Tellers for the \{Mr. Erskine Hill, Noes, \} \{Mr. Graham Kerr :\} 74.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 22, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words,

"Provided that where the ground for the action is incurable insanity the Court shall not be bound to grant a decree of divorce and may dismiss the action if in the opinion of the Court the pursuer has during the marriage been guilty of such wilful neglect or misconduct as has conduced to the insanity."—(Mr. Mather.)

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 words "for the," and inserting the word "of," instead thereof; and in l. 3, by leaving out the words "and may dismiss the action,"—(Mr. Erskine Hill)—and, so amended, were there inserted in the Bill.
Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, by inserting, after the words last inserted, the words,—

"(2) For the purposes of paragraph (d) of the foregoing subsection the defender’s guilt of sodomy or bestiality shall be held to be proved if an extract of a conviction therefor in any part of the United Kingdom is produced, and the application of such conviction to the defender is admitted or proved."—(Mr Erskine Hill.)

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. Erskine Hill];

Mr. Graham Kerr: 107.
Mr. Barr: 6.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 19, by leaving out from the word “person” to the end of the sub-section.—(Miss Horsbrugh.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill.—And a Debate arising thereupon;

and it appearing from the Debate that the question raised by the Amendment had already been decided by the House, Mr. Deputy Speaker declined to put the Question thereon.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

And the Title of the Bill was amended as followeth:—An Act to amend the law of Scotland with regard to divorce and dissolution of marriage.

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 Nos to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Erskine Hill];

Mr. Graham Kerr: 77.
Miss Horsbrugh: 19.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Young Persons (Employment) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Holidays with Pay Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Rating and Valuation (Air Raid Works) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Rating and Valuation (Air Raid Works) (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supreme Court of Judicature Amendment (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Marriage and Divorce Act (Scotland) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Inheritance Tax 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.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Inheritance Tax (Family Provision) 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 Amendments made by the Lords to the Architects Registration Bill;

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Public Health (Coal Mine Refuse) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Workmen’s Compensation Act (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That an humble Address be presented (Scotland.) to His Majesty praying Him graciously to withhold His approval to such parts of the Perth and Kinross Educational Trust Scheme, 1938, made under the Educational Endowments (Scotland) Act, 1928, as may affect or refer to the McLaren Educational Trust, Callander, a copy of which scheme was presented to this House on the 20th day of May 1938.—(Sir Murdoch MacDonald):
And Notice being taken, that Forty Members were not present, the House was told by Mr. Speaker; and Forty Members not being present, it being then after Four of the clock on Tuesday afternoon, The House was adjourned by Mr. Speaker, at ten minutes before Two of the clock on Wednesday morning, without a Question first put, till this day.

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The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Death of a Member.

Mr. Speaker made the following communication to the House:—

I regret to have to inform the House of the death of Frank Edward Clarke, Esquire, J.P., late Member for the County of Kent (Dartford Division), and desire to express our sense of the loss we have sustained and our sympathy with the relatives.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Bristol Corporation Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

And Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Employers’ Liability Insurance.

Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Certificate of the Auditors of the Accident Offices Association showing, for 1937, the effect of the undertaking given by the Association for the purpose of limiting the charges to employers in respect of Employers’ Liability Insurance.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Civil Estimates (Supplementary Estimates, 1938). No. 100.

Captain Wallace presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Estimate of a further sum required to be voted for the service of the year ending 31st March 1939.

Ordered, That the said Estimate be referred to the Committee of Supply; and be printed.

East India (Statistical Abstract.)

Colonel Murielhead presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Statistical Abstract for British India from 1926-27 to 1935-36. Sixty-ninth Number.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Education (Scotland.)

Mr. Secretary Coleville presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Minute of the Committee of Council on Education in Scotland, dated 7th July 1938, entitled the Education (Scotland) Paisley Technical College and School of Art Special Grant Regulations Minute, 1938.

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The Lords have agreed to the Pier and Harbour Provisional Order (Clacton-on-Sea) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Cholderton and District Water) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Torquay) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to consolidate with Amendments certain enactments relating to the limitation of actions and arbitrations; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Limitation 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 Housing (Rural Cottages Protection) Bill be read a second time upon Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the surplus and deficits upon Navy, Army, and Air Grants for the year ended 31st March 1937, and the application of surpluses to meet Expenditure not provided for in the Grants for that year. —(Captain Margesson.)

Ordered, That the Appropriation Accounts for the Navy, Army, and Air Departments, which were presented upon the 1st February 1938, be referred to the Committee. —(Captain Margesson.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this day, notwithstanding anything in Standing Order No. 14, 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:

| Tellers for Yes | 251 |
| Tellers for Noes | 128 |

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make it unlawful to have possession of any animal trained or prepared for use in fighting or baiting of any instrument or appliance designed or adapted for use in connection with the fighting or baiting of any animal: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday next; and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved Supply itself into the Committee of Supply. —(In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates, 1938.

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Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £2,043,778 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 1939 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, and of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, including grants and grants in aid and expenses in respect of agricultural education and research, eradication of diseases of animals, and improvement of breeding, &c.; of live stock, land settlement, improvement of cultivation, drainage, &c., of agricultural wages, agricultural credits, and marketing, fishery research and development, control of diseases of fish, &c., and sundry other services.

Whereupon the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod being come with a Message, the Chairman left the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

A Message was delivered by Lieutenant Royal Assent. General Sir William Pulteney, G.C.V.O., K.C.B., of the Royal Assent to several Acts which are agreed upon by both Houses, and to Measures passed under the provisions of the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act, 1919, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers:—And having returned;

Mr. Speaker reported, That the House, at the desire of the Lords, authorised by virtue of His Majesty's Commission, for declaring His Royal Assent to several Acts which are agreed upon by both Houses, and to Measures passed under the provisions of the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act, 1919, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read.
the Lords, thereby authorised, had declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts and Measures as follow:

7. Mental Deficiency Act, 1938.
14. Ministry of Health Provisional Order Confirmation (Keighley) Act, 1938.
15. Ministry of Health Provisional Order Confirmation (Cholderton and District Water) Act, 1938.
17. Ministry of Health Provisional Order Confirmation (Calne Water) Act, 1938.
27. Surrey County Council Act, 1938.

Liverpool City Churches Act, 1897 (Amendment), Measure, 1938.
Faculty Jurisdiction Measure, 1938.

Then the House again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Question again proposed, That a sum not exceeding £2,043,778 be granted for the said Service.—(Sir Hugh Seely.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir Percy Harvis, Yeas, 137.
Sir Hugh Seely:]
Tellers for the [Captain Hope, Nos, 249.
Mr. Grimston:]
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 Means.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put on the said twelfth day of June, nineteen hundred and thirty-eight, by the Treasury under the Import Duties Act, 1932, a copy of which was presented to this House on the said twentieth day of June, nineteen hundred and thirty-eight, be approved.—(Mr. Cross):—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Mr. Alexander moved, That the Debate be now adjourned; but Mr. Speaker, being of opinion that the Motion was an abuse of the Rules of the House, put the Question thereupon forthwith:

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Adamson, Yeas, 60.
Mr. Anderson:]
Tellers for the [Sir James Edmundson, Nos, 146.
Mr. Furness:]
So it passed in the Negative.

And the Original Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Milk (Extension and Amendment) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Thursday morning;
The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

A PUBLIC Petition was presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, —Copy of Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, No. 161, 1932, to the rural district of Kettering.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table, and be printed.

Mr. Stanley presented, pursuant to the Commissions of Oyer and Terminer, directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Forty-seventh General Annual Report by the Board of Trade on Companies.

Copies of Reports to the Board of Trade by the Lighthouse Commissioners of Northern Lighthouses of their inspection of Local Lighthouses, &c., and by the Commissioners of Irish Lights of their inspection of Local Lighthouses, &c., in Northern Ireland, in 1937.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Colonel Maithripala presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Minute of the Secretary of State for India granting to Sir Nripendra Nath Sinha, K.C.S.I., Member of the Governor-General’s Executive Council, an extension of leave of absence by a period not exceeding two months and one day, under Section 86 (3) of the Ninth Schedule of the Government of India Act, 1935.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of a Measure, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Copy of Scheme for the taking down and the sale of the site and materials of the Church of St. Mary, Walkley, in the county of York and in the diocese of Sheffield.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return showing the number of persons in receipt of Poor Relief in England and Wales on the night of the 1st day of January 1938 (in and under Section 36 of the continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 157, of 1936–37).—(Mr. Elliott.)

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Middlesex County Council, extending to 1934. Acts, 1920

undertaking the Gas Undertakings Acts, 1920 to 1934, on the application of the Milford Haven District Council, which was presented on the 21st day of June and published, be approved.

—(Mr. Cross.)

Resolved, That the draft of a Special Order proposed to be made by the Board of Trade under the Gas Undertakings Acts, 1920 to 1934, on the application of the Lymm Urban District Council, which was presented on the 22nd day of June and published, be approved.

—(Mr. Cross.)

Resolved, That the draft of a Special Order proposed to be made by the Board of Trade under the Gas Undertakings Acts, 1920 to 1934, on the application of the Mufford Haven Urban District Council, which was presented on the 24th day of June and published, be approved.

—(Mr. Cross.)

Resolved, That the draft of a Special Order proposed to be made by the Board of Trade under the Gas Undertakings Acts, 1920 to 1934, on the application of the Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors of the burgh of Kirkintilloch, which was presented on the 28th day of June and published, be approved.

—(Mr. Cross.)

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Architects Registration Bill:

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration this day.

And, it being after half past Eleven of the clock upon Wednesday evening, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then ten minutes after Twelve of the clock on Thursday morning, till this day.
several matters required by the Standing Orders, and had directed him to make a Report thereon to the House; and the Report was brought up and read.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, and the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Report 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 Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Hire-Purchase Bill, with Amendments, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1936 relating to the Lochaber Power Company, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments proposed by the Commons to certain of their Amendments to the Coal Bill and to the transfer of one of their Amendments to another place in the Bill. The Lords do not insist on certain of their Amendments to which the Commons have disagreed. The Lords do not insist on certain others, but propose Amendments in lieu thereof, and have made a consequential Amendment to one of their Amendments to which this House hath agreed; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Coal Bill in lieu of certain of their Amendments to which this House hath disagreed and the consequential Amendment made by the Lords to one of their Amendments to which this House hath agreed, be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

The Lochaber Water Power Order Confirmation Bill [Lords] was ordered, under Section 7 of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1936, to be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Bill be printed.

Captain Wallace presented a Bill to amend the law with respect to customs in the Isle of Man; and the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Procedings 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 were as follows:

Tellers for the 'Captain Dugdale,'

Mr. Furness: 177.

Mr. Groves: 113.

Mr. Adamson: So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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The Holidays with Pay Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for Monday next.—(Mr. Furness.)

Mr. Ernest Brown, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House that His Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of the Motion relating to Holidays with Pay [Money], proposed to be moved, under Standing Order No. 69, in Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Then the House, pursuant to Standing Order No. 69, resolved itself into Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to enable wage regulating authorities to make provision for holidays and holiday remuneration for workers whose wages they regulate, and to enable the Minister of Labour to assist voluntary schemes for securing holidays with pay for workers in any industry, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the payment into the Exchequer of fines imposed in respect of offences under the said Act; and

(b) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenses incurred by the Minister of Labour in connection with any scheme for securing holidays with pay for any workers in an industry or a branch of an industry which may be approved by him under the said Act.

—(Mr. Ernest Brown.)

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 Rating and Valuation (Air Raid Works) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for Monday next.—(Mr. Furness.)

The Rating and Valuation (Air Raid Works) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for Monday next.—(Mr. Furness.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Supreme Court of Judicature (Amendment) Bill (No. 2) Bill,

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time; and the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning;

Friday, 15th July 1938:

And the Question being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time.
The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for Monday next.—(Captain Dupplin.)

Mr. Secretary Cokeille, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House that His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Supreme Court of Judicature (Amendment) Act, 1925, proposed to move, under Standing Order No. 49, in Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Then the House, pursuant to Standing Order No. 69, resolved itself into Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to amend the provisions of the Supreme Court of Judicature (Consolidation) Act, 1925, relating to the number of judges of the Court of Appeal, the performance by such judges of the functions of judges of the High Court, and the filling of vacancies among judges of the Chancery Division, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of the Consolidated Fund of any increase in the sums payable under section fifteen of the said Act of 1925 in respect of the salaries and pensions payable to any additional judges of the Court of Appeal appointed by virtue of the said Act of the present Session, and to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any increase in the sums payable under section one hundred and twenty-one of the said Act of 1925 in respect of the salaries payable to any clerks attached to such judges.—(Mr. Attorney-General.)

Resolved to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Administration of Justice (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

Resolved, That the draft of the District Probate Registries Order, 1928, made under Section 108 of the Supreme Court of Judicature (Consolidation) Act, 1925, which was presented to this House on the fourth day of July, nineteen hundred and thirty-eight, be approved.—(Mr. Attorney-General.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the War Department Property Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.
On Friday, 15th July 1938,

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Chichester Corporation Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee; and Amendments were made to the Bill. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Lochaber Water Power Order Confirmation Bill [Lords]. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

Sir Kingsley Wood presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Annual Report of the Chief Inspector of Factories and Workshops for 1937.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Elliot presented, Return to an Order, dated the 14th day of this instant July, for a Return relative to Persons in receipt of Poor Relief in England and Wales.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Annual Report of the Chief Inspector of Factories and Workshops for 1937.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Monday next, the Riding Establishments (Registration and Inspection) Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Hire-Purchase Bill be taken into consideration upon Tuesday next; and be printed.

The Finance Bill was, according to Order, read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence (the Bill having been endorsed by Mr. Speaker with the following Certificate:—

I hereby certify that this Bill is a Money Bill within the meaning of the Parliament Act, 1911.

E. A. Frizzler, Speaker.

Colonel Llewellyn reported from the Committee on Holidays with Pay [Money] a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to enable wage regulating authorities to make provision for holidays and holiday remuneration for workers whose wages they regulate, and to enable the Minister of Labour to assist voluntary schemes for securing holidays with pay for workers in any industry, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the payment into the Exchequer of fines imposed in respect of offences under the said Act; and

(b) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenses incurred by the Minister of Labour in connection with any scheme for securing holidays with pay for any workers in an industry, or a branch of an industry which may be approved by him under the said Act.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Colonel Llewellyn reported from the Committee on Supreme Court of Judicature (Amendment) (No. 2) [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to amend the provisions of the Supreme Court of Judicature (Consolidation) Act, 1925, relating to the number of judges of the Court of Appeal, the performance by such judges of the functions of judges of the High Court, and the filling of vacancies among judges of the Chancery Division, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of the Consolidated Fund of any increase in the sums payable under section fifteen of the said Act of 1925 in respect of the salaries and pensions payable to any additional judges of the Court of Appeal appointed by virtue of the said Act of the present Session, and to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any increase in the sums payable under section one hundred and twenty-one of the said Act of 1925 in respect of the salaries payable to any clerks attached to such judges.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means;

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 Administration of Justice (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee;

Resolved, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. — Adjourned

—(Mr. Grimston.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till four minutes before Four of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.
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Mr. Butler presented, by His Majesty's Treaty Series Command.—Copy of Notes exchanged between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Roumanian Government approving the Agreement of 11th June 1938 supplementary to the Anglo-Roumanian Payments Technical (Amendment) Agreements of 30th May 1936 and 27th May 1937. London, 14th to 20th June 1938.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Burgess also presented, by His Majesty's Railway Command.—Copy of Report upon the Accidents which occurred on the Railways of Great Britain during 1937.

Mr. Burgess also presented, pursuant to the London direction of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Traffic Act Regulations, dated—

(1) 5th July 1938, entitled the London Traffic (Parking Places) (Amendment) No. 6 Regulations, 1938;
(2) 11th July 1938, entitled the London Traffic (Prescribed Routes) (No. 29) (Greenwich) Regulations, 1938;
(3) 12th July 1938, entitled the London Traffic (Prescribed Routes) (No. 30) (Bed Lion Square, Holborn) Regulations, 1938;
(4) 12th July 1938, entitled the London Traffic (Prescribed Routes) (No. 31) (Ewell By-Pass) Regulations, 1938.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this day, notwithstanding anything in Standing Order No. 14, Business other than Business of Supply may be taken before Eleven o'clock.—(The Prime Minister);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right:
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeses, 
Mr. Muir ;
Mr. Mathers ;

Tellers for the Noes, 
Mr. Burgess ;
Mr. Mothers ;

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, resolved Supply itself into the Committee of Supply.

(16th allotted Day.)

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Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £29,485,000 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 1939 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of the Unemployment Assistance Board and of certain Appeal Tribunals; and sums payable by the Exchequer to the Unemployment Assistance Fund.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a sum not exceeding £29,484,900 be granted for the said Service.—(Mr. Attlee.)
The Order of the day being read, for the Supreme Court of Judicature (Amendment) Bill [Lords]; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Administration of Justice (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee; Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Protection of Animals (Prohibition) Act (1921) Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Importation of Plumage (Prohibition) Act (1921) Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Protection of Animals (No. 3) 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 three minutes before Twelve of the clock, till to-morrow.

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The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The Vice-Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, That their Addresses of the 11th day of this instant July, relative to the Government of India Act, 1935, and Government of Burma Act, 1935 (Orders) 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 Addresses praying that the Government of India (High Court Judges (Amendment) Order, 1938, the Government of Burma (High Court Judges) (Amendment) Order, 1938, and the Government of Burma (Adaptation of Laws) (Amendment) Order, 1938, be made in the form of the respective drafts laid before your House.

I will comply with your request.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Gatehead and District Tramways and Trolley Vehicles Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Wear Navigation and Sunderland Dock Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. Secretary Coleville presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Scottish Housing Advisory Committee on Rehousing of Aged Persons.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Captain Wallace presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account showing the Interest accrued in respect of the Securities standing in the names of the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt to the Credit of the Post Office Savings Banks Fund for the year ended 31st December 1937, and of the Fund for the Banks for Savings for the year ended 20th November 1937, and of the Fund for Friendly Societies for the year ended 20th November 1937.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—


Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

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 composition of the local legislatures in the West Indies and in British Guiana and British Honduras, giving in each case the qualifications necessary for voters and the numbers and sex of voters compared to the populations and the numbers of official and unofficial members of each legislature; the numbers of elected and nominated members in each case and, where they are elected members, the qualifications for candidates for election to the legislatures; and similar particulars for all other British colonies, protectorates, protected states and mandated territories, also showing those which have no elected members.—(Mr. Parker.)

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Essential Commodities Reserves Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Grenchester) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Washington) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Church Stretton) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Divorce and Nullity of Marriage (Scotland) Bill [Lords] (changed to Divorce (Scotland) Bill [Lords]), without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the London County Council (Tunnel and Improvements) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Newcastle and Gateshead Waterworks 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 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, [Mr. Munro : ] 277.

Tellers for the Noses, [Mr. Charleton, Mr. Mathers : ] 126.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make further and better provision for the protection of the coast of the United Kingdom against erosion and for other purposes connected with the matter aforesaid, and that Mr. Holmes, Viscount Elmley, Sir George Courtenshe, Major Brinithersie, Captain Peter Macdonald, Mr. Ede, Mr. Roland Robinson, Mr. Round, Mr. Lofus, Mr. Harbord, Mr. Oceas Evans, and Mr. Hustler do prepare and bring in.

Mr. Holmes accordingly presented a Bill to make further and better provision for the protection of the coast of the United Kingdom against erosion and for other purposes connected with the matter aforesaid: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Resolution of the House of the 11th day of this instant July, That this House doth agree with the Report of the Committee of Privileges, be rescinded and that the Report be re-committed to the Committee of Privileges—(Mr. Attlee);

The Question was amended, in l. 1, by leaving out from the word "That," to the end of the Question, and adding the words "this House, while reaffirming that the summons sent to the honourable Member for Norwood was, in the circumstances, a breach of the privileges of this House, instructs the Select Committee on the Official Secrets Acts to enquire into and report on the circumstances in which the summons was issued."—(Sir Archibald Sinclair),—instead thereof.

And the Question, so amended, being put;

Resolved, That this House, while reaffirming that the summons sent to the honourable Member for Norwood was, in the circumstances, a breach of the privileges of this House, instructs the Select Committee on the Official Secrets Acts to inquire into and report on the circumstances in which the summons was issued.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Coal Bill in lieu of certain of their Amendments to which this House hath disagreed, and the consequential Amendment made by the Lords to one of their Amendments to which this House hath agreed: and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Holidays with Pay Bill.

Clause No. 1 (Holidays.)

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, to leave out l. 1 to 10.—(Mr. Harold Macmillan.)

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Ordered, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "seven" in l. 7, stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 7, to leave out from the word "months," to the end of the subsection.—(Mr. Kelly.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the 
Mr. Grimston, 185.

Yes, MajorHarvieWatt: 144.

Mr. Whiteley, 
Noes, Mr. Adamson: 

Other Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 15, at the end, to insert the words "and shall normally fall during the period of summer time."—(Mr. Mander.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (Holiday remuneration.)

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 31, to leave out the words "receive pay."—(Mr. Johnston.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the 
Mr. Mwoor, 207.

Yes, Mr. Furness: 

Mr. Whiteley, 
Noes, Mr. Anderson: 

Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses No. 3 and No. 4 agreed to.

Clause No. 5 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 6 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 therunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration to-morrow; and be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Rating and Valuation (Air Raid Works) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 and No. 2 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Rating and Valuation (Air Raid Works) (Scotland) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 and No. 2 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Supreme Court of Judicature (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 to No. 5 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Young Persons (Employment) 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.

—(Colonel Kerr.)

The Isle of Man (Customs) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for to-morrow.

—(Colonel Kerr.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Limitation Bill [Lords]:

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning;

Wednesday, 20th July 1938:

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.

—(Captain Margesson.)

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed this day.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Navy, Army, and Air Expenditure, 1936.

(In the Committee.)

I. Whereas it appears by the Navy Appropriation Account for the year ended the 31st day of March 1937 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 £312,975 18s. 4d., viz.:

Total Surpluses - - 920,322 14 3
Total Deficits - - 607,346 15 11

Net Surplus - £312,975 18 4

And whereas the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury have temporarily authorised the application of so much of the said total surpluses on certain Grants for Navy Services as is necessary to make good the said total deficits on other Grants for Navy Services.

1. Resolved, That the application of such sums be sanctioned. —(Captain Wallace.)

Schedule.

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Total Surplus - £312,975 18 4

II. Whereas it appears by the Army Appropriation Account for the year ended the 31st day of March 1937 that the aggregate Expenditure on Army Services has not exceeded the aggregate sums appropriated for those Services and that, as shown in the Schedule...
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.—(Captain Wallace.)

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Total Surpluses £259,668 11 1 | Total Surpluses £259,668 11 1 |

Net Surplus £270,403 5 1

### III. Whereas it appears by the Air Appropriation Account for the year ended the 31st day of March 1937 that the aggregate Expenditure on Air Services has not exceeded the aggregate sums appropriated for those Services and that, as shown in the Schedule hereto appended, the net surplus of the Exchequer Grants for Air Services over the net Expenditure is £704,403 8s. 1d., viz.:

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Net Surplus £704,403 5 1

And whereas the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury have temporarily authorised the application of so much of the said total surpluses on certain Grants for Air Services as is necessary to make good the said total deficits on other Grants for Air Services.

3. Resolved, That the application of such sums be sanctioned.—(Captain Wallace.)

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### 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.

Resolved, That the statement of the estimated Greenwich income and expenditure for Greenwich Hospital for the year 1938, a copy of which was presented to this House on the 9th day of May 1938, be approved.—(Colonel Ilsley.)

The British Museum Bill [Lords] was, British Museum [Bill [Lords]].

Resolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for this day.—(Captain Waterhouse.)

Earl Winterton, by His Majesty's Command, British Museum [Money] having been informed of the subject-matter of the Motion relating to British Museum [Money], proposed to be moved, under Standing Order No. 69, in Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Then the House, pursuant to Standing Order No. 69, resolved itself into Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to enable the Trustees of the British Museum to accept a certain bequest made to them by the late Lord Rothschild, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of the sums necessary to defray any increase of expenditure in respect of the British Museum which is attributable to the operation of the said Act.—(Captain Wallace.)

Resolution to be reported.
Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Administration of Justice (Miscellaneous Provisions) 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 Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Marriage (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Resolved, That the draft of a Special Order proposed to be made by the Board of Trade under the Gas Undertakings Acts, 1920 to 1934, on the application of the Hessle Gas Company, which was presented on the 30th day of June and published, be approved.—[Mr. Cross.]

Resolved, That the draft of a Special Order proposed to be made by the Board of Trade under the Gas Undertakings Acts, 1920 to 1934, on the application of the Croydon Gas Company, which was presented on the 30th day of June and published, be approved.—[Mr. Cross.]

Resolved, That the draft of a Special Order proposed to be made by the Board of Trade under the Gas Undertakings Acts, 1920 to 1934, on the application of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the borough of Chorley, which was presented on the 30th day of June and published, be approved.—[Mr. Cross.]

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Hire-Purchase Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Architects Registration 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 Public Health (Coal Mine Refuse) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Workmen’s Compensation (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Riding Establishments (Registration and Inspection) 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 Housing (Rural Cottages Protection) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Protection Second Reading of the Protection of Animals (No. 3) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE Chichester 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.

Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare presented, Air-Raid Precautions (Approval of Expenditure) Provisional Regulations, 1938.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
Mr. Secretary Cokeville presented, by His Majesty's Command, — Copy of Report of the Departmental Committee on Poor Law in Scotland.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Lord Stanley presented, by His Majesty's Command, — Copy of Memorandum of conclusions of the Trade Discussions between representatives of His Majesty's Governments in the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth of Australia. London, 20th July 1938.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:


Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Treasury List of Stocks in respect of which the provisions of the Colonial Stock Act, 1900, are for the time being complied with. — (Captain Wallace.)

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 Registration of Still-Births (Scotland) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the West Hartlepool Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Horsethorough) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Llandrindod Wells) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Rawmarsh) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Bucks Water Board) Bill, with Amendments, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Bristol Corporation Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Bucks Water Board) Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this day, notwithstanding anything in Standing Order No. 14, Business in Committee of Supply may be taken after Eleven of the clock, and that the Proceedings on Government Business be excepted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House) — (The Prime Minister):

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right:

The Noes to the Left:

Tellers for the [Captain Dugdale],

Yea, Mr. Munro:

Tellers for the [Mr. John,]

Noes, Mr. Mathers:

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the laws relating to order and decency in public places; and that Mr. Turton, Sir John Withers, Viscountess Astor, Mr. Mathers, Mr. Kingsley Griffith, Colonel Sandeman, Mr. Henry Morris-Jones, and Sir Francis Fremantle do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Turton accordingly presented a Bill to amend the laws relating to order and decency in public places: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next: and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved Supply into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates, 1938.

Class V.

1. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £2,421,449 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 1939 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of Health for Scotland; including grants, a grant in aid and other expenses in connection with housing, certain grants to local authorities, &c., grant in aid of the Highlands and Islands Medical Service, grants in aid in respect of National Health Insurance benefits, &c.; certain expenses in connection with the Widows', Orphans' and Old Age Contributory Pensions, and other services.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a sum not exceeding £2,421,349 be granted for the said Service. — (Mr. Johnston.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Whiteley],

Yeas, Mr. Mathers:

Tellers for the [Mr. James Stuart],

Noes, Colonel Kerr:

Original Question put, and agreed to.

Air Supplementary Estimate, 1938.

2. Resolved, That an additional number of Air Forces, not exceeding 13,000 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 1939, beyond the number already provided in the Air Estimates for the year.

3. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £1,000 be granted to His Majesty, to defray...
the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1939, for expenditure not provided for in the Air Estimates for the year.

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| 1. Pay, 
of the Royal Air Force | £ | £ |
| 2. Quartering, non-technical stores, supplies and transportation | 892,000 | |
| 3. Technical and warlike stores (including experimental and research services) | 1,346,000 | |
| 4. Works, buildings, and lands | 63,000 | 8,240,000 |
| 5. Medical services | | |
| 6. Technical training and educational services | 130,000 | |
| 7. Reserve and Auxiliary Forces | 432,000 | |
| 8. Civil aviation | 1,000 | |
| 9. Meteorological and miscellaneous effective services | 160,000 | |
| 10. Air Ministry | 120,000 | |
| Total, Air (Supplementary), 1938 | £1,000 | 22,900,000 |

Thursday, 21st July 1938:

Question put, and agreed to.

Resolutions put to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received 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 Committee on the British Museum Bill [Lords] Museum Bill [Money.]

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the British Committee on the British Museum Bill [Lords; [Lords.]

Ordered, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Malaria, Army, the Report from the Committee on Navy, Army, and Air Expenditure, 1936; [Lords.]

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the British Committee on the British Museum Bill [Lords; [Lords.]

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Administration and Air Protection (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee; [Money.]

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Marriage Second Reading of the Marriage (Scotland) Bill; [Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Protection of the Constitution Protection Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Protection Second Reading of the Protection of Animals (Registration and Inspection) Bill; [Lords.]

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Protection Second Reading of the Protection of Animals (No. 3) Bill; [Lords.]

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

And it being after half-past Eleven of the clock on Wednesday evening, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House, without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then twenty-eight minutes after One of the clock on Thursday morning, till this day.

Copy of Provisional Regulations, dated 20th Road Traffic July 1938, entitled the Public Service Vehicles (International Circulation) Provisional Regulations, 1938.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Committee on Group L of Private Bills have leave to make a Special Report.

Sir Charles MacAndrew reported from the Committee on Group L of Private Bills: That they had agreed to a Special Report; and the Special Report was brought up and read as followeth:

The Committee, though finding the Preamble of the West Yorkshire Gas Distribution Bill [Lords] proved, are impressed with a point of general application raised in the Report of the Board of Trade, namely, the relations between a controlling Company and its subsidiaries where the subsidiaries are gas undertakers receiving bulk supplies from the controlling Company or from another Company which it controls and considers that the matter might with advantage be made the subject of inquiry by Parliament.

Ordered, That the Special Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir Charles MacAndrew reported from the Committee on Group L of Private Bills: That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the West Yorkshire Gas Distribution Bill [Lords], and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Sir Charles MacAndrew further reported from the Committee: That they had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders, and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, and the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Report be printed.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Tatton Estate Committee on Unopposed Bills: That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Tatton Estate Bill [Lords], and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Penzance Corporation Committee on Unopposed Bills: That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Penzance Corporation Bill [Lords], and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

The Deputy Chairman further reported from the Committee: That they had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders,

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and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, and the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Report be printed.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills: That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Salford Corporation Bill [Lords], and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the facts as proved by the evidence adduced, and found the same as amended to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto; and had amended the Title as followeth: An Act to authorise the Mayor Aldermen and Citizens of the City of Salford to cover over part of the River Irwell and acquire lands for that purpose and for the purposes of their transport undertaking; to confer further powers upon the Corporation and to make further and better provision for the health local government improvement and finance of the City; and for other purposes.

The Deputy Chairman further reported from the Committee: That they had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders, and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, and the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Report be printed.

Mr. Robert Morrison reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on the Collecting Charities (Regulation) Bill [Lords], now pending in the House of Lords: That they had considered the Bill and had agreed to a Report in respect thereof, which they had directed him to make to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them.

And the Report was brought up and read.

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 Imperial Telegraphs Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Chimney Sweepers Acts (Repeal) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Ipswich Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Newcastle-upon-Tyne Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the West Midlands Joint Electricity Authority Provisional Order Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Pier and Harbour Provisional Order (Plymouth) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Food and Drugs Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by the Lords to the Guildford Corporation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords communicate that they have come to the following Resolution relative to the Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Mid Staffordsire Joint Hospital District) Bill vis.:

That leave be given to suspend any further proceedings, in order to proceed with the Bill in the next Session of Parliament, provided that all fees due thereon up to this day be paid:

That a copy of such Bill shall be deposited in the Office of the Clerk of the Parliaments not later than Three o’clock on or before the third day on which the House shall sit after the next meeting of Parliament, with a declaration annexed thereto, 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.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put. That this day, notwithstanding anything in Standing Order No. 14, Business other than the 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.

Tellers for the Yeas, (Mr. Furness: Mr. Farness: 231)

Tellers for the Noes, (Mr. Groves: Mr. Mothers: 107)

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, resolved Supply itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates, 1938.

Class IV.

1. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £4,693,527 be
grant of £4,693,427, sundry grants in aid, and for the Royal Scottish Museum, Edinburgh, including public education in Scotland, and for the ending on the 31st day of March 1939 for come in course of payment during the year necessary to defray the charge which will be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum

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.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Captain Balfour reported from the Committee, that the aggregate expenditure of the Exchequer Grants for 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 £312,975 18s. 4d., viz.:

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Net Surplus = £312,975 18 4

And whereas the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty’s Treasury have temporarily authorised the application of so much of the said total surpluses on certain Grants for Navy Services as is necessary to make good the said total deficits on other Grants for Navy Services.

1. That the application of such sums be sanctioned.

Schedule.

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| 2. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £148,321 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 1939 for the salaries and expenses of the Offices of His Majesty’s Secretary of State for Scotland in London and Edinburgh; a subsidy for transport services to the Western Highlands and Islands; a grant in lieu of Land Tax; contributions towards the expenses of Probation, and of Remand Homes; and grants and expenses in connection with physical training and recreation. Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a sum not exceeding £148,321 be granted for the said Service.—(Mr. Maclean.) The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. Mathew, Yeas : Mr. Adamson : 102.

Tellers for the Mr. James Stuart, Noes : Captain Drysdale : 171.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

Class II.

3. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £28,713 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 1939 for the aggregate expenditure of Probation, and of Remand Homes; Land Tax; Physical Training and Recreation.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a sum not exceeding £28,713 be granted for the said Service.—(Mr. Johnston.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. Mathew, Yeas : Mr. Adamson : 100.

Tellers for the Captain Hope, Noes : Colonel Kerr : 181.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

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1. Whereas it appears by the Army Appropriation Account for the year ended the 31st day of March 1937 that the aggregate Expenditure on Army Services has not exceeded the aggregate sums appropriated for those Services and that, as shown in the Schedule hereeto appended, the net surplus for the Exchequer Grants for Army Services over the net Expenditure is £1,686,011 0s. 2d., viz.:—

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Net Surplus £1,686,011 0 2

And whereas the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury have temporarily authorised the application of so much of the said total surpluses on certain Grants for Army Services as is necessary to make good the said total deficits on other Grants for Army Services.

2. That the application of such sums be sanctioned.

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| The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to. |

Mr. Cross reported from the Committee on British Museum [Money], a Resolution; which Resolution was read, as followeth:—

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to enable the Trustees of the British Museum to accept a certain bequest made to them by the late Lord Rothschild, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of the sums necessary to defray any increase of expenditure in respect of the British Museum which is attributable to the operation of the said Act. The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving supply of the Report from the Committee of Supply of 20th July, the 20th day of this instant July;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Holidays with consideration the Holidays with Pay 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 Young Persons Committee on the Young Persons (Employment) Bill [Lords];

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Isle of Man Committee on the Isle of Man (Customs) Bill, [Lords];

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

III. Whereas it appears by the Air Appropriation Account for the year ended the 31st day of March 1937 that the aggregate Expenditure on Air 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 Air Services over the net Expenditure is £704,403 8s. ld., viz.:—

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Net Surplus £704,403 8 1

And whereas the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury have temporarily authorised the application of so much of the said total surpluses on certain Grants for Air Services as is necessary to make good the said total deficits on other Grants for Air Services.

3. That the application of such sums be sanctioned.

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The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.
The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 19th day of this instant July, That the Limitation 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 Committee on the British Museum Bill [Lords];

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Administration of Justice (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Marriage (Scotland) 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 the Gas Undertakings Acts, 1920 to 1934, on the application of the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the borough of St. Helens, which was presented on the 30th day of June and published, be approved.—(Mr. Cross.)

Resolved, That the draft of a Special Order proposed to be made by the Board of Trade under the Gas Undertakings Acts, 1920 to 1934, on the application of the urban district council of Rothwell (Northampton), which was presented on the 30th day of June and published, be approved.—(Mr. Cross.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Journalists (Registration) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 29th day of this instant July.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Coast 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 Riding Establishments (Registration and Inspection) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Captain Hope.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-eight minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

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A Public Petition was presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare presented, pursuant to an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Annual Report regarding State Management Districts under the Licensing Act, 1921, for the year ended 31st March 1938.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereto to.

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 an Amendment.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, with an Amendment; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Administration of Justice (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill (Lords), as amended in the Standing Committee.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 7, by leaving out from the beginning to the word, “apply,” in l. 8, and inserting the words “Within six months next after this Act shall have come into operation, and thereafter within three months after a vacancy in the office of chairman or deputy chairman of the court of quarter sessions shall have occurred, the court of quarter sessions for a county shall.”—(Mr. Silverman).—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill; The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. James Stuart, Mr. Furness; 103.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Adamson, Mr. Anderson; 83.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 13, by leaving out ll. 5 to 11.—(Mr. Silverman.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word “shall,” in l. 10, stand part of the Bill; The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Harvie Watt, Mr. Furness; 130.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Whiteley, Mr. Anderson; 81.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 13, l. 19, by leaving out the word "shall," and inserting the words "or the court may, if the judge or court having regard to all the circumstances of the case thinks fit so to do,"—(Mr. Silverman),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word "shall" stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 13, l. 16, at the end, by inserting the words,—

"(3) Any person who obtains a certificate as prescribed by the rules of the Supreme Court (Poor Persons) shall be admitted to take or defend or be a party to any legal proceedings which by virtue of this section may be commenced in a County Court and which could not previously have been so commenced or any legal proceedings which, whether by virtue of this Act or otherwise, are remitted by the High Court to the County Court."—(Mr. Silverman.)

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. Groves,    Yeas, 89.  
Mr. Whiteley,   
Tellers for the
Mr. Munro,    Noes, 126.  
Major Harvie Watt: 

So it passed in the Negative.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed, 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 Holidays with Pay Bill, as amended in the Committee.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 6, by leaving out the word "exceeding," and inserting the words "less than."—(Mr. Rhys Davies),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word "exceeding" stand part of the Bill:

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right:
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the
Mr. Grinstead,    Yeas, 133.  
Sir James Edmondson,   
Tellers for the
Mr. Groves,    Noes, 90.  
Mr. Adamson: 

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 4, l. 26, by inserting at the end thereof the words,—

"(4) Before making any regulations under this Act the appropriate Minister shall consult with such representative organisations as he thinks fit."—(Colonel Sandeman Allen.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

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 Young Persons (Employment) Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Conditions of employment).

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 9, at the end, to insert the words "not exceed nine in any day and shall."—(Mr. Ridley.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the
Mr. Whiteley,    Yeas, 87.  
Mr. Adamson:   
Tellers for the
Captain Dugdale,    Noes, 147.  
Sir James Edmondson: 

Other Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 18, to leave out the word "five," and insert the words "four and a half."—(Mr. Rhys Davies.)

Question, That the word "five" stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Other Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 32, to leave out the word "eleven," and insert the word "thirteen."—(Mr. Ridley.)

Question put, That the word "eleven" stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the
Captain Dugdale,    Yeas, 146.  
Mr. Grinstead:   
Tellers for the
Mr. Whiteley,    Noes, 89.  
Mr. Mathers: 

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 33, to leave out the word "ten," and insert the word "nine."—(Mr. Ammon.)

Question, That the word "ten" stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Other Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 2 amended, and agreed to.

Clauses No. 3 to No. 5 transferred to the end of l. 28, on p. 12, as Part II of the Bill.—(Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare.)

Clauses No. 6 to No. 9 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 10 (Young persons to whom Act applies).

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 9, l. 3, at the end, to add the words,—

"(c) with respect to the employment of a young person who is employed to accompany the driver of a motor vehicle being a

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Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means 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 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 Amendments made by their Lordships.

The Lancashire County Council (Rivers Corporation 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 Warrington Corporation Water Bill [Lords.] be now read a third time;

The Deputy Chairman, 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, without Amendment.

Ordered, That Standing Order 265, relating Private Bills, be suspended until the Summer Adjournment.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Guidford 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 Tatton Estate Bill [Lords] was read the Tatton Estate Bill 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.

Whereupon Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House, without Question put, pursuant to Standing Order No. 2, it being then two minutes before Four of the clock, till Monday next.
Ordered, That, when it is intended to propose any Amendments thereto, a copy of such Amendments shall be deposited in the Committee and Private Bill Office, and notice given on the day on which the Bill shall have been returned from the House of Lords.—(The Deputy Chairman.)

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Burgis presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Report on the administration of the Road Fund for 1937–38.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir Kingsley Wood presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copies of Letters of Agreement between the Secretary of State for Air and Imperial Airways, Limited, relating to the operation of an air service between Khartoum and West Africa.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Stanley presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Rules, dated 6th July 1938, entitled the Trade Marks Rules, 1938.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Colville presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 20th July 1938.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Colville presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 1st June 1938, entitled the National Health Insurance (Medical Benefit) Regulations (Scotland), 1938.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Captain Wallace presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Recommendations of the Import Duties Advisory Committee, dated 1st July 1938, relating to the Import Duties (Exemptions) (No. 3) Order, 1938.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Captain Wallace also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Order, dated 25th July 1938, made under the Import Duties Act, 1932, entitled the Import Duties (Exemptions) (No. 3) Order, 1938.

Superannuation Acts.

Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 20th July 1938, granting a retired allowance to Mr. Albert Edward Smith, Postmaster, Welwyn Garden City Sub-Office, Barnet, under Section 2 of the Superannuation Act, 1887.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Import (Hours of Poll) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government (Hours of Poll) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Bacon Industry Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Fire Brigades Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Nursing Homes Registration (Scotland) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Canterbury Gaa and Water Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Workington Workington Corporation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Brighton Corporation (Transport) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Middlesex County Council (Sewerage) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Lee Conservancy Catchment Board Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the London Passenger Transport Board Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Green Belt (London and Home Counties) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendment made by this House to the British Museum Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Chichester Corporation Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Chichester Corporation Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Gateshead and District Tramways and Trolley Vehicles Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Stannome Unused Burial Ground Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Wear Navigation and Sunderland Dock Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Administration of Justice (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.
The Lords have passed a Bill, intitled An Act to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1896, relating to the Island of Arran Piers: to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Bacon Industry Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Fire Brigades Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Nursing Homes Registration (Scotland) Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow; and be printed.

The Island of Arran Piers Order Confirmation Bill [Lords] was ordered, under Section 7 of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1896, to be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Bill be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this day, notwithstanding anything which may come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1939 for the salaries and expenses of the Mines Department of the Board of Trade, Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a sum not exceeding £143,804 be granted for the said Service.—(Mr. Gwens.)

The Committee divided.

Question put on Outstanding
Votes (pursuant to S.O. No. 14.)

And it being after Ten of the clock, the Chairman proceeded, pursuant to Standing Order No. 14, to put forthwith the Question necessary to dispose of the Vote under consideration.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

The Chairman then proceeded, pursuant to Standing Order No. 14, to put severally the Questions, That the total amounts of the Votes outstanding in the several Classes of the Civil Estimates, including a Supplementary Estimate, and the total amounts of the Votes outstanding in the Estimates for the Revenue Departments, the Navy, including a Supplementary Estimate, Army, and Air, be granted for the Services defined in those Classes and Estimates:

Civil Estimates, 1938.

Class I.

4. That a sum not exceeding £1,516,733 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 1939 for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class I of the Civil Estimates, viz.:—

1. House of Lords Offices . 27,802
2. House of Commons . 319,802
3. Registration of Electors . 148,000
4. Treasury and Subordinate Departments (including a Supplementary sum of £3,175) . 255,304
5. Privy Council Office . 26,000
6. Privy Seal Office . 4,147
7. Charity Commission . 26,002
8. Civil Service Commission . 18,900
9. Exchequer and Audit Department . 94,055
10. Friendly Societies' Defence . 5,500
11. Government Artillery . 21,427
12. Government Chemist . 35,438
13. Government Hospitality . 5,900
14. Import Duties Advisory Committee . 42,455
15. The Mint . 30,000
17. National Savings Committee . 74,959
18. Public Record Office . 27,006
20. Repayments to the Local Loans Fund . 30,287
21. Royal Commissions, &c. . 28,590
22. £1,516,733
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Class IV.

7. That a sum not exceeding £36,810,963 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 1939 for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class IV of the Civil Estimates, viz.:—

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<td>1. Board of Education</td>
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<td>2. British Museum</td>
<td>£105,332</td>
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<td>10. Scientific Investigation, &amp;c.</td>
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<td>12. Broadcasting</td>
<td>£2,549,000</td>
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£36,810,963

Question put, and agreed to.

Class V.

8. That a sum not exceeding £111,935,324 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 1939 for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class V of the Civil Estimates, viz.:—

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<td>2. Board of Control</td>
<td>£9,901</td>
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<td>3. Registrar-General's Office</td>
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<td>4. National Insurance Audit Depart- ment</td>
<td>£110,890</td>
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<td>5. Friendly Societies Registry</td>
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<td>£30,617,000</td>
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<td>7. Widows', Orphans' and Old Age Contributory Pensions</td>
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<td>8. Ministry of Labour</td>
<td>£14,857,000</td>
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<td>10. Commissioner for Special Areas</td>
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<td>11. Unemployment Assistance Board</td>
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<td>12. Special Areas Fund</td>
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<td>13. Financial Assistance in Special and other Areas</td>
<td>£561,344</td>
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£111,935,324

Question put, and agreed to.

Class VI.

9. That a sum not exceeding £38,584,541 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 1939 for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class VI of the Civil Estimates, viz.:

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| 11. That a sum not exceeding £26,504,156 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 1939 for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class VIII of the Civil Estimates, viz.:

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| 12. That a sum not exceeding £33,898,000 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 1939 for Expenditure in respect of the services included in Class IX of the Civil Estimates, viz.:

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| 13. That a sum not exceeding £57,280,700 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 1939 for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in the Estimates for Revenue Departments, viz.:

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| 14. That a sum not exceeding £58,737,800 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1939 for Expenditure in respect of the Navy Services, viz.:

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The House, according to Order, resolved Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1939, the sum of £465,164,987 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom. —(Captain Wallace.)

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.

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Adjournment. A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Captain Margesson);
And it being Eleven of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.

Importation of Plumage (Prohibition) Act (1921) Amendment Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Importation of Plumage (Prohibition) Act (1921) Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Public Places (Order and Decency) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Places (Order and Decency) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Protection of Animals (No. 3) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Protection of Animals (No. 3) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Coast Protection Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Coast Protection Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Riding Establishments (Registration and Inspection) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Riding Establishments (Registration and Inspection) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Adjournment. Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Captain Margesson.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till seventeen minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

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Tuesday, 26th July 1938.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

Prayers.

Brighton Corporation (Transport) Bill.
The House, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 25th day of this instant July, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Brighton Corporation (Transport) Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

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The House, pursuant to the Order of the Canterbury House of the 25th day of this instant July, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Canterbury 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, pursuant to the Order of the Green Belt House of the 25th day of this instant July, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Green Belt (London and Home Counties) Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House, pursuant to the Order of the Lee House of the 25th day of this instant July, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Lee Conservancy Catchment Board Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House, pursuant to the Order of the London House of the 25th day of this instant July, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the London Passenger Transport Board Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House, pursuant to the Order of the Middlesex House of the 25th day of this instant July, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Middlesex County Council (Sewerage) Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House, pursuant to the Order of the Workington House of the 25th day of this instant July, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Workington 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.

A Motion being made, That the Middlesex Middlesex County Council (General Powers) Bill [ Lords] be now read the third time;

The Deputy Chairman, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the purport.
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of the Bill, gives His Consent, as far as His Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Ordered, That the 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 Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That so much of the Lords' Message Ministry of the 21st day of this instant July as relates to the Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Mid-Staffordshire Joint Hospital District) Bill may be now taken into consideration.—(The Deputy Chairman.)

The House accordingly proceeded to take so much of the said Message into consideration.

Ordered, That if, in the next Session of Parliament, a Bill shall be presented, entitled "A Bill to confirm a Provisional Order of the Minister of Health relating to the Mid-Staffordshire Joint Hospital District" then, provided such Bill shall be the same in every respect as the Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Mid-Staffordshire Joint Hospital District) Bill as passed by this House during the present Session, such Bill shall be deemed to have been read the first and second time, and shall be recorded in the Votes as having been read the first and second time, and as having been ordered to be read the third time, and that no new fees shall be charged.

Ordered, That this Order be a Standing Order of the House.—(The Deputy Chairman.)

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to acquaint them therewith, and that the Clerk do carry the said Message.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Island of Arran Piers Order Confirmation Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Secretary Colveil presented, by His Small Majesty's Command,—Copy of Twenty-sixth Annual Report of the Scottish Land Court Acts, under the Small Landholders (Scotland) Acts, for 1937.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Harlech presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, (Territorial Army Act, 1921.)—Copy of Scheme made by the Army Council for the Establishment and Constitution of an Association for the Isle of Man, under the Territorial and Reserve Forces Act, 1907, as amended by the Territorial Army and Militia Act, 1921.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Macdonald presented, by His Africa Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report for the Importation of Spirits, 1937, on the Importation of Spirituous Beverages into certain Territories under British Administration in Africa, and Import Duties levied thereon.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Copy of Twenty-fourth Annual Report of the Board of Control, for 1937. Part I.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, that he will be graciously pleased to give directions that there shall 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 1937, 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 during the same period (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 162, of Session 1936-37).—(Mr. Lloyd.)

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 Naval Discipline (Amendment) Bill, without any Amendment.

Land Drainage Provisional Order (Louth Drainage District) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Land Drainage Provisional Order (Louth Drainage District) Bill, without any Amendment.

Young Persons (Employment) Bill (Lords). The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Young Persons (Employment) Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

Sir John Gilmour reported from the Select Committee on the Official Secrets Acts: That they had agreed to a Special Report which they had directed him to make to the House:

Your Committee find themselves unable to complete their enquiry before the Summer Adjournment. They are of opinion that it is advisable to report upon the statement of the honourable Member for Norwood and the action of the Ministers concerned, and upon the matter referred to their consideration by the Instruction of the House of the 19th day of July before proceeding to consider the general question of the applicability of the Official Secrets Acts to Members of the House in the discharge of their parliamentary duties. They therefore request that the House will be pleased to give them leave to sit notwithstanding the adjournment of the House, and to report their observations upon the matters referred to their consideration and the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them from time to time. Your Committee think that they will be in a position to make a Report upon the former questions within a short time.

Ordered, That the Special Report do lie upon the Table.

Prevention of Fraudulent Investments Bill, Bill 230.

Mr. Stanley, supported by Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare, Mr. Secretary Cobbold, Mr. Attorney-General, the Lord Advocate, and Mr. Cross, presented a Bill to provide for regulating the business of dealing in securities; to restrict the registration of securities under the Industrial and Provident Societies Act, 1893; to make general provision for preventing fraud in connection with dealings in investments; and to provide 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. Mathews, supported by Mr. Cassells, Mr. Groves, Mr. Thomas Henderson, Mr. Leonard, Sir Thomas Moore, and Mr. Westwood, presented a Bill to provide for the abolition of vivisection on dogs; and for purposes connected therewith: Bill 231.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this day, notwithstanding anything in Standing Order No. 14, Supplementary Estimates for New Services may be considered, and that Business other than the Business of Supply may be taken before Eleven of the clock:—(The Prime Minister):

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Captain Dugdale, Yeas, Mr. Muroo: 243.

Tellers for the Mr. Groves, Noes, Mr. Anderson: 132.

And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Captain Crookshank reported from the Committee of Supply of the 23rd day of this instant July, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Civil Estimates and Estimates for Revenue Departments and Supplementary Estimate, 1938.

Class II.

1. That a sum not exceeding £71,143 be Foreign Office.

2. That a sum not exceeding £837,138 be Diplomatic and Consular Services.

3. That a sum not exceeding £143,804 be Mines Department.

Class VI.

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Civil Estimates, 1938.

Class I.

4. That a sum not exceeding £1,516,733 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 1939 for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class I of the Civil Estimates, viz.:-

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<th>Entry</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>1.</td>
<td>House of Lords Office</td>
<td>£27,892</td>
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<td>2.</td>
<td>House of Commons</td>
<td>£310,692</td>
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<td>3.</td>
<td>Registration of Electors</td>
<td>£193,900</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4.</td>
<td>Treasury and Subordinate Departments (including a Supplementary sum of £3,175)</td>
<td>£275,804</td>
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<tr>
<td>5.</td>
<td>Privy Council Office</td>
<td>£10,264</td>
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<tr>
<td>6.</td>
<td>Payroll Service</td>
<td>£4,147</td>
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<td>7.</td>
<td>Charity Commission</td>
<td>£26,392</td>
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<td>8.</td>
<td>Civil Service Commission</td>
<td>£11,800</td>
</tr>
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<td>9.</td>
<td>Exchequer and Audit Department</td>
<td>£12,083</td>
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<td>10.</td>
<td>Friendly Societies' Deficiency</td>
<td>£5,900</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11.</td>
<td>Government Actuary</td>
<td>£21,127</td>
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<td>12.</td>
<td>Government Chemist</td>
<td>£55,348</td>
</tr>
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<td>13.</td>
<td>Government Hospital</td>
<td>£5,900</td>
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<td>14.</td>
<td>Import Duties Advisory Committee and Branches</td>
<td>£4,455</td>
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<td>15.</td>
<td>The Mint</td>
<td>£90</td>
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<td>17.</td>
<td>National Savings Commission</td>
<td>£74,939</td>
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<td>18.</td>
<td>Public Record Office</td>
<td>£27,936</td>
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<td>20.</td>
<td>Repayments to the Local Loans Fund</td>
<td>£30,287</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>21.</td>
<td>Royal Commissions, etc.</td>
<td>£26,500</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>22.</td>
<td>Miscellaneous Expenses</td>
<td>£26,151</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>23.</td>
<td>Secret Service</td>
<td>£259,000</td>
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<td>24.</td>
<td>Treasury Chest Fund</td>
<td>£4,171</td>
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<tr>
<td>25.</td>
<td>Tithe Redemption Commission</td>
<td>£99</td>
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<td>26.</td>
<td>Repayments to the Civil Contingencies Fund</td>
<td>£7,015</td>
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£1,516,733

Class II.

5. That a sum not exceeding £4,055,384 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 1939 for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class II of the Civil Estimates, viz.:-

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<td>3.</td>
<td>League of Nations</td>
<td>£71,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>4.</td>
<td>Dominions Office</td>
<td>£35,156</td>
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<td>5.</td>
<td>Dominions Services</td>
<td>£274,715</td>
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<td>6.</td>
<td>Erie Services (Revised sum)</td>
<td>£26,100</td>
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<td>7.</td>
<td>Overseas Settlement</td>
<td>£33,075</td>
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<td>8.</td>
<td>Colonial Office</td>
<td>£18,436</td>
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<td>9.</td>
<td>Colonial and Middle Eastern Services</td>
<td>£1,357,263</td>
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<td>10.</td>
<td>Colonial Development Fund</td>
<td>£200,000</td>
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<td>11.</td>
<td>India and Burma Services</td>
<td>£1,332,291</td>
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<td>12.</td>
<td>Imperial War Graves Commission</td>
<td>£468,414</td>
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£4,055,384

Class III.

6. That a sum not exceeding £15,503,352 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 1939 for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class III of the Civil Estimates, viz.:-

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<th>Entry</th>
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<td>1.</td>
<td>Home Office</td>
<td>£313,905</td>
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<td>2.</td>
<td>Air-Raid Precautionary Services</td>
<td>£5,053,400</td>
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<td>3.</td>
<td>Headquarters Criminal Lunatic Asylums</td>
<td>£49,276</td>
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<td>4.</td>
<td>Police, England and Wales</td>
<td>£6,391,744</td>
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<td>5.</td>
<td>Prisons, England and Wales</td>
<td>£631,037</td>
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<td>6.</td>
<td>Approved Schools, etc., England and Wales</td>
<td>£440,850</td>
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<td>7.</td>
<td>Supreme Court of Judicature, etc.</td>
<td>£90</td>
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<td>8.</td>
<td>County Courts</td>
<td>£90</td>
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<td>9.</td>
<td>Land Registry</td>
<td>£90</td>
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<td>10.</td>
<td>Public Trusts</td>
<td>£90</td>
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<td>11.</td>
<td>Law Charges</td>
<td>£88,988</td>
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<td>12.</td>
<td>Miscellaneous Legal Expenses</td>
<td>£8,724</td>
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Scotland:

13. Police                                            £962,882
14. Prisons Department for Scotland               £121,140
15. Approved Schools, etc., Scotland             £44,965
16. Scottish Land Court                                            £4,733
17. Register House, Edinburgh                                      £90

Ireland:

19. Northern Ireland Services                         £2,383
20. Supreme Court of Judicature, etc., Northern Ireland     £2,988
21. Irish Land Purchase Services (Revised sum)           £593,204

£15,503,352

Class IV.

7. That a sum not exceeding £36,810,963 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 1939 for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class IV of the Civil Estimates, viz.:-

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<td>1.</td>
<td>Board of Education</td>
<td>£32,922,930</td>
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<td>2.</td>
<td>British Museum</td>
<td>£165,322</td>
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<td>3.</td>
<td>British Museum (Natural History)</td>
<td>£74,445</td>
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<td>4.</td>
<td>Imperial War Museum</td>
<td>£8,826</td>
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<td>5.</td>
<td>London Museum</td>
<td>£3,893</td>
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<td>6.</td>
<td>National Gallery</td>
<td>£18,436</td>
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<td>7.</td>
<td>National Maritime Museum</td>
<td>£8,318</td>
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<td>8.</td>
<td>National Portrait Gallery</td>
<td>£6,594</td>
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<td>9.</td>
<td>Wallace Collection</td>
<td>£7,348</td>
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<td>10.</td>
<td>Scientific Investigation, etc.</td>
<td>£163,981</td>
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<td>11.</td>
<td>Universities and Colleges, Great Britain</td>
<td>£1,362,000</td>
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<td>12.</td>
<td>Broadcasting</td>
<td>£2,540,000</td>
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Scotland:

14. National Galleries                                £7,603
15. National Library                                  £2,587

£36,810,963

Class V.

8. That a sum not exceeding £111,935,324 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 1939 for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class V of the Civil Estimates, viz.:-

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<td>1.</td>
<td>Ministry of Health (including a Supplementary sum of £20,000)</td>
<td>£16,732,572</td>
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<td>2.</td>
<td>Board of Control</td>
<td>£99,991</td>
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<td>3.</td>
<td>Registrar-General's Office</td>
<td>£57,551</td>
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<td>4.</td>
<td>National Insurance Audit Department</td>
<td>£110,599</td>
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<td>5.</td>
<td>Friendly Societies Registry</td>
<td>£31,189</td>
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<td>6.</td>
<td>Old Age Pensions</td>
<td>£30,617,000</td>
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<td>7.</td>
<td>Widow's, Orphans' and Old Age Contributory Pensions</td>
<td>£11,500,000</td>
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<td>8.</td>
<td>Ministry of Labour</td>
<td>£14,857,000</td>
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<td>9.</td>
<td>Grants in respect of Employment Schemes</td>
<td>£2,420,000</td>
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<td>10.</td>
<td>Commissioner for Special Areas</td>
<td>£80</td>
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<td>11.</td>
<td>Unemployment Assistance Board</td>
<td>£29,485,000</td>
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£111,935,324
Expenditure in respect of the Services included come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1939 for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class VI of the Civil Estimates, viz.:

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<th>Class VI.</th>
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<tr>
<td>1. Board of Trade</td>
<td>211,444</td>
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<tr>
<td>1a. Essential Commodities Reserves Fund</td>
<td>8,500,000</td>
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<td>2. Mercantile Marine Services</td>
<td>284,970</td>
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<td>3. Department of Overseas Trade</td>
<td>391,134</td>
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<td>4. Export Credits</td>
<td>90</td>
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<td>6. Office of Commissioners of Crown Lands</td>
<td>25,492</td>
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<tr>
<td>7. Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (including a Supplementary sum of £4,525)</td>
<td>2,045,303</td>
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<td>8. Beet Sugar Subsidy, Great Britain</td>
<td>2,549,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>9. Milk (England and Wales and Northern Ireland) (including a Supplementary sum of £25,000)</td>
<td>398,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>10. Livestock Industry and Cattle Fund</td>
<td>3,075,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>11. Land Fertility Improvement</td>
<td>832,439</td>
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<tr>
<td>12. Oats and Barley Subsidy (England and Wales and Northern Ireland)</td>
<td>100</td>
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<td>12a. Bacon Industry</td>
<td>110,000</td>
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<td>13. Surveys of Great Britain</td>
<td>225,337</td>
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<tr>
<td>14. Forestry Commission</td>
<td>350,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>15. Ministry of Transport</td>
<td>200,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>16. Roads, &amp;c.</td>
<td>17,000,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>17. Development Fund</td>
<td>458,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>18. Development Grants</td>
<td>574,740</td>
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<tr>
<td>19. Department of Scientific and Industrial Research</td>
<td>474,687</td>
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<td>20. State Management Districts</td>
<td>90</td>
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<tr>
<td>21. Clearing Offices</td>
<td>90</td>
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<td>Scotland:</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>22. Department of Agriculture</td>
<td>463,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>23. Milk (including a Supplementary sum of £25,700)</td>
<td>47,200</td>
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<tr>
<td>24. Oats and Barley Subsidy</td>
<td>100</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>25. Fishery Board for Scotland</td>
<td>95,188</td>
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<tr>
<td>26. Nursing Industry (including a Supplementary sum of £22,750)</td>
<td>22,840</td>
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**Total:** £38,884,541

Class VIII.

11. That a sum not exceeding £26,504,156 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 1939 for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class VIII of the Civil Estimates, viz.:

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<th>Service</th>
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<tr>
<td>1. Merchant Seamen's War Pensions</td>
<td>168,322</td>
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<tr>
<td>2. Ministry of Pensions</td>
<td>24,400,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3. Royal Irish Constabulary Pensions, &amp;c.</td>
<td>795,036</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4. Superannuation and Retired Allowances</td>
<td>1,140,798</td>
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**Total:** £26,504,156

Class IX.

12. That a sum not exceeding £33,898,000 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 1939 for Expenditure in respect of the services included in Class IX of the Civil Estimates, viz.:

<table>
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<th>Service</th>
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<tr>
<td>1. Exchequer Contributions to Local Revenues, England and Wales</td>
<td>29,277,000</td>
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<td>2. Exchequer Contributions to Local Revenues, Scotland</td>
<td>4,621,000</td>
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</table>

**Total:** £33,898,000

Revenue Departments Estimates, 1938.

13. That a sum not exceeding £37,286,700 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 1939 for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in the Estimates for Revenue Departments, viz.:

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<th>Service</th>
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<tr>
<td>1. Customs and Excise</td>
<td>2,965,200</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2. Inland Revenue</td>
<td>5,519,500</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3. Post Office</td>
<td>47,892,000</td>
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</table>

**Total:** £57,286,700

Navy Estimates, 1938.

14. That a sum not exceeding £38,747,800 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1939 for Expenditure in respect of the Navy Services, viz.:

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<th>Service</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1. Wages, &amp;c., of Officers and Men of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines, and Civilians employed on Fleet Services (Supplementary sum)</td>
<td>1,060,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2. Medical Establishments and Services</td>
<td>441,000</td>
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</table>

**Total:** £38,747,800
Army Estimates, 1938.

15. That a sum not exceeding £48,085,000 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 1939 for Expenditure in respect of the Army Services, viz.:

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<tr>
<td>3. Medical Services</td>
<td>£1,105,000</td>
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<td>4. Educational Establishments</td>
<td>£1,327,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>5. Quartering and Movements</td>
<td>£2,448,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6. Supplies, Road Transport and Remounts</td>
<td>£6,977,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7. Clothing</td>
<td>£1,995,000</td>
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<td>8. General Stores</td>
<td>£4,098,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>9. Ordnance Stores</td>
<td>£27,242,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>12. War Office</td>
<td>£1,195,000</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>£48,085,000</strong></td>
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Air Estimates, 1938.

16. That a sum not exceeding £16,894,000 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 1939 for Expenditure in respect of the Air Services, viz.:

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<th>Service</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>2. Quartering, Non-Technical Stores, Supplies and Transportation</td>
<td>£8,144,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>5. Medical Services</td>
<td>£524,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>6. Technical Training and Educational Services</td>
<td>£1,040,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7. Reserve and Auxiliary Forces</td>
<td>£1,600,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>8. Civil Aviation</td>
<td>£3,925,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>9. Meteorological and Miscellaneous Effective Services</td>
<td>£2,587,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10. Air Ministry</td>
<td>£1,995,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11. Half-Pay, Pensions, and other Non-Effective Services</td>
<td>£524,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>£16,894,000</strong></td>
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The First Resolution, being read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made thereto by leaving out "£71,143," and inserting "£71,043,"—(Sir Archibald Sinclair),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That "£71,143" stand part of the Resolution;

The House divided,

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Grimston, Yeas.]

Mr. Furness;

Tellers for the [Sir Percy Harris, Noes.]

Sir Hugh Seely:

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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Class VII.
Common Services (Works, Stationery, &c.).
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.
Non-Effective Charges (Pensions).
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.
Exchequer Contributions to Local Revenues.
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.

Navy Estimates and Supplementary Estimate, 1938.
And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolution reported in respect of the Navy Estimates :—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Army Estimates, 1938.
And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolution reported in respect of the Army Estimates :—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Air Estimates and Supplementary Estimate, 1938.
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.

Mr. Solicitor-General reported from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 25th day of this instant July, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1939, the sum of £465,164,987 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 Fund, said Resolution: And that the Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Captain Wallace do prepare and bring it in.

Captain Wallace accordingly presented a Bill Consolidated 

ordered to apply a sum out of the Consolidated Fund 

Consolidated Fund to the service of the year ending on the thirty-first day of March, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-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 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 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 Bacon Industry Bill into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Bacon Industry Bill;

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Fire Brigades Bill into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Fire Brigades Bill;

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Limitation Bill [Lords]:—The adjourned Debate on the Question proposed, That this House do now adjourn. ordered to be resumed, and to be proceeded with no farther on this day:

The Order of the day being read, for the Marriage (Scotland) Bill; and the same Bill.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment proposed, That this House do now adjourn.— (Captain Hope);

And it being Eleven of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.

The House, according to Order, proceeded Nursing Homes Registration (Scotland) 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 Public Health Mines Refuse) Bill;

Ordered, That the said Bill be withdrawn.
The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the Workmen’s Compensation (No. 2) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the Housing (Rural Cottages Protection) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the Coast Protection Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
to-morrow.

Adjournment. Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. —(Colonel Kerr.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-four minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

Mr. Butler presented, by His Majesty’s Treaty Series
Command,—Copy of Agreement between the
Government of the United Kingdom and the
Government of the Portuguese Republic regulat- 
ing the Commercial Relations between
Swaziland, Basutoland and the Bechuanaland Protectorate and the Portuguese Colony of Mozambique, Lisbon, 11th May 1938.

Copy of Convention between His Majesty in Treaty Series
respect of the United Kingdom, the Common.
wealth of Australia and New Zealand and the
Grand Duchess of Luxemburg supplementary
to the Treaty of 24th November 1880, regarding
Extradition. Luxemburg, 23rd January 1937. [Ratifications exchanged at Brussels on 1st July 1938.]

Copy of Notes exchanged between His Treaty Series
Majesty’s Government in New Zealand and the
Netherlands Government regarding Commercial
Relations between New Zealand and the
Netherlands. Sydney, 22nd December 1937; Wellington, 14th January 1938.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon
the Table.

Mr. Secretary Cobville presented, pursuant to
the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Air-Rain
Precautions Act, 1937.

Copy of Regulations, dated 23rd July 1938, entitled the Air-Raid Precautions (Approval of Expenditure) (Scotland) Regulations, 1938.

Copy of Regulations, dated 23rd March 1938, Local Government Superannuation (Administration) (Scotland) Regulations, 1938—

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon
the Table.

Mr. Secretary MacDonald presented,—Return British
Colonies, Protectorates, &c. (Local Legislatures).

Ordered, That the said Papers 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—

Copies of Schedules containing a List and Public
Particulars of certain classes of Documents, Records
((c) Ministry of Transport.)

Driving Test Organisation and (2) the Traffic
Commissioners and Traffic Area Licensing
Authorities, Ministry of Transport, which are not
considered of sufficient public value to
justify their preservation in the Public Record Office.

Ordered, That there be laid before this Adjournment
House, a Return respecting application of
Standing Order No. 8, showing the date
of such Motion, the name of the Member
proposing, the definite matter of urgent public
importance, and the result of any Division
taken thereon, during Session 1937-38.—(The Deputy Chairman.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this Closure of
House, a Return respecting application of
Standing Order No. 26 (Closure of Debate)
during Session 1937-38 (1) in the House and
in Committee of the whole House, under the following heads:—

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Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Public a Return of the number of Public Petitions presented and printed in Session 1937–38, with the total number of signatures in that Session. 

(The Deputy Chairman.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Select Committees appointed in Session 1937–38, the Chairman's Panel, and the Court of Referees; the subject 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; the number of Members who served on the Select Committees, and the name of the Member who moved for such Select Committee; also the total number of Members who served on Select Committees.—(The Deputy Chairman.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Standing Committees appointed in Session 1937–38 of (1) the 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.—(The Deputy Chairman.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Standing a Return showing the number of Select Committees, the number and the names of all Members (including and distinguishing Chairmen) who have been appointed to serve on one or more of the five Standing Committees appointed under Standing Order No. 47, showing, with regard to each of such Members, the number of sittings to which he was summoned and at which he was present; (2) the number of Bills considered by all and by each of the Standing Committees, the number of days on which each Committee sat, and the names of all Bills considered by a Standing Committee, distinguishing where a Bill was a Government Bill or was brought from the House of Lords, and showing, in the case of each Bill, the particular Standing Committee by whom it was considered, the number of days on which it was considered, the number of days on which it was considered, the number of Members present on each of those days.—(The Deputy Chairman.)

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 Isle of Man (Customs) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Rating and Valuation (Air-Raid Works) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Rating and Valuation (Air-Raid Works) (Scotland) Bill, without any Amendment.
Air Advertisements Bill.
Mr. Alan Herbert, supported by Mrs. Tate, Sir Hugh Steg, Mr. Mabane, Mr. Goldie, Mr. Kesling, Mr. Beres, Major Lloyd George, Mr. Crossley, Mr. Foot, Mr. Henry Strauss, and Mr. Perkins, presented a Bill to prohibit the exhibition of advertisements by aircraft, balloons, parachutes, kites, and other similar devices; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday next; and to be printed.

Business of the House.
A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House) (The Prime Minister): The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left. Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Mawson: 224. Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Adamson: 118. So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Justices of the Peace (Scotland) Bill.
Mr. Robert Gibson accordingly presented a Bill to amend the procedure anent the appointment of justices of the peace in Scotland, and that Mr. Robert Gibson, Mr. Davidson, Mr. Macleod, Mr. Johnston, Mr. Westwood, Mr. Duncan Graham, Mr. James Brown, Mr. Welsh, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Barr, Mrs. Hardie, and Mr. Kirkwood do prepare and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the procedure anent the appointment of justices of the peace in Scotland: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Official Secrets Acts.
Ordered, That the Select Committee on the Official Secrets Acts have leave to sit notwithstanding the Adjournment of the House.
Ordered, That the Committee have leave to report their observations from time to time and the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them. Ordered, That the Committee have leave to send their first Report and the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them, if the House is not sitting, to the Clerk of the House, who shall give directions for the printing of the Report (and the Minutes of the Evidence) and shall cause it to be circulated on Tuesday 15th October 1938, and shall lay the Report upon the Table of the House at its next meeting, provided that in the event of Mr. Speaker summoning the House to meet at a date earlier than that to which the House stands adjourned, in pursuance of the power conferred upon him by any Resolution of the House, the Report shall be circulated as soon as may be after Mr. Speaker has issued his notice summoning the House to meet.—(The Prime Minister.)

The Lords have agreed to the Supreme Court of Judicature (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Holidays with Pay Bill, without any Amendment.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Fire Brigades Bill.

The Lords' Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 7, I. 1, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 7, I. 1, leave out Clause 5 and insert new Clause A (No payments to be made by owners and occupiers in respect of fire services), the next Amendment, being read a second time;
And it appearing that the object of the Special Entry, Amendment was to further the intentions of the Commons, the same was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords' Amendments as far as the Amendment in p. 16, I. 6, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 9, I. 29, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 9, I. 26, leave out ("they shall be in accordance therewith") and insert ("the scheme shall apply those scales with or without modifications"), the next Amendment, being read a second time;
And it appearing that the object of the Special Entry, Amendment was to further the intentions of the Commons, the same was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords' Amendments as far as the Amendment in p. 20, I. 21, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 20, leave out II, 21 and 22 and insert—
("Provided that nothing in the said section fifteen shall be taken to affect section sixty of the London County Council (General Powers) Act, 1934.

(2) The provisions of section one of this Act, so far as they relate to the provision of fire services for any borough or district by other fire authorities, shall have effect so as to enable such fire services to be provided by the London County Council, and accordingly the references in subsections (3) and (5) of section one to other fire authorities and the references in subsection (4) thereof to a fire authority shall be construed as including references to the London County Council; and the duty of a fire authority (not including the London County Council) under subsection (5) of section one of this Act may be discharged, either in whole or in part, by entering into arrangements with the London County Council under section forty-nine of the London County Council (General Powers) Act, 1934 "),
the next Amendment, being read a second time;
And it appearing that the Commons were Special Entry, willing to waive their Privileges, the same was agreed to.

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The Lords' Amendment in p. 20, l. 42, the
next Amendment, being read a second time,
was agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 21, l. 7, at
beginning insert—

(" For any reference to the Local Government
Superannuation Act, 1897, there shall be
substituted a reference to the Local Government
Superannuation (Scotland) Act, 1957; for any
reference to the Local Government Officers' 
Superannuation (Transfer Value) Rules, 1924 ")

the next Amendment, being read a second time:

Special Entry. And it appearing that the object of the
Amendment was to further the intentions of
the Commons, the same was agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 21, l. 10, after
(" county ") insert (" for any reference to the
general rate fund of a borough or district
there shall be substituted a reference to the
burgh or the county fund "), the next Amend-
ment, being read a second time:

Special Entry. And it appearing that the object of the
Amendment was to further the intentions of
the Commons, the same was agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 21, l. 37, at end
insert—

(" The council of any such county as aforesaid
may by resolution determine that the powers
conferred by this subsection shall be exercised
in respect of such part or parts only of the
county as may be specified in the resolution."),
the next Amendment, being read a second time:

Special Entry. And it appearing that the object of the
Amendment was to further the intentions of
the Commons, the same was agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 23, l. 17, leave out subsection (15), the next Amendment,
being read a second time:

Special Entry. And it appearing that the object of the
Amendment was to further the intentions of
the Commons, the same was agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 23, l. 30, the next Amendment, being read a second time,
was agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 23, l. 36, at end
insert—

(" Provided that, where the county council
of any county have resolved, in pursuance of
subsection (5) of this section, that the powers
thereby conferred shall be exercised in respect
of one or more parts only of the county, the
expenditure incurred by the county council for
the purposes of this Act in respect of any such
part shall be defrayed out of a rate levied only
in that part.")

the next Amendment, being read a second time:

Special Entry. And it appearing that the object of the
Amendment was to further the intentions of
the Commons, the same was agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 25, l. 6, the
next Amendment, being read a second time,
was agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 25, l. 7, leave out from (" that ") to the end of the clause and
insert—

(" a) the repeal of the enactments mentioned
in Part II of the said Schedule and of any
enactment incorporating or applying, with
or without modifications, section thirty-
three of the Town Police Clauses Act, 1847,
shall not take effect until the expiration of
a period of two years from the passing of
this Act; and

(b) the repeal of such of the enactments
mentioned in the said Schedule as relate
to the functions of parish authorities
shall not take effect, as respects any such
authority, until those functions cease to be
exercisable by that authority.")

the next Amendment, being read a second time;

And it appearing that the Commons were Special Entry,
will to waive their Privileges, the same was
agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 28, l. 10, in the
column, leave out (" sections thirty-two
and thirty-three ") and insert (" section thirty-
two "), the next Amendment, being read a
second time;

And it appearing that the Commons were Special Entry,
will to waive their Privileges, the same was
agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 28, l. 11, at
end insert—

(" 10 & 11 An Act to purchase
Vic. c. 62, and define the
residual and mar-
ket rights of Stock-
port, to establish
public parks, to
purchase or lease
waterworks, to
build bridges and
to make other com-
 munications with-
in the borough of
Stockport.

the next Amendment, being read a second time;

And it appearing that the Commons were Special Entry,
will to waive their Privileges, the same was
agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 28, l. 15, in the
third column, leave out from (" fifty-three ")
to end of 1.

And it appearing that the Commons were Special Entry,
will to waive their Privileges, the same was
agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 28, l. 17, in the
third column, leave out (" sections thirty-two
and thirty-three ") and insert (" section thirty-
two "), the next Amendment, being read a
second time:

And it appearing that the Commons were Special Entry,
will to waive their Privileges, the same was
agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 28, l. 29 &
30, the next Amendment, being read a second time,
was agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 28, l. 32
& 33, the next Amendment, being read a second time,
was agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 28, l. 41 &
42, the next Amendment, being read a second time:

And it appearing that the Commons were Special Entry,
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The Lords' Amendment in p. 28, l. 42, the
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The Lords' Amendment in p. 28, l. 43, the
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The Lords' Amendment in p. 28, l. 44, the
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The Lords' Amendment in p. 28, l. 46, the
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The Lords' Amendment in p. 28, l. 47, the
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The Lords' Amendment in p. 28, l. 48, the
next Amendment, being read a second time:

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The Lords' Amendment in p. 28, l. 49, the
next Amendment, being read a second time:

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The Lords' Amendment in p. 28, l. 50, the
next Amendment, being read a second time:

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The Lords' Amendment in p. 28, l. 51, the
next Amendment, being read a second time:

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The Lords' Amendment in p. 28, l. 52, the
next Amendment, being read a second time:

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The Lords' Amendment in p. 28, l. 53, the
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The Lords' Amendment in p. 28, l. 56, the
next Amendment, being read a second time:

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agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 28, l. 57, the
next Amendment, being read a second time:

And it appearing that the Commons were Special Entry,
will to waive their Privileges, the same was
agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 28, l. 58, the
next Amendment, being read a second time:

And it appearing that the Commons were Special Entry,
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agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 28, l. 59, the
next Amendment, being read a second time:

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The Lords' Amendment in p. 28, l. 60, the
next Amendment, being read a second time:

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The Lords' Amendment in p. 28, l. 61, the
next Amendment, being read a second time:

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The Lords' Amendment in p. 28, l. 62, the
next Amendment, being read a second time:

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The Lords' Amendment in p. 28, l. 63, the
next Amendment, being read a second time:

And it appearing that the Commons were Special Entry,
will to waive their Privileges, the same was
agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 28, l. 64, the
next Amendment, being read a second time:

And it appearing that the Commons were Special Entry,
will to waive their Privileges, the same was
agreed to.
The Lords' Amendment in p. 28, l. 25, in the third column, leave out from ("sixty-three") to end of l. 28, and insert ("to one hundred and sixty-six and section one hundred and sixty-eight so far as relating to fires within the city"), the next Amendment, being read a second time;

Special Entry. And it appearing that the Commons were willing to waive their Privileges, the same was agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 28, l. 38, in the third column, leave out ("sections thirty-two and thirty-three") and insert ("section thirty-two"), the next Amendment, being read a second time;

Special Entry. And it appearing that the Commons were willing to waive their Privileges, the same was agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 28, l. 43, in the third column, leave out from ("incorporates") to end of l. 47, and insert ("the provisions of section three hundred and forty-five of the General Police and Improvement (Scotland) Act, 1862, relating to the expenses of extinguishing fires or of section three hundred and forty-six of that Act, and ")}, the next Amendment, being read a second time;

Special Entry. And it appearing that the Commons were willing to waive their Privileges, the same was agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 28, l. 50, in the third column, at end insert (" and section two hundred and forty-two"), the next Amendment, being read a second time;

Special Entry. And it appearing that the Commons were willing to waive their Privileges, the same was agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 29, l. 3, in the third column, at beginning, insert ("section two hundred and ninety in so far as relating to the expenses of extinguishing fires"), the next Amendment, being read a second time;

Special Entry. And it appearing that the Commons were willing to waive their Privileges, the same was agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 29, l. 5, in the third column, leave out from the second ("and") to ("two") in l. 7, and insert ("section"), the next Amendment, being read a second time;

Special Entry. And it appearing that the Commons were willing to waive their Privileges, the same was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords' Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 29, l. 26, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 29, l. 29, in the third column, leave out ("eight") insert ("except subsections (4) and (5)") the next Amendment, being read a second time;

Special Entry. And it appearing that the Commons were willing to waive their Privileges, the same was agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 29, l. 29, in the third column, leave out ("section") and insert ("sections"), the next Amendment, being read a second time;

Special Entry. And it appearing that the Commons were willing to waive their Privileges, the same was agreed to.
The Lords' Amendment in p. 30, l. 10, in the third column, leave out ("fifty-seven") and insert ("fifty-six"), the next Amendment, being read a second time;

And it appearing that the Commons were willing to waive their Privileges, the same was agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 30, l. 12, at end add—

("PART II.

EXACTMENTS REPEALED AS FROM TWO YEARS AFTER THE PASSING OF THIS ACT.

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<td>The Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1906.</td>
<td>Section three hundred and eighty-four in so far as relating to section two hundred and ninety-eight of the Burgh Police (Scotland) Act, 1882. Section thirty-nine so far as it relates to sections one hundred and sixty-seven and one hundred and sixty-eight of the Edinburgh Police and Waterworks Act, 1862. Section forty-nine of the Order contained in the Schedule so far as it relates to section one hundred and forty-six of the Order contained in the Schedule.</td>
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<td>The Edinburgh Corporation Order Confirmation Act, 1933.</td>
<td>Section one hundred and twenty-four of the Order contained in the Schedule so far as it relates to sections one hundred and fifty-seven and one hundred and fifty-eight of the Aberdeen Police and Waterworks Act, 1862.</td>
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the remaining Amendment, being read a second time;

And it appearing that the Commons were willing to waive their Privileges, the same was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Bacon Industry 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 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 Prevention of Fraud (Investments) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time according to Order made by the Secretary of State, under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, for extending section one of that Act to the urban district of Billericay, which was presented on the 27th day of July 1932, be approved.—[Mr. Lloyd.]
Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State, under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, for extending section one of that Act to the borough of Epson and Ewell, which was presented on the 14th day of June, 1938, be approved.—(Mr. Lloyd.)

Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State, under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, for extending section one of that Act to the urban district of Cheshunt, which was presented on the 14th day of June 1938, be approved.—(Mr. Lloyd.)

Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State, under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, for extending section one of that Act to the rural district of Kettering, which was presented on the 14th day of July 1938, be approved.—(Mr. Lloyd.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Housing (Rural Cottages Protection) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 1st day of November next.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

Prayers.

The Island of Arran Piers 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.

Resolved, That the Amendments to Standing Orders relating to Private Business as set out in the Schedule attached hereto be approved by the House:

SCHEDULE.

Standing Order 204, p. 217, l. 14, leave out "Whitewattle," and add "the Fifteenth day of May."

Standing Order 246, p. 237, l. 8, leave out "Residence," and insert "Business," and leave out from "Agent," to end of l. 9.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Committee on Evacuation.

Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare also presented,—Return to an Address to His Majesty dated the 26th day of this instant July for a Return relative to Aliens (Naturalisation).

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the said Return be printed.

Mr. Burgin presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Report respecting the proceedings under the Railway Regulation Act, 1893, during the year ended 27th July 1938.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir Kingsley Wood presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Agreement between the Secretary of State for Air and the Malayan Postmaster-General and Imperial Airways Limited, for the operation of the Empire Air Mail Scheme on the route between the United Kingdom and Malaya.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Stanley presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Standing Committee set up under the Merchandise Marks Act, 1926, respecting Watch Straps, &c.

Mr. Stanley also presented, pursuant to the Census of directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Final Report on the Fifth Census of Production and the Import Duties Act Inquiry, 1935. Part I, the Textile Trades, the Leather Trades, and the Clothing Trades.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Major Tryon presented, pursuant to the Post Office directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Telegraph Regulations, dated 22nd July 1938, entitled the Telegraph (Inland Written Telegram) Regulations, 1938.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. William Morrison presented, pursuant to the Sea-Fishing Industry Act, 1933, Copy of Order, dated 27th July 1938, entitled the Sea-Fishing Industry (Restriction of Fishing in Northern Waters) Order, 1938.

Copy of Order, dated 27th July 1938, Sea Fish entitled the White Fish Industry (Registration Fees) (Provisional) Order, 1938.

Copy of Order, dated 11th July 1938, entitled Livestock the Cattle Subsidy (Marking of Imported Cattle) (Amendment) Order, 1938.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.
The following Papers were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—

Adjournment
Motions
under
Standing
Order No. 8.

Return to an Order, dated the 27th day of this instant July, for a Return relative to Adjournment Motions under Standing Order No. 8.

Closure of
Debate
(Standing
Order No. 26).

Return to an Order, dated the 27th day of this instant July, for a Return relative to Closure of Debate (Standing Order No. 26).

Private Bills
and Private
Business.

Return to an Order, dated the 27th day of this instant July, for a Return relative to Private Bills and Private Business.

Public Bills.

Return to an Order, dated the 27th day of this instant July, for a Return relative to Public Bills.

Public
Petitions.

Return to an Order, dated the 27th day of this instant July, for a Return relative to Public Petitions.

Select
Committees.

Return to an Order, dated the 27th day of this instant July, for a Return relative to Select Committees.

Sittings
of the
House
and Business
of Supply.

Return to an Order, dated the 27th day of this instant July, for a Return relative to Sittings of the House and Business of Supply.

Standing
Committees.

Return to an Order, dated the 27th day of this instant July, for a Return relative to Standing Committees.

East India
(Budget.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, that he will be graciously pleased to give directions that there be laid before this House, a Return of the Budget of the Governor-General of India in Council for 1938-39.—(Colonel Muirhead.)

Standing
Orders.

Ordered, That the Standing Orders, as amended, be printed.

No. 171.

Mr. Annesley Somerville reported from the Committee on Public Petitions: That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 5th day of May last, the 2nd day of June last and the 1st, 7th, 14th and 22nd days of this instant July, and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Coast
Protection
Bill.

The Order made upon the 27th day of this instant July, that the Coast Protection Bill be committed to a Standing Committee, was read and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Consolidated
Fund (Appropria
tion) Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 to No. 7 agreed to.

Schedules A, B and C agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

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).

Resolved, That the Additional Import Duties Import Duties (No. 7) Order, 1938, dated the twenty-second day of July, nineteen hundred and thirty-eight, be made by the Treasury under the Import Duties Act, 1932, a copy of which was presented to this House on the said twenty-second day of July, nineteen hundred and thirty-eight, be approved.—(Mr. Cross.)

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 Importation of Plumage (Prohibition) Act (1921) Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 1st day of November next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Prohibition of Vivisection on Dogs (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 1st day of November next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Workmen's Second Reading of the Justices of the Peace (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 1st day of November next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Justices of the Peace (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 1st day of November next.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—Adjournment.

(Captain Dugdale.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till six minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
The House met at Eleven of the clock.

Mr. Elliot presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Nineteenth Annual Report of the Ministry of Health, 1937-38. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Colonel Muirhead presented,—Return to an Address to His Majesty, dated the 28th day of this instant July, for a Return relative to East India (Budget).

Ordered, That the said Return 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 Consolidated Fund ( Appropriation) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Lancashire County Council (Rivers Board and General Powers) Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Warrington Corporation Water Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Middlesex County Council (General Powers) Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Nottingham Corporation Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Penzance Corporation Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Salford Corporation Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Stockton-on-Tees Corporation Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the West Yorkshire Gas Distribution Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Consolidated Fund ( Appropriation) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Middlesex County Council (General Powers) Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Warrington Corporation Water Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Penzance Corporation Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Salford Corporation Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Stockton-on-Tees Corporation Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the West Yorkshire Gas Distribution Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

Mr. Speaker, we have heard this instant July, for a Return relative to East India (Budget).

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Speaker, by virtue of His Majesty's Commission, had been at the Table; and be printed.

A Message was delivered by Lieutenant- Royal Assent, General Sir William Pulteney, G.C.V.O., K.C.B., K.C.M.G., D.S.O., Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker, the Lords, authorised by virtue of His Majesty's Commission, for declaring His Royal Assent to Acts agreed upon by both Houses, desire the immediate attendance of a Member of His Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers;—And having returned;

Mr. Speaker reported, That the House, at the desire of the Lords, authorised by virtue of His Majesty's Commission, had been at the House of Peers, where a Commission under the Great Seal was read, giving, declaring and notifying the Royal Assent to the several Acts therein mentioned; and that the Lords, thereby authorised, had declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts, as follow:

1. Finance Act, 1938.
3. Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1938.
5. Divorce (Scotland) Act, 1938.
10. Registration of Still-Births (Scotland) Act, 1938.
11. Food and Drugs Act, 1938.
12. Imperial Telegraphs Act, 1938.

Resolved, That this House, at its rising this Adjournment day, do adjourn till Tuesday 1st November; provided that if it is represented to Mr. Speaker by His Majesty's Government that the public interest requires that the House should meet at any earlier time during the Adjournment, and Mr. Speaker is satisfied that the public interest does so require, he may give notice that he is so satisfied, and thenupon the House shall meet at the time stated in such notice and the Government Business to be transacted on the day on which the House shall so meet shall, subject to the publication of notice thereof in the Order Paper to be circulated on the day on which the House shall so meet, be such as the Government may appoint, but subject as aforesaid the House shall transact its business as if it had been duly adjourned to the day on which it shall so meet, and any Government Orders of the Day and Government Notices of Motions that may stand on the Order Book for the 1st day of November or any subsequent day shall be appointed for the day on which the House shall so meet.—(The Prime Minister.)

PRAYERS.

Samuel Schofield Hammersley, Esquire, Member for the Borough of Willesden (East Division), was sworn.

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15. Anglo-Turkish (Armaments Credit) Agreement Act, 1938.
22. Supreme Court of Judicature (Amendment) Act, 1938.
23. Isle of Man (Customs) Act, 1938.
27. Fire Brigades Act, 1938.
28. Nursing Homes Registration (Scotland) Act, 1938.
29. Lochaber Water Power Order Confirmation Act, 1938.
30. Island of Arran Piers Order Confirmation Act, 1938.
31. West Hartlepool Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Order Confirmation Act, 1938.
32. Ipswich Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Order Confirmation Act, 1938.
34. West Midlands Joint Electricity Authority Order Confirmation Act, 1938.
35. Pier and Harbour Order (Plymouth) Confirmation Act, 1938.
36. Land Drainage Provisional Order (Louth Drainage District) Confirmation Act, 1938.
37. Ministry of Health Provisional Order Confirmation (Cirencester) Act, 1938.
38. Ministry of Health Provisional Order Confirmation (Wath upon Dearne) Act, 1938.
40. Ministry of Health Provisional Order Confirmation (Horsforth) Act, 1938.
41. Ministry of Health Provisional Order Confirmation (Llandrindod Wells) Act, 1938.
42. Ministry of Health Provisional Order Confirmation (Rawmarsh) Act, 1938.
43. Ministry of Health Provisional Order Confirmation (Bucks Water Board) Act, 1938.
44. Bristol Corporation Act, 1938.
45. Chichester Corporation Act, 1938.
46. London County Council (Tunnel and Improvements) Act, 1938.
47. Newcastle and Gateshead Waterworks Act, 1938.
55. Middlesex County Council (Sewerage) Act, 1938.
59. Lancashire County Council (Rivers Board and General Powers) Act, 1938.
60. Nottingham Corporation Act, 1938.
61. Stockton-on-Tees Corporation Act, 1938.
63. Warrington Corporation Water Act, 1938.
64. Middlesex County Council (General Powers) Act, 1938.

And the Question being again proposed, Adjournment, That this House do now adjourn;
And it being Four of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.

The Order of the day being read, for the supply, Committee of Supply;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday the 1st day of November 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 Tuesday the 1st day of November next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, without Question put, pursuant to Standing Order No. 2, it being then one minute after Four of the clock, till Tuesday the 1st day of November next, pursuant to the Resolution of the House this day.

Notice given by Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of 29th July, House of Commons.

1. Edward Algernon FitzRoy, Speaker of the House of Commons, do hereby give notice that I am satisfied, after consulting with His Majesty's Government, that the public interest requires that the House should meet at an earlier time than the 1st day of November.

By virtue, therefore, of the Resolution of the House of Commons of the 29th day of July last, I now give notice that the House shall meet on Wednesday, the 28th day of September.

Given under my hand this the 26th day of September, 1938. E. A. FITZROY, Speaker.
2 GEO. VI. 28th September. 403

[No. 160.]

Wednesday, 28th September 1938.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker made the following communication to the House:—

I regret to have to inform the House of the deaths of:

Captain the Right Honourable Robert Croft Bourne, late Member for the City of Oxford;

Joseph Alexander Leckie, Esquire, late Member for the Borough of Walsall;

Alfred Short, Esquire, late Member for the County of York, West Riding (Doncaster Division);

and

Sir Philip Dawson, late Member for the Borough of Lewisham (West Division),

and desire to express our sense of the loss we have sustained and our sympathy with their relatives.

Parliamentary Papers (Adjointment.)

The following Papers, presented by His Majesty's Command during the Summer Adjournment, were delivered to the Librarian of the House of Commons during the Adjournment, pursuant to Standing Order No. 9:

Treaty Series (No. 48, 1938) [Reprint of Union of South Africa Treaty Series (No. 9, 1937).]

Copy of Notes exchanged between His Majesty's Government in the Union of South Africa and the Portuguese Government extending and modifying the Agreement of 17th November 1934, concerning Native Labour from Mozambique. Lisbon, 19th/27th October 1937.

Treaty Series (No. 49, 1938) [Reprint of Union of South Africa Treaty Series (No. 3, 1935).]

Copy of Notes exchanged between the Governments of the Union of South Africa, and the Netherlands regarding Commerce and Navigation. [With Proces-Verbal.] Capetown, 20th February 1935.

Treaty Series (No. 50, 1938) [Reprint of Canadian Treaty Series (No. 17, 1935).]

Copy of Notes exchanged between His Majesty's Government in Canada and the Guatemalan Government regarding Commercial Relations. Guatemala, 28th September 1937.

Treaty Series (No. 51, 1938) [Reprint of Canadian Treaty Series (No. 6, 1937).]

Copy of Notes exchanged between His Majesty's Government in Canada and the Brazilian Government regarding Commercial Relations. Ottawa, 12th June 1937.

Treaty Series (No. 52, 1938) [Reprint of Canadian Treaty Series (No. 16, 1937).]

Copy of Notes exchanged between His Majesty's Government in Canada and the Government of Salvador regarding Commercial Relations. San Salvador, 2nd November 1937.

Treaty Series (No. 53, 1938.)

Copy of Notes exchanged between His Majesty's Government in New Zealand and the Belgian Federal Council regarding Commercial Relations between New Zealand and Switzerland. Wellington, 5th May 1938.

Treaty Series (No. 54, 1938.)

Copy of International Agreement regarding False Indications of Origin on Goods. London, 2nd June 1934. [His Majesty's Ratification in respect of the United Kingdom deposited at London on 30th June 1938.]

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Copy of International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property. London, (No. 50, 1938.)


Copy of Treaty between His Majesty in respect of the United Kingdom and the President of the French Republic acting on behalf of His Majesty the Sultan of Morocco regarding Commercial Relations between the United Kingdom and the French and Tangier Zones of the Sherbroean Empire. [With Protocol of Signature and Notes exchanged.] Paris, 18th July 1938. [The Treaty has not been ratified by His Majesty.]

Copy of Supplementary Agreement for the German execution of Article 2 of the Anglo-German Transfer Agreement of 1st July 1938. Berlin, 13th August 1938.


Copy of Thirty-fourth Report of the Royal Royal Patriotic Fund Corporation, for 1937.

Copy of Twenty-third Report of the Commissi-Welsh Church Strewners of Church Temporalities in Wales, for Art, 1914, 1937.


Copy of Recommendations of the Import Import Duties Advisory Committee, dated 29th July Duties, 1938, relating to the Import Duties (Duties) (No. 11) Order, 1938.

Copy of Recommendations of the Import Import Duties Advisory Committee, dated 29th July Duties, 1938, relating to the Import Duties (Duties) (No. 12) Order, 1938.

Copy of Recommendations of the Import Duties Advisory Committee, dated 29th July 1938, relating to the Import Duties (Drawback) Order (No. 15) Order, 1938.

Copy of Recommendations of the Import Duties Advisory Committee, dated 12th August 1938, relating to the Import Duties (Exemptions) Order (No. 4) Order, 1938.

Copy of Report of the Standing Committee set up under the Merchandise Marks Act, 1926, respecting Solid-headed Pins of Brass, Iron or Steel.

Copy of Report of the Commission on the marketing of West African Cocoa.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Butler presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Correspondence respecting Czechoslovakia, September 1938.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. William Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Report of the Sugar Commission for the year ended 31st March 1938.

Copy of Order, dated 15th September 1938, entitled the Importation of Canadian Cattle (Amendment) Order of 1938 (No. 5,760).

Copy of Order, dated 18th August 1938, entitled the Cattle (Import from Eire) (Amendment) Order, 1938.

Copies of Orders, dated—

(1) 27th July 1938, entitled the Wheat Commission (Approval of Byelaws) No. 12 Order, 1938;
(2) 8th August 1938, entitled the Wheat (Anticipated Supply) No. 2 Order, 1938;
(3) 8th August, 1938, entitled the Wheat (Quota Payments) No. 4 Order, 1938;
(4) 10th August 1938, entitled the Wheat (Ascertained Average Price) Order, 1938.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Ernest Brown presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Special Order, dated 21st September 1938, entitled the Trade Boards (Rubber Manufacturing) Order, 1938.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Major Tryon presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Warrants, dated—

(1) 26th July 1938, entitled the Imperial and Foreign Post Warrant, 1938;
(2) 2nd September 1938, entitled the Imperial and Foreign Post Amendment (No. 1) Warrant, 1938.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Coteille presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Orders dated 19th September 1938, entitled—

(1) the Air-Raid General Precautions Schemes (Stirlingshire and Clackmannanshire) Order, 1938;
(2) the Air-Raid Fire Precautions Schemes (Stirlingshire and Clackmannanshire) Order, 1938.

Copy of Order dated 13th September 1938, Agricultural entitled the Scottish Milk Marketing Scheme (Amendment) Order, 1938.

Copy of Act of Sederunt, extending certain Court of temporary Acts of Sederunt increasing fees. Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Captain Wallace presented, by His Majesty’s Inland Command,—Copy of Eighty-first Report of Revenue, the Commissioners of His Majesty’s Inland Revenue, for the year ended 31st March 1938.

Copy of Twenty-ninth Report of the Commissions and missions of His Majesty’s Customs and Excise, for the year ended 31st March 1938, being the Eighty-second Report relating to the Customs and the Eighty-first Report relating to the Excise.

Captain Wallace also presented, pursuant to Import Duties the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Import Duties Act, 1932.)

Copy of Order, dated 11th August 1938, made under the Import Duties Act, 1932, entitled the Additional Import Duties (No. 8) Order, 1938.

Copy of Order, dated 10th August 1938, made under the Finance Act, 1932, entitled the Import Duties (Drawback) (No. 11) Order, 1938.

Copy of Order, dated 10th August 1938, made under the Finance Act, 1932, entitled the Import Duties (Drawback) (No. 12) Order, 1938.

Copy of Order, dated 11th August 1938, made under the Finance Act, 1938, entitled the Import Duties (Drawback) (No. 13) Order, 1938.

Copy of Order, dated 18th August 1938, entitled the Import Duties (Drawback) (No. 14) Order, 1938.

Copy of Order, dated 12th September 1938, entitled the Import Duties (Drawback) (No. 15) Order, 1938.

Copy of Order, dated 18th August 1938, entitled the Import Duties (Exemptions) (No. 4) Order, 1938.

Copy of Order, dated 11th August 1938, entitled the Imperial Preference (Reed Organs) Agreements, 1938.

Copy of Order, dated 9th September 1938, entitled the Debts Clearing Offices and Import Restrictions Act, 1934, entitled the Import Clearing Office (Romania) Amendment No. 2 Order, 1938.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Copy of Order, dated 2nd September 1938, entitled the Debts Clearing Offices and Import Restrictions Act, 1934, entitled the Import Clearing Office (Romania) Amendment No. 2 Order, 1938.
Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,
Copies of Charters of Incorporation creating the boroughs of—
(1) Chingford;
(2) Dagenham;
(3) Erith;
(4) Kettering;
(5) Slough;
(6) Tipton.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Stanley presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,
Copy of Rules, dated 30th July 1938, entitled the Designs (Amendment) Rules, 1938.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Elliot presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,
Copies of Schemes made under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937, by—
(1) the Mid-Cornwall Superannuation Joint Committee;
(2) the Surrey County Council;
(3) the Staffordshire County Council;
(4) the Thanet and District (Superannuation) Joint Committee;
(5) the South East Essex Superannuation Joint Committee;
(6) the Durham (Local Authorities) Superannuation Joint Committee;
(7) the Nottinghamshire (Superannuation) Joint Committee;
(8) the Northumberland (Local Authorities) Superannuation Joint Committee;
(9) the Ashford and District Superannuation Joint Committee;
(10) the Liverpool City Council;
(11) the Brentford and Chiswick Town Council;
(12) the Gloucester County Borough Council;
(13) the Huddersfield County Borough Council;
(14) the Bristol City Council;
(15) the Birmingham City Council;
(16) the Grimsby Cleethorpes and District Water Board;
(17) the Cotswold District Joint Superannuation Committee;
(18) the Leicestershire Superannuation Joint Committee;
(19) the Chesterfield (Rural) and Staveley (Superannuation) Joint Committee.
Adjournment. Resolved, That this House do now adjourn till Monday next.—(Captain Margesson).

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-seven minutes after Four of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.

[No. 161.]

Monday, 3rd October 1938.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Butler presented, by His Majesty's Command, Copy of further Documents respecting Czechoslovakia, including the Agreement concluded at Munich on 29th September 1938. [In continuation of "Miscellaneous, No. 7, 1938," Cmd. 5847.]

Treaty Series


Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Colville presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Copy of Order made under the Shops Acts by the Council of the under-mentioned local authority, and confirmed by the Secretary of State for Scotland:

Burgh of Port Glasgow.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. William Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Copy of First Report of the Livestock Commission for the period 1st August 1937 to 31st March 1938.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Shakespeare presented, by His Majesty's Command, Copy of List of Exceptions to the King's Regulations as to Pay, Non-Effective Pay, and Allowances sanctioned during the financial year 1937.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Ernest Brown presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Copies of Regulations, dated—

(1) 12th August 1938, entitled the Trade Boards (Perambulator and Invalid Carriage Trade, Great Britain) (Constitution and Proceedings) Regulations, 1938;

(2) 15th September 1938, entitled the Trade Boards (Dressmaking and Women's Light Clothing Trade, Scotland) (Constitution and Proceedings) (Amendment) Regulations, 1938.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Captain Crookshank presented, by His Majesty's Command, Copy of Report on the Causes of and Circumstances attending the Explosion which occurred at Markham No. 1 (Blackshale) Colliery, Derbyshire, on the 10th May 1938, by Paul Ernest Sandlands, Esq., O.B.E., K.C. (Commissioner).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Copy of Order, dated 26th July 1938, entitled County Court Fees (Amendment No. 2) Courts Acts Order, 1938.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Captain Margesson); and it being Eleven of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.

The Order of the day being read, for the 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 Prevention of Fraud Second Reading of the Prevention of Fraud [Investments] Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 19th day of July last, That the Limitation 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 Marriage Second Reading of the Marriage (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—Adjournment. (Captain Margesson.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till eight minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
Tuesday, 4th October 1938.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Supreme Court (Rules.)

Lunacy and Mental Deficiency, No. 174.

Adjournment.

Supply. Ways and Means.

Prevention of Fraud (Investments) Bill.

Limitation Bill [Lords.]

Marriage (Scotland) Bill.

Adjournment. Resolved, That the House do now adjourn.—(Mr. James Stuart.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-eight minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

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[No. 162.]

Wednesday, 5th October 1938:

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

CAPTAIN Wallace presented, pursuant to Superannuation Acts, the directions of an Act of Parliament, copy of Treasury Minute, dated 1st October 1938, granting a retired allowance to Mr. Frederick Ley Hill, Officer, Prison Commission, under Section 2 of the Superannuation Act, 1887.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Stanley presented, pursuant to the Patents and Designs Acts, the directions of an Act of Parliament, copy of Designs Acts, Rules, dated 20th July 1938, entitled the Patents (Amendment) Rules, 1938.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Elliot presented, pursuant to the National Insurance Acts, the directions of an Act of Parliament, copy of Regulations, dated 20th September 1938, entitled the National Health Insurance (Juvenile Deposit Contributors) Regulations, 1938.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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 Four of the clock Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the House without Question put.—(The Prime Minister.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House approves the policy of His Majesty's Government by which war was averted in the recent crisis and supports their efforts to secure a lasting peace.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question in l. 1, by leaving out from the word "House," to the end of the Question, and adding the words "while profoundly relieved that war has been averted for the time being, cannot approve a policy which has led to the sacrifice of Czechoslovakia under threat of armed force and to the humiliation of our Country and its exposure to grave dangers; and realising the intense desire of all peoples for lasting peace, demands an active support of the method of collective security through the League of Nations and the immediate initiation by His Majesty's Government of proposals for the summoning of a world conference to consider the removal of economic and political grievances which imperil peace,"—(Mr. Greenwood), instead thereof.

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Adjournment, A MOTION was made, and the Question adjourned. 

Order, That the Debate be now adjourned. 
(Captain Margesson.)

Order, 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.

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.

Prevention of Fraud (Investments) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Prevention of Fraud (Investments) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Limitation Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 19th day of July last, That the Limitation Bill [Lords] be now read a second time; 
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till to-morrow.

Marriage (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Marriage (Scotland) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Adjournment. 
Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. 
(Captain Margesson.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twelve minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 164.]

Thursday, 6th October 1938.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Adjournment.

A MOTION was made, and the Question being put, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn till Tuesday, 1st November; provided that if it is represented to Mr. Speaker by His Majesty's Government that the public interest requires that the House should meet at any earlier time during the Adjournment, and Mr. Speaker is satisfied that the public interest does so require, he may give notice that he is so satisfied, and thereupon the House shall meet at the time stated in such notice and the Government Business to be transacted on the day on which the House shall so meet shall, subject to the publication of notice thereof in the Order Paper to be circulated on the day on which the House shall so meet, be such as the Government may appoint, but subject as aforesaid the House shall transact its business as if it had been duly adjourned to the day on which it shall so meet, and any Government Orders of the Day and Government Notices of Motions that may stand on the Order Book for the 1st day of November or any subsequent day shall be appointed for the day on which the House shall so meet—(The Prime Minister);

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the (Colonel Kerr, Yeas, (Major Harvie Watt: ) 313.
Tellers for the Mr. Groves, Noes, (Mr. Adamson: ) 150.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Policy of His Majesty's Government. the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 5th day of this instant October, was proposed to be made to the Question, That this House approves the policy of His Majesty's Government by which war was averted in the recent crisis and supports their efforts to secure a lasting peace;

Which Amendment was, in 1. 1, to leave out from the word " House, " to the end of the Question, and add the words, " while profoundly relieved that war has been averted for the time being, cannot approve a policy which has led to the sacrifice of Czechoslovakia under threat of armed force and to the humiliation of our Country and its exposure to grave dangers; and realising the intense desire of all peoples for lasting peace, demands an active support of the method of collective security through the League of Nations and the immediate initiation by His Majesty's Government of proposals for the summoning of a world conference to consider the removal of economic and political grievances which imperil peace,"—instead thereof;

And the Question being again proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put; The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the (Captain Margesson, Yeas, (Colonel Kerr: ) 369.
Tellers for the Mr. Groves, Noes, (Mr. Paling: ) 150.

So 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 Margesson, Yeas, (Colonel Kerr: ) 366.
Tellers for the Mr. Groves, Noes, (Mr. Adamson: ) 144.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
Resolved, That this House approves the policy of His Majesty's Government by which war was averted in the recent crisis and supports their efforts to secure a lasting peace.

And it being after Four of the clock, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, without Question put, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of the 5th day of this instant October, it being then twenty-four minutes after Four of the clock, till Tuesday the 1st day of November next, pursuant to the Resolution of the House this day.

[No. 165.]

Tuesday, 1st November 1938.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker made the following communication to the House:—

I regret to have to inform the House of the death of the Right Honourable Lord Stanley, late Member for the County of Lancaster (Fylde Division), and desire to express our sense of the loss we have sustained and our sympathy with the relatives.

Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had issued, during the Adjournment, 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—

City of Oxford, in the room of Right Honourable Robert Croft Bourne, deceased;

County of Kent (Dartford Division), in the room of Frank Edward Clarke, Esquire, deceased.

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 Somerset (Bridgewater Division), in the room of Sir Reginald Powell Crom-Johnson, K.C., who since his election for the said County hath accepted the Office of one of the Justices of the High Court.—(Captain Murgess.)

York County (West Riding) (Doncaster Division) Writ.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the County of York (West Riding) (Doncaster Division), in the room of Alfred Short, Esquire, deceased.—(Sir Charles Edwards.)

Walsall Borough Writ.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough of Walsall, in the room of Joseph Alexander Leckie, Esquire, deceased.—(Colonel Kerr.)

The following Papers, presented by His Parliament's Command during the Adjournment, were delivered to the Librarian of the House (Adjournment of Commons during the Adjournment, pursuant ment.) to Standing Order No. 93:—

Copy of Agreement between His Majesty in respect of the United Kingdom and His Majesty the King of the Belgians regarding Parcel Post between the United Kingdom and Belgium. [With detailed Regulations.] London, 29th July 1938. [The Agreement has not been ratified by His Majesty.]

Copy of Protocol for the amendment of the Egypt Annex to Article 8 of the Treaty of Alliance with Egypt of 26th August 1936. [With agreed Minute.] Alexandria, 22nd September 1938. [The Protocol has not been ratified by His Majesty.]

Copy of Convention between His Majesty in respect of the Dominion of Canada and the President of the United States of America for the preservation of the Halibut Fishery of the Northern Pacific Ocean and Bering Sea. Ottawa, 29th January 1937. [Ratifications exchanged at Ottawa on 28th July 1937.]

Copy of Convention between His Majesty in respect of the Dominion of Canada and the President of the United States of America regarding the Sockeye Salmon Fisheries in the Fraser River System. Washington, 26th May 1930. [Ratifications exchanged at Washington on 28th July 1937.]


Copy of Statistics as to the operation and Licensing administration of the Laws relating to the sale of Intoxicating Liquors in England and Wales for 1937.

Copy of Report of the Commissioners of Prisons and the Directors of Convict Prisons for 1937.

Copy of Report of Scottish Departmental Nursing Committee on Nursing.

Copy of Recommendations of the Import Duties Advisory Committee, dated 19th September, relating to the import Duties (Drawback) (No. 16) Order, 1938.

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Copy of Statement showing the Financial Army Position of Territorial Army County Associations (Territorial Army.)
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Copy of Report of the Committee of Enquiry into the working of the Directorate of Operational Services and Intelligence of the Department of Civil Aviation.

Anglo-Argentine Meat Trade.

Copy of Report of the Committee of Enquiry into the Anglo-Argentine Meat Trade.

Mines Department (Accidents and Explosions.)

Copy of Reports on the cause of and circumstances attending the Fire which occurred at Dumfriesshire, Stirlingshire, on the 30th January 1938, by Mr. T. Ashley, His Majesty's Divisional Inspector of Mines, and Mr. J. A. B. Horsley, His Majesty's Electrical Inspector of Mines.

Copy of Statistical Summary of Output, and of Costs of Production, Proceeds, and Profits of the Coal Mining Industry for the quarter ended 30th June 1938.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Army.

Mr. Secretary Hore-Belisha presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament.—Copy of Amendments to Royal Warrant for the Pay, Appointment, Promotion and Non-Effective Pay of the Army, 1931.

Copy of Regulations made by the Army Council, with the consent of the Treasury, regarding the prices to be paid for billeting in emergency under the Army Act.

Army.

Copy of Amendments to Regulations for Supplementary Reserve, 1934, and Army Reserve, Class 1, 1935.

Army (Territorial Army—)

Copy of Amendments to Regulations for the Territorial Army, 1935.

Army (Territorial Army—)

Copy of Scheme made by the Army Council for the establishment and constitution of an Association for the County of West Lothian, under the Territorial and Reserve Forces Act, 1907, as amended by the Territorial Army and Militia Act, 1921.

Army (Territorial Army—)

Copy of Schemes made by the Army Council and the Air Council for the establishment and constitution of Associations for the Counties of Chester and Essex, under the Territorial and Reserve Forces Act, 1907, as amended by the Territorial Army and Militia Act, 1921, and the Auxiliary Air Force and Air Force Reserve Act, 1924.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Import Duties (Finance Act, 1932.)

Captain Wallace presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament.—Copy of Order, dated 17th October 1938, made under the Finance Act, 1932, entitled the Import Duties (Drawback) (No. 16) Order, 1938.

Treasury Chest.

No. 175.


Development Commission.

No. 176.

Copy of Twenty-eighth Report of the Development Commissioners, for the year ended 31st March 1938.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Papers relative to Treasury Chest and Development Commission be printed.


Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Colonel Muirhead presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Return of all Loans raised in England chargeable on the Revenues of India for the half-year ended 30th September 1938.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. William Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Report of Proceedings under the Agricultural Wages (Regulation) Act, 1924, for the year ended 30th September 1937.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Burgin presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Twenty-ninth Annual Report, with Accounts, of the Port of London Authority, for the year ended 31st March 1938.

Copy of Fifth Annual Report and Accounts of the London Passenger Transport Board, for the year ended 30th June 1938.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Captain Crookshank presented, pursuant to Mines the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Seventeenth Annual Report of the Secretary for Mines for 1937, and Thirtieth Annual Report of His Majesty's Chief Inspector of Mines for the same year, with a Statistical Appendix to both Reports.

Copy of Report of His Majesty's Electrical Inspector of Mines for 1937.

Copy of Regulations, dated 13th October Coal Mines 1938, made under the Coal Mines Act, 1911, Act, 1911, entitled the Quaries General Regulations (Electricity), 1938.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Stanley presented, by His Majesty's Statistical Abstract Command,—Copy of Statistical Abstract for the British Empire for each of the ten years 1925 to 1937. Sixty-seventh Number.


Mr. Stanley also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy No. 177. Of Abstract of Returns relating to Pilotage in the United Kingdom for 1937.

Copy of Report by the Board of Trade on Weights and their Precedings and Business under the Measures Weights and Measures Acts during 1937.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relative to Pilotage be printed.
Captain Margesson presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Agreement between the Secretary of State for Air and the Postmaster-General and Imperial Airways, Limited, relating to the operation of the air service between Singapore and Sydney.

Copy of Note by the Secretary of State for Air on the principal provisions proposed to be embodied in an Agreement with Imperial Airways, Limited, for the operation of an improved air service connecting Hong Kong with the main Empire air route.

Copy of Note by the Secretary of State for Air on the principal provisions proposed to be embodied in an Agreement with Imperial Airways, Limited, for a regular air service between Bermuda and New York.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Earl Winterton presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Order in Council, dated 28th July 1938, made under the British Settlements Act, 1887, entitled the West African Coinage Order, 1938.

Copy of Order in Council, dated 28th July, 1938, entitled the Carriage by Air (Aden) Order, 1938.

Copy of Order in Council, dated 4th July, 1938, approving Amendments of the Regulations of the Dental Board of the United Kingdom.

Copy of Order in Council, dated 28th July 1938, relating to the Dockyard Port of Portland.

Copy of Order in Council, dated 28th July 1938, entitled the Denmark (Extradition: New Zealand) Order in Council, 1938.


Copies of Orders in Council, dated 28th July 1938, entitled—
(1) the Merchant Shipping Load Line Convention (Hong Kong), No. 1, Order, 1938;
(2) the Merchant Shipping Load Line Convention (Hong Kong), No. 2, Order, 1938;
(3) confirming an Ordinance of the Legislature of the Colony of Hong Kong, entitled the Merchant Shipping (No. 2) Amendment Ordinance, 1934.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Quintin McLeod Hogg, Esquire (commonly called the Honourable Quintin McLeod Hogg), Member for the City of Oxford, was sworn.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Captain Margesson);
And it being Eleven of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.
Mr. Butler presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Commercial Agreement between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Cuba. [With Protocol of Signature and of Notes exchanged regarding Navigation.] Havana, 19th February 1937. [Ratifications exchanged at Havana on 10th September 1938.]

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Attorney-General presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Return showing the number of Commissioners of Assize appointed by the Lord Chancellor during the year ended 31st July 1938, the cost of such appointments, and the reasons therefor.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Stephen accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Widows', Orphans' and Old Age Contributory Pensions Act, 1936, and other Pensions Acts; and that Mr. Stephen, Mr. Maxton, Mr. Buchanan, and Mr. McGovern do prepare and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Widows', Orphans' and Old Age Contributory Pensions Act, 1936, and other Pensions Acts; and that the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House welcomes the intention of His Majesty's Government to bring the Anglo-Italian Agreement into force—(The Prime Minister); The House divided.

The Yeas divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Nos to the Left.

Tellers for the
[Captain Margesson,]
Yea.s 345,
[Colonel Kerr :]
Tellers for the[Mr. Charlton,]
Nos. 138,
[Mr. Anderson :]
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
Mr. Speaker, the Lords, authorised by virtue of His Majesty's Commission 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.

And His Majesty's Most Gracious Speech was delivered to both Houses of Parliament by the Lord High Chancellor in pursuance of His Majesty's Commands, as followeth:

My Lords and Members of the House of Commons,

My relations with Foreign Powers continue to be friendly.

In response to an invitation from the President of the French Republic, the Queen and I paid a visit in July last to Paris. We were profoundly moved by the evident sincerity and spontaneity of the welcome extended to us by the French Government and people. Nothing could more clearly have demonstrated the strength of the bonds which so happily unite our two countries.

I have followed with deep anxiety the developments of the grave crisis through which Europe has just passed. Throughout the whole period My Government, in close accord with the French Government, made every endeavour both in Prague and in Berlin to ensure a lasting and peaceful settlement of the problem of the German minority in Czechoslovakia. Their efforts were ably assisted by a mission of investigation and mediation in Czechoslovakia, headed by Viscount Runciman.

In view of the increasing gravity of the crisis the Prime Minister on the 14th September decided to fly to Berchtesgaden in order to establish personal contact with the German Chancellor. This initiative was followed on the 22nd September by a further visit by the Prime Minister to Godesberg. At this stage the prospect of a peaceful settlement seemed almost to have vanished, but at the last moment the Prime Minister made a proposal to the German Chancellor for a Four-Power Conference. Signor Mussolini gave valuable support to the suggestion and on the 29th September the German Chancellor, the French President of the Council, the Head of the Italian Government and the Prime Minister met at Munich and came to an agreement. The settlement thus arrived at was accepted, with a dignity that has earned general admiration, by the Government and people of Czechoslovakia.

The cause of peace was powerfully aided by the timely action of the President of the United States of America. The desire of all
peoples not to be drawn into war with one another is manifest and significant, and everywhere men and women share with me, I am convinced, a feeling of deep thankfulness that the imminent peril was thus averted. I pray that, with the passing of this peril, a new era may have opened for Europe.

During this period of anxiety it became necessary to put into force certain measures, including the mobilisation of the Navy, the calling out of a considerable portion of the personnel of the auxiliary Forces and the initiation of certain precautions against air raids. All these arrangements were carried out with admirable promptitude. In every department of national life men and women alike came forward to serve their country. I was proud to observe the calmness and determination displayed by all My people and I thank them for their spirit of service.

In the spring of this year My Government concluded an Agreement with the Italian Government regulating a number of questions of mutual concern. My Ministers have now decided to bring that Agreement into full operation as soon as possible. They are confident that this decision will still further strengthen the good relations already existing between Italy and this country.

My Ministers have continued to participate in the work and deliberations of the League of Nations. They have taken the lead at the recent meeting of the Assembly in providing for the explicit recognition of the independent existence of the Covenant of the League, apart from the Treaties of Peace, and in securing a comprehensive and practical review of the obligations depending on Members thereunder. It gave me great pleasure to meet representatives of the Governing Body of the International Labour Organisation, which, on the invitation of My Government, held their October meeting in London.

The civil war in Spain has continued to engage the earnest attention of My Ministers. They have maintained their efforts to make the international policy of non-intervention more effective and they have noted with satisfaction the recent decision of the Spanish Government to repatriate all its foreign combatants and the decision of the Administration at Burgos to dispense with a proportion of those on the other side. I regret that the hostilities between China and Japan still continue, with great loss of life to both combatants and with considerable damage to the rights and interests of third parties. I earnestly hope that this conflict will be brought to an early termination.

The cordial co-operation in matters of common interest between My Government and the Government of Egypt has been amply confirmed during the recent anxious months. Certain provisions of the Anglo-Egyptian Treaty of Alliance, the cost of which, owing to the increasing complexity of Military and Air Force requirements, was found likely greatly to exceed the original estimates, have been revised in a Protocol, the text of which has been laid before you. It is My confident hope that this revision will strengthen the sincere friendship between My Government and the Royal Egyptian Government and will expedite the important work of construction of barracks and other accommodation for My Forces.

It was with great satisfaction that I gave My assent to a Bill confirming certain Agreements with Eire. I welcome these Agreements, and I hope that they will promote closer co-operation and good feeling between the two countries.

I have been deeply distressed by the continuance and recent intensification of violence and lawlessness in Palestine, which have necessitated the despatch in the past few weeks of strong military reinforcements. The Technical Commission has completed their labours, and their Report is being carefully studied by My Ministers.

The conditions prevailing in the West Indies have given Me concern, and I have appointed a Commission to visit certain of the Colonies in that area and to make recommendations with regard to the social and economic position in them.

Members of the House of Commons,

The continued strengthening of our defences has required additional taxation, which has been accepted as necessary by the country.

I thank you for the provision you have made for the Public Service.

My Lords and Members of the House of Commons,

Defence requirements have engaged the unmitting attention of My Ministers, and are being reviewed in the light of recent experience.

I have given My assent to a Measure requiring local authorities to prepare schemes of air raid precautions for their areas. Such schemes are an essential part of the defence organisation of the country.

The development of the national health services has continued and steps have been taken with success to make those services more widely known and to encourage their use.

Active progress both in house building and in the clearance of the slums has been maintained and the abatement of overcrowding is proceeding. Acts have been passed amending the financial provision in England and Wales for slum clearance and for the abatement of overcrowding and making further provision for the improvement of agricultural housing.

My assent has also been given to Bills providing medical care for young persons who have left school and entered employment, reducing the age limit for the award of pensions to blind persons, enabling further information to be obtained for the study of the population problem and continuing, with modifications, for a further period the statutes relating to rent restrictions.

Acts have been passed amending the Unemployment Insurance Acts; regulating wages and conditions in the road haulage industry; enabling certain wage-fixing authorities to fix the amount paid with pay; regulating the hours of employment of persons under the age of eighteen in certain previously unregulated occupations; and enabling officers in the Merchant Navy to resign part of their wages for the purpose of paying pensions contributions.
Measures have been enacted providing for the better organisation and development of the bacon and pig producing industries and for certain important matters relating to sea fisheries, including the re-organisation of the white fish industry, and the improvement of conditions in the herring fishing industry. An Act has also been passed continuing assistance to the dairy industry.

The administration of justice in the Supreme Court has had My careful consideration, and the numbers of the judges in the Probate Division of the High Court and the Court of Appeal have been increased. Greater facilities having been given for the appointment of legally qualified persons as chairmen of the Courts of Quarter Sessions, provision has been made for enlarging the jurisdiction of those Courts where the chairman is legally qualified.

Acts have been passed providing for the setting up of a Coal Commission to unify coal royalties under national control and to further the re-organisation of the coal mining industry; requiring local authorities throughout Great Britain to provide fire brigade services and containing various provisions for improving the fire brigade organisation of the country; and continuing the assistance afforded to the British film industry by previous legislation.

Progress in the improvement of housing conditions and of public health in Scotland has been maintained, and among the Bills relating to Scotland to which My assent has been given has been a Measure to facilitate the better housing of the agricultural population.

A number of other Measures of public utility have been added to the Statute Book.

I pray that the blessing of Almighty God may attend you.

Then a Commission for proroguing the Parliament was read.

After which the Lord Chancellor said:

My Lords and Members of the House of Commons,

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 Eighth day of November, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-eight, to be then here holden; and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued until Tuesday the Eighth day of November, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-eight.
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