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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-Eighth day of this instant November, to be then here holden.

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 misdemeanour; and this House will proceed with the utmost severity against such offender.

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

Ordered, That the Commissioner of the Police Metropolitan of the Metropolis do take care that during the Police Session of Parliament the passages through the streets leading to this House be kept free and open and that no obstruction be permitted to hinder the passage of Members to and from this House, and that no disorder be allowed in Westminster Hall, or in the passages leading to this House, during the Sitting of Parliament, and that there be no annoyance therein or thereabouts; and that the Serjeant at Arms attending this House do communicate this Order to the Commissioner aforesaid.
28th November. 1939.

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 Sir Gilbert Francis Montrieu Campion, k.c.b., the Clerk of this House.

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

Mr. Ernest Brown presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Draft Conventions and Recommendations adopted by the International Labour Conference at its Twenty-fifth Session, 8th to 28th June, 1939 (Authentic Texts).

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

Mr. Secretary Colville presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Orders in Council made under the Emergency Powers (Defence) Act, 1939, dated 5th October 1939—

(1) amending Regulation 93 of the Defence Regulations, 1939; and
(2) making Regulations, entitled the Defence (Local Government) Scotland Regulations, 1939.

Shops Acts.

Copy of an Order made under the Shops Acts, 1912 to 1936, by the Council of the County Borough of Bootle, and amended and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department:

(1) dated 17th November 1939, amending the Defence (Agriculture and Fisheries) Regulations, 1939;
(2) dated 17th November 1939, adding Section 71A to the Defence Regulations, 1939;
(3) dated 17th November 1939, adding paragraph (bb) to Regulation 45 (1) of the Defence Regulations, 1939;
(4) dated 23rd November 1939, amending the Defence Regulations, 1939; and
(5) dated 23rd November 1939, entitled the Defence (Finance) Regulations Amendment (No. 2) Order, 1939.

Gas Undertakings Acts.

Mr. Stanley presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Draft of a Special Order proposed to be made under the Gas Undertakings Acts, 1920 to 1934, on the application of the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgess of the Borough of Newcastle-under-Lyme.

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

Education Act, 1921.

Mr. Lindsay presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Provisional Regulations made under the Education Act, 1921, dated 22nd November 1939, entitled the Provisional Regulations for the Training of Teachers, 1939.

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

Orders of the Day.

Secretary Sir John Anderson also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Orders made under the Shops Acts, 1912 to 1936, by the Council of the undermentioned local authorities, and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department:

(1) Urban District of Beeston and Stapleford;
(2) Urban District of Castledford;
(3) Urban District of Crompton;
(4) Urban District of Spennymoor;
(5) Borough of Wood Green;
(6) County Borough of Sunderland;
(7) Borough of Aylesbury;
(8) City of Cardiff;
(9) Borough of Swinton and Pendlebury;
(10) City of Bath;
(11) County Palatine of Lancaster (for the Urban District of Aspull); and
(12) County Palatine of Lancaster (for the Urban District of Golborne);
(13) County Borough of West Bromwich.

Copy of an Order made under the Shops Acts, 1912 to 1936, by the Council of the County Borough of Bootle, and amended and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department.

Copies of Orders in Council made under the Emergency Powers (Defence) Act, 1939—

(1) dated 17th November 1939, amending the Defence (Agriculture and Fisheries) Regulations, 1939;
(2) dated 17th November 1939, adding Section 71A to the Defence Regulations, 1939;
(3) dated 17th November 1939, adding paragraph (bb) to Regulation 45 (1) of the Defence Regulations, 1939;
(4) dated 23rd November 1939, amending the Defence Regulations, 1939; and
(5) dated 23rd November 1939, entitled the Defence (Finance) Regulations Amendment (No. 2) Order, 1939.

Copy of Regulations made under the Petroleum (Consolidation) Act, 1928, dated 30th October 1939, entitled the Petroleum-Spirit (Conveyance) Regulations, 1939.

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

Captain Crookshank presented, pursuant to Public Works Loans Act, 1875, by the Public Works Loan Commissioners, dated 28th November 1939.

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 under the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1923, by—

(1) the Governing Body of Magdalene College, Cambridge, on 17th June 1939, amending the Statutes of the College;

(2) the Governing Body of the Queen’s College, Oxford, on 24th June 1939, amending the Statutes of the College; and

(3) the University of Cambridge, on 5th July 1939, amending the Statutes of the University.

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 Derby County Borough Council; and

(2) the Leeds County Borough Council.

Copy of Provisional Regulations made under the Rent and Mortgage Interest Restrictions (Amendment) Act, 1933, dated 10th October 1939, entitled the Rent Restrictions Regulations, 1939.

Copy of Regulations made under the Therapeutic Substances Act, 1925, dated 20th September 1939, entitled the Therapeutic Substances Amendment Regulations, 1939.

Copies of Provisional Regulations made under the Public Health Act, 1936, dated 23rd October 1939, entitled—

(1) the Measles and Whooping Cough Regulations, 1939; and

(2) the County of London (Measles and Whooping Cough) Amendment Regulations, 1939.

Copy of Provisional Regulations made under the National Health Insurance and Contributory Pensions (Emergency Provisions) Act, 1939, dated 31st October 1939, entitled the National Health Insurance and Contributory Pensions (War Occupations) Regulations, 1939.

Copy of Provisional Regulations made under the National Health Insurance Act, 1936, dated 28th September 1939, entitled the National Health Insurance (Joint Committee) Regulations, 1939.

Copy of Provisional Special Order made under the National Health Insurance Act, 1936, dated 28th October, 1939, entitled the National Health Insurance (Subsidary Employments) Order, 1939.

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


Copies of Proclamations issued under Section 83 of the Government of India Act, 1935—

(1) by the Governor of Madras on 30th October 1939;

(2) by the Governor of the United Provinces on 3rd November 1939;

(3) by the Governor of Bihar on 3rd November 1939;

(4) by the Governor of Bombay on 4th November 1939;

(5) by the Governor of Orissa on 6th November 1939;

(6) by the Governor of the Central Provinces and Berar on 10th November 1939; and

(7) by the Governor of the North West Frontier Province on the 10th November 1939.

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

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

My Lords and Members of the House of Commons,

The prosecution of the war commands the energies of all My Subjects. My Dominions overseas are participating wholeheartedly and with an effectiveness which is most gratifying to Me.

Throughout the world My Navies, together with the Merchant Navy and Fishing Fleets, are keeping free and open the highways of the sea. At home, in France and in all stations overseas, My Armies and Air Forces are fulfilling their tasks. I am well assured that they will be equal to any efforts and sacrifices to which they may be called.

Members of the House of Commons,

You will be asked to make further financial provision for the conduct of the war.

My Lords and Members of the House of Commons,

Grave responsibilities rest upon you at this time. You will, I am convinced, express the resolution of the Nation.

The measures which will be submitted to you are such as seem necessary to My Advisers for the welfare of My people and the attainment of the purpose upon which all our efforts are set.

I pray that Almighty God will give His blessing to your counsels.
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 Marsden):—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.

(—(Mr. Montague.)

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

Adjournment. Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Buchan-Hepburn.)

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

[No. 2.]

Wednesday, 29th November 1939.

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

PRAYERS.

Ministry of Health.

Provisional Order

(Canterbury) Bill.

Bill 1.

Ministry of Health.

Provisional Order

(Ikley) Bill.

Bill 2.

Emergency Powers

(Defence) Act, 1939.

Secretary Sir John Anderson presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Orders in Council made under the Emergency Powers (Defence) Act, 1939, dated 23rd November 1939—

(1) amending the Defence Regulations, 1939;

(2) amending the Defence (Agriculture and Fisheries) Regulations, 1939.

Shops Acts.

Copy of an Order made under the Shops Acts, 1912 to 1936, by the Council of the Urban District of Crompton, and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department.

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

Mr. Secretary Colville presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,

—Copies of Regulations made under the Rent and Mortgage Interest Restrictions (Amendment) Act, 1933, dated 10th November 1939, entitled the Rent Restrictions (Scotland) Regulations, 1939.

Copy of an Order made under the Rating (Scotland) Act, 1926, dated 8th November 1939, entitled the Stirling Corporation Water Rate (Application of Rating Act) Order, 1939.

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

Mr. Lindsay presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations made under the Education Act, 1921, dated 23rd November 1939, entitled the Social and Physical Training Grant Regulations, 1939.

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


Ordered, That the Papers relative to the directions of a Measure, was also laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—

Copy of a Supplementary Scheme made under the Union of Benefices Measure, 1923, for effecting the union of the Benefice of Monkwearmouth, Saint Cuthbert, and the Benefice of Monkwearmouth, Saint Peter, both in the County of Durham and in the Diocese of Durham.

Ordered, That the said Papers be printed.

Mr. Willard Garfield Weston, Esquire, Member for the County of Chester (Macclesfield Division), was sworn.

Secretary Sir John Anderson, supported by Postponement of Enactments (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill, presented a Bill to postpone the commencement of the House to House Collections Act, 1938, the Marriage (Scotland) Act, 1939, and certain provisions of the Adoption of Children (Regulation) Act, 1939, to amend sections eight and fifteen of the last-mentioned Act, and to amend the provisions of section one hundred and forty of the Law of Property Act, 1922, with respect to the period within which applications may be made under that section: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Mr. Secretary Colville presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,
Captain Crookshank presented a Bill to continue certain expiring laws: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, during the present Session,—

(1) Government Business do have precedence at every Sitting;
(2) no Public Bills other than Government Bills be introduced;
(3) whenever the House adjourns from Thursday to the following Monday or Tuesday or Wednesday Members desiring to give Notice of Questions for Oral Answer on a Monday or Tuesday or Wednesday or Thursday may send Notices of such Questions to the Clerks at the Table, and any Notices of Questions so received by them before Five of the clock on a Friday or Monday or Tuesday can be accepted as Notices of Questions for Oral Answer on the following Monday or Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, respectively, and be printed and circulated with the Votes;

—(The Prime Minister);

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, in 1. 4, by leaving out paragraph (2).—(Mr. Attlee.)

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 Dugdale,
Yea, 213.
Tellers for the 'Mr. Munro :
Nos, 115.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
Then the Main Question being put;

Ordered, That, during the present Session,—

(1) Government Business do have precedence at every Sitting;
(2) no Public Bills other than Government Bills be introduced;
(3) whenever the House adjourns from Thursday to the following Monday or Tuesday or Wednesday Members desiring to give Notice of Questions for Oral Answer on a Monday or Tuesday or Wednesday or Thursday may send Notices of such Questions to the Clerks at the Table, and any Notices of Questions so received by them before Five of the clock on a Friday or Monday or Tuesday can be accepted as Notices of Questions for Oral Answer on the following Monday or Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, respectively, and be printed and circulated with the Votes;

—from the Adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 28th day of this instant November, 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.

—(Sir Charles Edwards.)

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.

(Sir James Edmondson.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour before Ten of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

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[No. 3.]

Thursday, 30th November 1939.

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 Wandsworth (Streatham Division), in the room of Sir William Lane Mitchell, who, since his election for the said Borough, hath accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of His Majesty's Manor of Northstead in the County of York.—(Captain Margesson.)

Mr. Secretary Caldecott presented, a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1936, relating to Glasgow Water and Tramways: Bill 5.

And the same was read the first time, and ordered under Section 9 of the Act to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 12th day of December next.

Ordered, That the Bill be printed.

Mr. Secretary Hore-Belisha presented, by His Navy, Army and Air Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Statement relating to Allowances for Families and Dependents of Men serving in His Majesty's Forces during the present War.

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

Captain Crookshank presented, by His War Damage Majesty's Command,—Copy of the First Report of the Committee on the principles of Assessment of War Damage to Property under the Scheme.) Government Compensation Scheme.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
Copies of Orders in Council made under the directions of an Act of Parliament, copied to be circulated on the day on which the House shall meet, subject to the publication of notice thereof in the Order Paper to be circulated on the day on which the House shall meet, and any Government Orders of the Day and Government Notices of Motions that may stand on the Order Book for any day shall be appointed for the day on which the House shall so meet; provided also that in the event of Mr. Speaker being unable to act owing to illness or other cause, the Chairman of Ways and Means, in his capacity as Deputy Speaker, be authorised to act in his stead for the purposes of this Resolution.—(The Prime Minister.)

Resolved, That this House, at its rising this Adjournment, day, do adjourn till Tuesday next.—(The Prime Minister.)
The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 28th day of this instant November, 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 upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Postponement of Enactments (Miscellaneous Provisions) 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 Expiring Laws Continuance Bill;

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

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

The Committee was accordingly nominated of,—The Prime Minister, Mr. Amery, Mr. Attlee, Mr. Henry Page Croft, Mr. Denman, Mr. Greenwood, Colonel Gretton, Mr. Lambert, 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.—(Mr. James Stuart.)

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till two minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till Tuesday next, pursuant to the Resolution of the House this day.

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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:

Accounts of the Spindles Board for the periods ended 13th March 1939 and 13th September 1938, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon;

No. 4.

Accounts of the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board for the year ended 1st July 1939.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the Spindles Board, be printed.

Resolved, nemine contradicente, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty to express the deep concern of this House at the loss which His Majesty has sustained by the death of Her Royal Highness the Princess Louise, and to accord His Majesty that this House will ever participate with the most affectionate and dutiful attachment in whatever may concern the feelings and interest of His Majesty.—(The Prime Minister.)

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

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

Sir Reginald Dorman-Smith presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order made under the Sea Fish Industry Act, 1938, 4th October 1939, entitled the Sea-Fishing Industry (Immature Sea Fish) Revocation Order, 1939.

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

Copy of an Order made under the Sugar Industry (Reorganisation) Act, 1936, dated 22nd September 1939, entitled the Sugar (Rate of Assistance) No. 2 Order, 1939.

Copy of an Order made under the Diseases of Animals Acts, 1894 to 1937, dated 17th November 1939, entitled the Importation of Canadian Cattle (Amendment) Order of 1939 (No. 5888).

Copy of an Order made under the Wheat Act, 1932, dated 7th September 1939, entitled the Wheat (Anticipated Supply) No. 2 Order, 1939.

Copy of Orders made under the Wheat (Amendment) Act, 1939—

(1) dated 7th September 1939, entitled the Wheat (Quota Payments; Standard Amount) No. 1 Order, 1939; and

(2) dated 26th September 1939, entitled the Wheat (Quota Payments; Standard Amount) No. 2 Order, 1939.

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

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

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.

—(Mr. Greenwood.)

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

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

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.

—(Sir Charles Edwards.)

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 28th day of November last, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty to express the deep concern of this House at the loss which His Majesty has sustained by the death of Her Royal Highness the Princess Louise, and to accord His Majesty that this House will ever participate with the most affectionate and dutiful attachment in whatever may concern the feelings and interest of His Majesty.—(The Prime Minister.)

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

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

The House resumes the said adjourned Debate.
Adjournment.

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.

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to control the arrangements for the Kitchen and Refreshment Rooms in the department of the Serjeant-at-Arms attending this House.

Ordered, That the Committee do consist of Seventeen Members.

The Committee was accordingly nominated of—Sir Ernest Bennett, Sir Reginald Blair, Sir William Brass, Miss Cazalet, Sir James Edmondson, Sir Henry Födes, Sir Nicholas Grattan-Doyle, Mr. Horabin, Mr. Leonard, Mr. Liddall, Colonel Sir Thomas Moore, Mr. Robert Morrison, Mr. Muff, Sir Ashteon Pouwail, Mr. Bracewell Smith, 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. Munro.)

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

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

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

I hereby nominate—

Major Sir Cyril Fullard Entwistle, K.C.,  
M.C.,
William Leonard, Esquire,  
Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Charles Glen MacAndrew,
Gordon Macdonald, Esquire,  
Major James Milner, M.C.,
Colonel Charles Edward Ponsoby,  
Sir Robert Smith, J.P.,
Colonel Sir Albert Lambert Ward,  
Baronet, C.V.O., D.S.O.,
Commander Charles Williams, and  
Sir Robert Young, O.B.E.,
to be the Chairmen’s Panel during this Session.

E. A. FitzRoy,  
Speaker.

8th December 1939.

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 Writ, for the County of Somerset (Wells Division), in the room of Lieutenant-Colonel Anthony John Mairhead, M.C., deceased.—(Captain Dugdale.)

Sir Irving Albery, Mr. Bowton, Mr. George Selection,  
Davies, Sir Charles Edwards, Colonel Gretton,  
Sir Arnold Gridley, Mr. Lambert, Sir Charles MacAndrew, Mr. Paling, Mr. Parkinson, and  
Mr. Wifred Roberts were nominated Members of the Committee of Selection.—(Captain Dugdale.)

Mr. Secretary Colville presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1936, relating to Aberdeen Corporation (Administration Finance &c.): And the same was read on the first time, and ordered under Section 9 of the Act to be read a second time upon Thursday the 14th day of this instant December.

Ordered, That the Bill be printed.

Mr. Secretary Colville presented a Bill to Dumbarton Burgh Order Confirmation Bill 7.

Aberdeen Corporation (Administration Finance &c.) Order Confirmation Bill 6.

Mr. Secretary Colville presented a Bill to Dumbarton Burgh Order Confirmation Bill 7.

Mr. Ernest Brown presented, by His Majesty’s Unemployment Command,—Copy of a Memorandum explanatory of the Draft Regulations made under the Unemployment Assistance Act, 1934, dated 8th December 1939 entitled the Unemployment Assistance (Determination of Need and Assessment of Needs) (Amandment) Regulations, 1939.

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

Sir Walter Womersley presented, by His Ministry of Pensions,  
Majesty’s Command,—Copy of a List of Exceptions to the Regulations as to Pay, Non-effective Pay, and Allowances sanctioned during the year ended 31st March 1939.

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

Major Tryon presented, pursuant to the Post Office directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations made under the Post Office Acts, 1908 to 1935, dated 16th November 1939, entitled the Money Order Amendment (No. 12) Regulations, 1939.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
Ordered,—That no Notices of Amendments on going into Committee of Supply be given until the second Thursday after the Adjournment of the House for Christmas.—(The Prime Minister.)

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.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 5th day of this instant December, was proposed to be made to the Question proposed upon the 28th day of November 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;

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

"But regret the absence of any proposals for organising to the full our human and material resources in the national interest for the effective prosecution of the war, for the provision and maintenance of an adequate standard of life for all, and for the solution on the basis of social justice of the problems which will arise on the return to peace."

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

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

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Charlton, 125.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Robert Taylor, 303.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Main Question being again proposed:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned. (Mr. Buchan-Hepburn.)

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

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

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

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 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—

(a) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of such expenses as may be occasioned by the continuance of the Cotton Manufacturing Industry (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1934, the Debts Clearing Offices and Import Restrictions Act, 1934, and the Special Areas (Amendment) Act, 1937, until the thirty-first day of December, nineteen hundred and forty, being expenses which, under any of the three last-mentioned Acts, are to be defrayed out of such moneys; and

(b) the payment into the Exchequer of such receipts as may be occasioned by the continuance of the Debts Clearing Offices and Import Restrictions Act, 1934, and the Special Areas (Amendment) Act, 1937, until the said date, being receipts which, under either of the last-mentioned Acts, are to be paid into the Exchequer.

—(Captain Crookshank.)

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 Postponement of Enactments (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time;

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

Sir Irving Albery, Mr. Benson, Sir Edmund Brocklebank, Captain Crookshank, Mr. Cal- Accounts, verwell, Sir George Davies, Mr. Jagger, Sir Haydn Jones, Mr. Latham, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Pethick-Laurence, Sir Asheton Pownall, Sir Isidore Salmon, Sir George Schuster, and Sir Robert Smith were nominated Members of the Committee of Public Accounts.—(Sir James Edmondson.)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Sir James Edmondson.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till ten minutes after Nine of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
Resolved, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn till Tuesday next.—(The Prime Minister.)

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 28th day of November 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 Export trade contains no indication that Your Majesty's advisers are taking adequate measures to enable the country to add to its financial strength by the development of the export trade; and deplore the many unnecessary and unco-ordinated restrictions which are hampering exporters, making it difficult for them to retain their normal trade as well as depriving them of the chance to exploit markets hitherto in the hands of Germany."—(Mr. Owen Evans.)

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

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Wilfrid Roberts: 31.

Tellers for the Noes, Colonel Kerr: 226.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed:

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, upon Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.—(Captain Margesson.)

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.—(Captain Margesson.)
Captain Grochshan reported from the Committee on Expiring Laws Continuance (Money) a Resolution which was read, as follows:

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

(a) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of such expenses as may be occasioned by the continuance of the Cotton Manufacturing Industry (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1934, the Debts Clearing Offices and Import Restrictions Act, 1934, and the Special Areas (Amendment) Act, 1937, until the thirty-first day of December, nineteen hundred and forty, being expenses which, under any of the three last-mentioned Acts, are to be defrayed out of such moneys; and

(b) the payment into the Exchequer of such receipts as may be occasioned by the continuance of the Debts Clearing Offices and Import Restrictions Act, 1934, and the Special Areas (Amendment) Act, 1937, until the said date, being receipts which, under either of the last-mentioned Acts, are to be paid into the Exchequer.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Expiring Laws Continuance Bill.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Postponement of enactments (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill.

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

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 Tuesday next, pursuant to the Resolution of the House this day.

[No. 7.]

Tuesday, 12th December 1939.

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 5th day of this instant December relative to the death of Her Royal Highness the Princess Louise had been presented to His Majesty; and that His Majesty had been pleased to receive the same very graciously, and to give the following answer:

I thank you sincerely for your loyal and dutiful Address expressing sympathy with Me in the loss I have sustained by the death of My Great Aunt, the Princess Louise, Duchess of Argyll.

I greatly appreciate the assurance of your affectionate interest in all that concerns Myself and My family.

The Vice-Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, that His Majesty, having been attended with their Address of Thursday, the 7th day of this instant December, was pleased to receive the same very graciously, and to give the following Answer:

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

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table a 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 (Canterbury) Bill.

Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Ilkley) Bill.

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

The Dumbarton 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 Glasgow Water and Tramways Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and ordered to be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Ordered, That, if at any time the 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 the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Tax Collectors (Scotland).

The following Paper, presented by His Majesty's Command during the Adjournment, was delivered to the Librarian of the House of Commons during the Adjournment, pursuant to Standing Order No. 93:—

Treaty Series (No. 58, 1939).


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

Copy of an Order made under the Import Duties (Import Duties Act, 1932.)

Accounts and Balance Sheets of Trading or Commercial Services conducted by Government Departments in 1938, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Appropriation Accounts of the Sums granted by Parliament for the Civil Services for the year ended 31st March 1939, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon, and upon certain Store Accounts.

Appropriation Accounts of the Sums granted by Parliament for Revenue Departments for the year ended 31st March 1939, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon, and upon Revenue and certain Store Accounts.

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

Burma (Civil Service and Police).

Sir Hugh O’Neill presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Statements of Appointments made to the Burma Civil Service (Class I) and the Burma Police (Class I) and the Vacancies remaining therein.

Statement of Appointments made to the Indian Civil Service, Indian Police and Indian Medical Service (Civil) and the Vacancies remaining therein.

Copy of an Amendment, dated 20th November 1939, to the Reserved Posts (Indian Police) Rules, 1938, made under the Government of India Act, 1935.

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

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Mr. Ernest Brown presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations made under the Unemployment Insurance Acts, 1935 to 1939, dated 16th November 1939, entitled—

(1) the Unemployment Insurance (Excluded Persons on board His Majesty’s Ships) Regulations, 1939; and

(2) the Unemployment Insurance (Benefit) (Recognised or Customary Holiday) Regulations, 1939

with reports of the Unemployment Insurance Statutory Committee on the drafts thereof and statements by the Minister of Labour and National Service in pursuance of the provisions of subsection (6) of Section 104 of the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1935.

Copy of an Order made under the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1935, and the Unemployment Insurance (Emergency Powers) Act, 1939, dated 16th November 1939, entitled the Unemployment Insurance (Banking Industry Special Scheme) (Variation) Order, 1939.

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:

Account of the Post Office Fund established under Section 39 of the Finance Act, 1933, showing the Receipts of, and Issues out of the Fund in the year ended 31st March 1939, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, that the said Papers be printed.

David Robertson, Esquire, Member for the Borough of Wandsworth (Streatham Division), was sworn.

Ralph Humphrey Etheron, Esquire, Member for the County of Lancaster (Stretford Division), was sworn.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, at this day’s Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(The Prime Minister.)

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.

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

Resolved, That the Draft Unemployment Assistance (Determination of Need and Assessment of Needs) (Amendment) Regulations, 1939, made by the Minister of Labour and National Service under the Unemployment Assistance Act, 1934, a copy of which was presented to this House on the 8th day of this instant December, be approved.—(Mr. Asketon.)

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

Gas and Steam Vehicles (Excise Duties).

Resolved, That as from the first day of January, nineteen hundred and thirty, the duties of excise chargeable in respect of mechanically-propelled vehicles under paragraph 5 of the Second Schedule to the Finance Act, 1920, as amended by any subsequent enactment (hereafter in this Resolution referred to as "the relevant paragraph"), shall be varied as follows:—

(1) For the purpose of computing the rate of the duty chargeable under any provision of the relevant paragraph in respect of a goods vehicle, the weight unladen of the vehicle shall, if the vehicle carries a container for holding gas for the propulsion of the vehicle or plant for producing such gas, be reduced—

(a) where the weight unladen exceeds twelve hundredweight but does not exceed three tons, by half a ton;
(b) where the weight unladen exceeds three tons but does not exceed six tons, by three-quarters of a ton;
(c) where the weight unladen exceeds six tons, by one ton;

(2) Notwithstanding that a goods vehicle is used for drawing a trailer, the vehicle shall not be chargeable with duty under subparagraph (d) of the relevant paragraph if the trailer is used solely for the carriage of—
(a) a container for holding gas for the propulsion of the vehicle; or
(b) plant and materials for producing such gas;

(3) Subparagraph (c) (ii) of the relevant paragraph (which relates to goods vehicles propelled by steam or constructed or adapted to use coal gas as fuel) shall have effect as if the words "coal gas" were substituted for the words "gas";

(4) The rates of duty chargeable under the said subparagraph (c) (ii), as amended by this Resolution, shall in the case of vehicles not exceeding one-and-a-half tons in weight unladen, be as follows:—
Not exceeding 12 cwt. in weight unladen — — — — £10
Exceeding 12 cwt. but not exceeding 1 ton in weight unladen — — — — £15
Exceeding 1 ton but not exceeding 1½ tons in weight unladen — — — — £20;

(5) For the purpose of this Resolution and the relevant paragraph as amended by this Resolution, the expression "gas" shall mean any fuel that is wholly gaseous at a temperature of sixty degrees Fahrenheit under a pressure of thirty inches of mercury.

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, 1919.

—[Mr. Bernays.]
Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

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

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

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

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

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to examine the current expenditure defrayed out of moneys provided by Parliament for the Defence Services, for Civil Defence, and for other services "directly" connected with the war, and to report what, if any, economies consistent with the execution of the policy decided by the Government may be effected therein.

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

The Committee was accordingly nominated of—Mr. Ammon, Sir Charles Barrie, Sir Ernest Bennett, Mr. Bosson, Mr. Brooke, Viscountess Davidson, Mr. Ede, Mr. Alfred Edwards, Sir Geoffrey Ellis, Sir Ralph Glyn, Sir Percy Harris, Mr. Holy-Hutchinson, Mr. Higgs, Sir William Jowitt, Sir Charles MacAndrew, Sir Adam Matl Sandy, Ashton Dow, Mr. Pym, Sir George Schuster, Sir John Shute, Mr. Silk, Sir John Wardlaw-Milne, Sir Harold Webbe, Mr. Graham White, Miss Wilkinson, Sir Herbert Williams, Mr. Woodburn, and Sir Robert Young.

Ordered, That Seven be the quorum of the Committee.

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

Ordered, That the Committee have power to report from time to time.

Ordered, That the Committee have power to appoint Sub-Committees and to refer to such Sub-Committees any of the matters referred to the Committee.

Ordered, That the quorum of any Sub-Committee so appointed shall be Two.

Ordered, That any Sub-Committees so appointed shall have power to send for persons, papers, and records; to sit notwithstanding any Adjournment of the House; and to adjourn from place to place.

Ordered, That any Sub-Committee so appointed shall report any evidence taken by them to the Committee.—[Mr. James Stuart.]  
Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to assist Mr. Speaker in the arrangements for the Report of Debates and to inquire into the expenditure on stationery and printing for this House and the public services generally.

The Committee was nominated of—Sir Reginald Clarry, Mr. Chute, Sir Francis Fremantle, Mr. Isaacs, Sir Mervyn Manningham-Buller, Dr. Morrison, Mr. Naylor, Sir Irvine Stewart Sandeman, Rear-Admiral Sir Murray Snell, Mr. Graham White, and Mr. Charles Williams.

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

Ordered, That the Committee have power to report from time to time.

Ordered, That Three be the quorum of the Committee.—[Mr. James Stuart.]  

Resolved, That in accordance with the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act, 1919, this House do direct that the House of Laity (Powers) Act, (Postponement of Election) Measure, 1939, be presented to His Majesty for Royal Assent.—[Mr. Denman.]

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—Adjournment (Mr. Buchan Hepburn.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till nineteen minutes after Ten of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
Wednesday, 13th December 1939.

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

PRAYERS.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Glasgow Water and Tramways Order Confirmation Bill.

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

The Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Canterbury) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Ilkley) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

A Public Petition was presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir John Anderson presented, pursuant to paragraph (6) of Regulation 18B of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939,—Report of action taken under the said Regulation during the period 1st September 1939 to 30th November 1939.

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

Mr. Secretary Calville presented, pursuant to paragraph (3) of Regulation 21 of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939, entitled the House to consider the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of Regulations made under the House to House Collections Act, 1939, dated 12th December 1939, entitled the House to House Collections (Scotland) Regulations, 1939.

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 Report of the Chief Registrar of Friendly Societies, for 1938.

Ordered, That the said Papers be printed.

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to amend the Government of India Act, 1935, and the Government of Burma Act, 1935, in certain respects and to make a consequential amendment in the Naval Discipline Act; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid: to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The India and Burma (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill [Lords] was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 16th day of January next; and to be printed.

Resolved, That this House do meet to-morrow Sittings of at Twelve of the clock; that no Questions be the House taken after One of the clock; and that Mr. Speaker shall not adjourn the House until he shall have reported the Royal Assent to the Acts which have been agreed upon by both Houses, but that, subject to this condition, Mr. Speaker, at Five of the clock, shall adjourn the House without Question put.—(The Prime Minister.)

Resolved. That this House, at its rising Adjournment to-morrow, do adjourn until Tuesday the 16th day of January next.—(The Prime Minister.)
Captain Crookshank reported from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 12th day of this instant December, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

Gas and Steam Vehicles (Excise Duties).

That as from the first day of January, nineteen hundred and forty, the duties of excise chargeable in respect of mechanically-propelled vehicles under paragraph 5 of the Second Schedule to the Finance Act, 1920, as amended by any subsequent enactment (hereafter in this Resolution referred to as "the relevant paragraph"), shall be varied as follows:

(1) For the purpose of computing the rate of the duty chargeable under any provision of the relevant paragraph in respect of a goods vehicle, the weight unladen of the vehicle shall, if the vehicle carries a container for holding gas for the propulsion of the vehicle or plant for producing such gas, be reduced—
   (a) where the weight unladen exceeds twelve hundredweight but does not exceed three tons, by half a ton;
   (b) where the weight unladen exceeds three tons but does not exceed six tons, by three-quarters of a ton;
   (c) where the weight unladen exceeds six tons, by one ton;

(2) Notwithstanding that a goods vehicle is used for drawing a trailer, the vehicle shall not be chargeable with duty under sub-paragraph (d) of the relevant paragraph if the trailer is used solely for the carriage of—
   (a) a container for holding gas for the propulsion of the vehicle; or
   (b) plant and materials for producing such gas;

(3) Sub-paragraph (c) (ii) of the relevant paragraph (which relates to goods vehicles propelled by steam or constructed or adapted to use coal gas as fuel) shall have effect as if the word "gas" were substituted for the words "coal gas";

(4) The rates of duty chargeable under the said sub-paragraph (c), (ii), as amended by this Resolution shall, in the case of vehicles not exceeding one-and-a-half tons in weight unladen, be as follows:
   Not exceeding 12 cwt. in weight unladen—
   £10
   Exceeding 12 cwt. but not exceeding 1 ton in weight unladen—
   £15
   Exceeding 1 ton but not exceeding 1½ tons in weight unladen—
   £20

(5) For the purpose of this Resolution and the relevant paragraph as amended by this Resolution, the expression "gas" shall mean any fuel that is wholly gaseous at a temperature of sixty degrees Fahrenheit under a pressure of thirty inches of mercury.

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.

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

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Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the said Resolution, and that Mr. Chahcollor of the Exchequer, Captain Wallace, Captain Crookshank, Mr. Lloyd, and Mr. Bernays do prepare and bring it in.

Captain Crookshank accordingly presented a Bill to reduce certain duties of excise chargeable in respect of goods vehicles driven by gas or steam: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 16th day of January next; and to be printed.

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 Burgess of the Borough of Newcastle-under-Lyme, which was presented on the 28th day of November and published, be approved.

—(Mr. Hudson.)

Notice being taken that Strangers were present, Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 89, put forthwith the Question, That Strangers be ordered to withdraw:—And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That the remainder of this day's Sitting be a Secret Session.—(The Prime Minister.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(The Prime Minister);

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 Margesson.)

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

[No. 9.]

Thursday, 14th December 1939.

The House met at Twelve of the clock.

P R A Y E R S.

The Glasgow Water and Tramways Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read the third time and passed.

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

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the said Resolution, and that Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Captain Wallace, Captain Crookshank, Mr. Lloyd, and Mr. Bernays do prepare and bring it in.

The Aberdeen Corporation (Administration Finance &c.) Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and ordered to be taken into consideration upon Tuesday the 16th day of January next.

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

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

The Lords have agreed to the Postponement of Enactments (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill, without any Amendment.

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

\( \text{(Mr. James Stuart)} \)

A Message was delivered by Lieutenant-Royal Assent.

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, and to a Measure passed under the provisions of the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act, 1919, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers:—And having returned;

Mr. Speaker, reported, That the House, at the desire of the Lords authorised by virtue of His Majesty’s Commission, had been at the House of Peers, where a Commission under the Great Seal was read, giving, declaring and notifying the Royal Assent to the several Acts and to the Measure therein mentioned; and that the Lords thereby authorised had declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts and Measure as follow:


House of Laity (Postponement of Election) Measure, 1939.

And the Question being again proposed, Adjournment. That this House do now adjourn;

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till five minutes before Five of the clock, adjourned till Tuesday the 16th day of January next, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of the 18th day of this instant December.
The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

P R A Y E R S.

Mr. Speaker made the following communica-
tions to the House:—

I regret to have to inform the House of the death of Sir John James Withers, C.B.E., late Member for Cambridge University, and desire to express our sense of the loss we have sustained and our sympathy with the relatives.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Aberdeen Corporation (Administration Finance &c.) Order Confirmation Bill.

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

The following Papers, presented by His Majesty's Command during the Christmas Adjournment, were delivered to the Librarian of the House of Commons during the Adjournment, pursuant to Standing Order No. 93:—

Copy of the Report of the Standing Committee set up under the Merchandise Marks Act, 1926, respecting Spectacle Frames, Fronts, Sides and Bridges and Eyeglass Frames and Bridges.

Copy of the Third Annual Report of the Spindles Board.

Copy of a Report by the Governor-General on the Administration, Finances and Conditions of the Sudan in 1938.

Copy of Papers regarding the Anglo-Soviet Negotiations, 1939.

Copy of Notes exchanged between the Government of the United Kingdom and the Turkish Government regarding Commercial Relations. London, 22nd November 1939.

Copy of Notes exchanged between the Government of the United Kingdom and the Government of Cuba modifying the Anglo-Cuban Commercial Agreement of 19th February 1937. Havana, 7th and 17th October 1939.

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

Mr. Secretary Cobville presented,—Return to Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1936.

Mr. Secretary Cobville also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations made under the National Health Insurance Acts, 1936 to 1939, dated 30th November 1939, entitled the National Health Insurance (Medical Benefits) Amendment Regulations (Scotland) (No. 2), 1939.

Copy of Regulations made under the Widows', National Orphans' and Old Age Contributory Pensions Acts, 1936 and 1937, dated 12th December 1939, entitled the National Health Insurance and Contributory Pensions (Collection of Contributions) Amendment Regulations (Scotland) 1939.

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

Mr. Secretary MacDonald presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Rules made under the West Indian (Saint Vincent) Prisons Act, 1838, by the Governor of the Windward Islands in Council on 7th October 1939, entitled the Prison (Amendment) Rules 1939.

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

Mr. Lindsay presented, pursuant to the Education directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Act, 1921. Regulations made under the Education Act, 1921, dated 7th December 1939, entitled the State Scholarships Regulations, 1939.

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

Mr. Ernest Brown presented, pursuant to the Unemployment directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Provisional Rules made under the Unemployment Assistance Act, 1934, dated 14th September 1939, entitled the Unemployment Assistance (Appeal Tribunals) (Amendment) Provisional Rules, 1939.

Copy of Provisional Rules made under the Unemployment Assistance Act, 1934, dated 6th November 1939, entitled the Unemployment Assistance (Appeal Tribunals) (Amendment) (No. 2) Provisional Rules, 1939.


Copy of Regulations made under the Trade Boards Acts, 1909, entitled the Trade Boards (Sugar Confectionery and Food Preserving Trade, Great Britain) (Constitution and Proceedings) Regulations, 1939.
Copy of Regulations made under the National Service (Armed Forces) Act, 1939, dated 16th October 1939, entitled the National Service (Armed Forces) (Adjustment of Contracts) Regulations, 1939.

National Service (Armed Forces) Act, 1939.

Copy of Regulations made under the National Service (Armed Forces) Act, 1939, dated 24th October 1939, entitled the National Service (Armed Forces) (Postponement Certificates) Regulations, 1939.

National Service Act, 1939.

Copy of Regulations made under the National Service (Armed Forces) Act, 1939, dated 3rd November 1939, entitled the National Service (Armed Forces) (Adjustment of Contracts) (Amendment) Regulations, 1939.


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

London Traffic Act, 1924.

Captain Wallace presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations made under the London Traffic Act, 1924, dated 8th January, 1940, entitled the London Traffic (Prescribed Routes) (No. 1) (Hackney) Regulations, 1940.

London Traffic Act, 1924.


Road Traffic Acts.

Copies of Provisional Regulations made under the Road Traffic Act, 1930—
(1) dated 18th December 1939, entitled the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) Provisional Regulations, 1939; and
(2) dated 29th December 1939, entitled the Motor Vehicles (Third Party Risks) (Amendment) Provisional Regulations, 1939.

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

Supreme Court of Judicature.

No. 14.

Captain Crookshank presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations on the Receipts and Expenditure of the Accountant-General of the Supreme Court in respect of the Funds of Suitors in the Court in the year ended 28th February 1939, Statement of the Liability of the Consolidated Fund, and Account of the National Debt Commissioners for the same period in respect of Funds held by them on behalf of the Supreme Court of Judicature, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

National Debt.

Copy of Regulations made by the Treasury in connection with the Bank of England under the Finance Act, 1917, as amended by the Finance Act, 1939, dated 31st October 1939, for facilitating transactions in connection with Government Stock.

Debts Clearing Offices Act, 1934.

Copy of an Order made under the Debts Clearing Offices and Import Restrictions Act, 1934, dated 11th January 1940, entitled the Clearing Office (Turkey) Amendment Order, 1940.


Copy of an Order made under the Beef and Veal Customs Duties Act, 1937, dated 19th December 1939, entitled the Beef and Veal Duties (Drawback) (No. 1) Order, 1939.

Import Duties (Beef and Veal Customs Duties Act, 1937.)

Copy of an Order made under the Import Duties Act, 1937, entitled the Additional Import Duties (No. 1) Order, 1940.

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

Major Lloyd George presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Accounts of the Gas Fund for the year ended 31st March 1939.

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

Major Tryon presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order in Council made under the Supreme Court of Judicature (Consolidation) Act, 1925, entitled the National Health Insurance (Reserve Forces) Regulations, 1939, dated 20th December 1939.

Copy of Orders in Council made under the Chartered and Other Bodies (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1939, dated 20th December 1939, entitled—
(1) the Electricity Commissioners (Reduction of Number) Order, 1939; and
(2) the Universities and Colleges (Temporary Provisions) Order, 1939.

Copy of an Order in Council made under the Merchant Shipping Acts, 1844 to 1937, entitled the Merchant Shipping (Seamen's Provisions) Order, 1939.


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

Mr. Elliot presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of a Scheme made under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937, entitled—
(1) the Contributory Pensions (Voluntary Contributors) Amendment Regulations, 1939; and
(2) the Contributory Pensions (Modification of Old Age Pensions) Regulations, 1939.

Copy of Regulations made under the National Health Insurance and - Contributory Pensions (Emergency Provisions) Act, 1939, entitled the National Health Insurance (Reserve Forces) Regulations, 1939.

Copy of Regulations made under the National Health Insurance Act, 1936, entitled the National Health Insurance (Navy, Army and Air Force Auxiliary Services) Regulations, 1939.

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

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16th—17th January.

Accounts of the Debts Clearing Offices showing the Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31st March 1939, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the Papers relative to Land Fertility (Research) Fund, Cinematograph Fund, and Debts Clearing Offices and Import Restrictions Act, 1934, be printed.

Sir John Wardlaw-Mc Many reported from the National Select Committee on National Expenditure. 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.

Lieutenant-Colonel Dennis Coleridge Boles, New Member for the County of Somerset (Wells sworn. Division), was sworn.

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

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

[No. 11.]

Wednesday, 17th January 1940.

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

P R A Y E R S.

The Aberdeen Corporation (Administration Finance &c.) Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read the third time and passed.

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

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the Prevention of Violence (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1939, which was presented on the 16th day of this instant January, be printed.

No. 18.

Captain Crookshank presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Memorandum explaining a proposed Bill relative to National Loans.

Copy of a Scheme for the disposal of the Czecho-Slovak Financial Claims Fund to be set up in accordance with the provisions of Clause 2 of the Czecho-Slovakia (Financial Claims and Refugees) Bill.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.
17th January. 1940.

Secretary Sir John Anderson presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order made under the Shops Acts, 1912 to 1936, by the Council of the Urban District of Urmston, and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department.

Copy of an Order made under the Coroners (Amendment) Act, 1926, by the Secretary of State, for the alteration of the Coroners’ Districts in the County of London.

Copy of an Order in Council made under the Emergency Powers (Defence) Act, 1939, dated 9th January 1940, making Regulations, entitled the Defence (Agriculture and Fisheries) (Northern Ireland) Regulations, 1940.

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

Colonel Gretton 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 Members to form the Parliamentary Panel of Members of this House to act as Commissioners:—Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Cassells, Mr. Chapman, Sir Samuel Chapman, Mr. Erskine-Bill, Sir Henry Fildes, Sir Edmund Findlay, Mr. Graham, Mr. Thomas Henderson, Sir John Graham Kerr, Mr. Maclay, Mr. Maclean, Sir Thomas Moore, Major Neven-Spence, Lord William Scott, Captain Shaw, Sir Robert Smith, Mr. Henderson Stewart, Sir John Train, and Mr. Young.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, supported Czecho-Slovakia by Secretary Sir John Anderson, Captain Crookshank, and Mr. Butler, presented a Bill to provide for the disposal of the balances of certain banking accounts representing sums lent or given by His Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom to the Government of the Czecho-Slovak Republic: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

The Gas and Steam Vehicles (Excise Duties) 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 Margesson.)

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 such signatures which are accompanied by addresses, and which are written on sheets headed in every case by the prayer of the Petition, provided that on every sheet after the first the prayer may be reproduced in print by other mechanical process; and that such Committee have power to direct the printing in extenso of such Petitions, or of such parts of Petitions as shall appear to require it; and that such Committee have power to report their opinion and observations thereupon to the House.
The Committee was nominated of,—Colonel Acland-Troyte, Mr. Batey, Mr. Beechman, Sir Edward Campbell, Mr. Chater, Sir Reginald Clarry, Mr. Duggar, Captain Alan Graham, Captain Hambré, Sir Percy Hard, Brigadier-General Sir Ernest Mahins, Mr. Wilfrid Roberts, Mr. Marcus Samuel, Sir Annesley Somerville, and Mr. Viant.

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

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

Adjournment. 

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

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

[No. 12.]

Thursday, 18th January 1940.

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

PRAYERS.

SECRETARY Sir John Anderson presented, pursuant to paragraph (6) of Regulation 18 of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939, —Report of action taken under the said Regulation during the period 1st September to 31st December 1939.

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

Mr. Ernest Brown presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order made under the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1935, dated 29th December 1939, entitled the Unemployment Insurance (Subsidiary Employments) Order, 1938.

Copy of Regulations made under the Road Haulage Wages Act, 1938, dated 9th January 1940, entitled the Road Haulage (Applications) Regulations, 1940.

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

Mr. Secretary Crookshank presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Provisional Special Order made under the National Health Insurance Acts, 1936 to 1938, dated 25th November 1939, entitled the National Health Insurance Employments (Exclusion and Inclusion) Amendment Order (Scotland) 1939.

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

Irish Sailors and Soldiers Land Trust.

Captain Crookshank presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Accounts of the Irish Sailors and Soldiers Land Trust for the year ended 31st March 1939.

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

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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 Government of India Act, 1858, and the Government of Burma Act, 1935, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of such sums as may be payable therefrom by reason of provisions, whether retrospective or not, which—

(a) validate appointments to, or legalise increases or payments of salary in the case of persons on, the permanent establishment of the Secretary of State in Council or the staff of the Auditor of the accounts of the Secretary of State in Council, or

(b) render a Civil Servant appointed to an office under the Crown in India or Burma eligible for a pension or gratuity on relinquishing the office, and to authorise the payment out of revenues of India or Burma of such sums as may become payable therefrom by reason of any of the provisions of the said Act of the present Session.—(Sir Hugh O'Neill.)

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 Tuesday next.

Adjournment. Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. (Mr. Grimston.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twelve minutes before Nine of the clock, adjourned till Tuesday next, pursuant to the Resolution of the House this day.

[No. 13.]

Tuesday, 23rd January 1940.

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

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from 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.:

- Birmingham Corporation.
- Bournemouth Gas and Water.
- Christchurch Corporation.
- Cornwall Electric Power.
- Ely Cathedral Canonnies.
- Newcastle and Gateshead Waterworks.
- Newcastle-upon-Tyne and Gateshead Gas.
- Staffordshire and Worcestershire Canal.
- Taunton Corporation.
- Torquay Cemetery.
- Wessex Electricity.
- Wey Valley Water.

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.:

- Brighton Marine Palace and Pier.
- Commercial Gas.
- Coventry Corporation.
- Farnham Gas and Electricity.
- Gosport Water.
- The King Edward the Seventh Welsh National Memorial Association.
- London County Council (General Powers).
- Northallerton Urban District Council.
- South-Eastern Gas Corporation Limited (Associated Companies).
- South Suburban Gas.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in respect of the following Bill, intended to be introduced pursuant to the provisions of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1936, and which the Chairman of Ways and Means had reported as intended to originate in the House of Lords, they have certified that the Standing Orders have been complied with, viz.:

- Lipton Trust (Substituted Bill).

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the Petition for the Freemasons' Lodges Bill, originating in the Lords, no Standing Orders are applicable previous to the introduction of the Bill.

The following Paper, presented by His Majesty's Command during the Adjournment, was delivered to the Librarian of the House of Commons during the Adjournment, pursuant to Standing Order No. 93—

Copy of Correspondence between His United States Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the United States regarding the Censorship of Mails, December 1939—January 1940.

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

Secretary Sir John Anderson presented, Shops Acts, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order made under the Shops Acts, 1912 to 1936, by the Council of the Borough of Batley and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department.

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 an Order made under the Agricultural Marketing Act, 1931, dated 16th January 1940, entitled the Aberdeen and District Milk Marketing Scheme (Amendment) Order, 1940.

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

Mr. Elliot presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Provisional Regulations made under the Mental Deficiency Acts, 1913 to 1938, dated 1st January 1940, entitled the Mental Deficiency (Amendment) Regulations, 1940.

Copy of Regulations made under the National Health Insurance Act, 1936, dated 13th December 1939, entitled the National Health Insurance (Arrears) Amendment Regulations, 1939.

Copy of Regulations made under the National Health Insurance Act, 1936 and 1937, dated 13th December 1939, entitled the National Health Insurance (Approved Societies) Regulations, 1939.

Copy of Provisional Regulations made under the National Health Insurance Acts, 1936 to 1939, and the National Health Insurance Acts (Northern Ireland), 1936 to 1939, dated 20th December 1939, entitled the National Health Insurance (Navy, Army and Air Force) Amendment Regulations, 1939.

Copy of Regulations made under the National Health Insurance Act, 1936, dated 13th December 1939, entitled the National Health Insurance (Juvenile Contributors) (Interpretation) Regulations, 1939.

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

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

Accounts of 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 1939, 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 Irish Land Purchase Fund in the year ended 31st March 1939, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Accounts of the Unemployment Fund established pursuant to Section 38 (1) of the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1938, showing the Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31st March 1939, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Accounts of the National Health Insurance Funds (England), the Welsh National Health Insurance Fund and the Scottish National Health Insurance Fund established pursuant to the National Health Insurance Act, 1938, and of the Funds under the control of the

Ordered, That the said Papers be printed.

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

The Lords have agreed to the National Loans National Bill, without any Amendment.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Czechoslovakia (Financial Claims and Refugees) Bill;

A Message was delivered by Lieutenant-Royal Assent, General Sir William Puleney, 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 an Act agreed upon by both Houses, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers:—And having returned:

Mr. Speaker reported, That the House, at the desire of the Lords authorised by virtue of His Majesty's Commission, had been at the House of Peers, where a Commission under the Great Seal was read, giving, declaring and notifying the Royal Assent to the Act therein mentioned; and that the Lords thereby authorised had declared the Royal Assent to the said Act as followeth:

National Loans Act, 1940.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Czechoslovakia (Financial Claims and Refugees) Bill be now read a second time:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

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

Secretary Sir John Anderson, by His Majesty's Command, attended the House in the House in the House, having been informed of the subject-matter of the Motion relating to the Czechoslovakia (Financial Claims and Refugees) [Repayment and Remission of Debt.] 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, That, for the purpose of any Act of the present Session to provide for the disposal of the balances of certain banking accounts representing sums lent or given by His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom to the Government of the Czechoslovak Republic, it is expedient to authorise the payment into the Exchequer of a sum equal to the amount advanced out of moneys
provided by Parliament to the trustees of a trust referred to in the said Act as the Czecho-Slovak Refuge Trust, and the treatment of the said sum as having been repaid by the said trustees.—(Captain Crookshank.)

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.

Adjournment. A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Colonel Kerr);

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 Margetson.)

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

[No. 14.]

Wednesday, 24th January 1940.

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 Southwark (Central Division), in the room of Harry Day, Esquire, deceased.—(Mr. Paley.)

Crown Lands.


Import Duties (Finance Act, 1932.) Copy of an Order made under the Finance Act, 1932 and the Import Duties (Emergency Provisions) Act, 1939, dated 23rd January 1940, entitled the Import Duties (Drawback) (No. 1) Order, 1940.


Appropriation Account of the Sums granted by Parliament for Air Services for the year ended 31st March 1939, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon, and upon other Air Services Accounts.

Abstract Account of the Receipts into, and Road Fund. Payments out of, the Road Fund in the year ended 31st March 1939, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Abstract Account showing the Issues made from the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom in the financial year ended 31st March 1939, for the Interest and Management of the Debt, for the Civil List, and all other Issues in the financial year for services charged directly on the said Fund, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.


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

Mr. Butler presented, by His Majesty's France Command,—Copy of a Despatch from His Majesty's Ambassador in Paris forwarding Texts of Speeches made by the French President of the Council, Minister of National Defence and of War and Foreign Affairs, and by the French Minister of Finance, December 1939.

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

Secretary Sir John Anderson presented, by Defence (General) Regulations, issued by the Secretary of State with regard to the Detention in Prison Establishments of Persons detained in pursuance of Regulation 18b of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939.

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

Mr. Secretary Stanley presented, pursuant Army, to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Amendments to the Regulations for the Supplementary Reserve, 1933.

Copy of Amendments to the Regulations Army for the Territorial Army, 1936.

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

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the Government of India Act, 1935, which was presented to this House upon the 30th day of November last, be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House Trade Accounts relating to Trade of the United Kingdom during each month of the year 1940.—(Major Lloyd George.)

Sir Reginald Dorman-Smith, supported by Agriculture (Miscellaneous War Provision) Bill, presented a Bill to make certain amendments in the law relating to agriculture...
and agricultural land in connection with the present war: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Mr. Elliot, supported by Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Secretary Colville, Mr. Ernest Bream, Captain Crookshank, and Miss Horsbrugh, presented a Bill to reduce to sixty years the age at which women may become entitled to old age pensions under the enactments relating to widows', orphans' and old age contributory pensions to provide for increasing certain contributions payable under those enactments; to make provision for supplementing, in cases of need, pensions payable under the said enactments to widows who have attained the age of sixty years; and old age pensions, and for making consequential adjustments in respect of the General Exchequer Grants payable to local authorities which are public assistance authorities; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next; and to be printed.

Captain Crookshank, supported by Mr. Attorney-General, presented a Bill to protect from forfeiture industrial assurance policies and certain other assurance policies effected with registered friendly societies, in cases where default occurs in consequence of the war: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Mr. Peake reported from the Committee on Czechoslovakia (Financial Claims and Refugees) [Repayment and Remission of Debt], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:—

That, for the purpose of any Act of the present Session to provide for the disposal of the balances of certain banking accounts representing sums lent or given by His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom to the Government of the Czechoslovak Republic, it is expedient to authorise the payment into the Exchequer of a sum equal to the amount advanced out of moneys provided by Parliament to the trustees of a trust created to carry out by reason of provisions, whether retrospective or not, which—

(a) validate appointments to, or legalise increases or payments of salary in the case of persons on, the permanent establishment of the Secretary of State in Council or the staff of the Auditor of the accounts of the Secretary of State in Council, or

(b) render a Civil Servant appointed to an office under the Crown in India or Burma eligible for a pension or gratuity on relinquishing the office, and to authorise the payment out of revenues of India or Burma of such sums as may become payable therefrom by reason of any of the provisions of the said Act of the present Session.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Czechoslovakia (Financial Claims and Refugees) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (Application of balance of loan account).

Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 5, at the end, to insert the words,—

"The persons entitled to benefit under this subsection shall be those who were citizens of Czechoslovakia on or before 1st September 1938."—(Mr. Mander.)

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

Vot. 185.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 5, at the end, to insert the words,—

"No moneys shall be paid out of the said fund in any circumstances to persons or corporations involving payments direct or indirect, to German nationals."—(Mr. Mander.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clauses No. 3 to No. 5 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 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.

Colonel Kerr reported from the Committee on India and Burma (Miscellaneous Amendments) [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to amend the Government of India Act, 1935, and the Government of Burma Act, 1935, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of such sums as may be payable therefrom by reason of provisions, whether retrospective or not, which—

(a) validate appointments to, or legalise increases or payments of salary in the case of persons on, the permanent establishment of the Secretary of State in Council or the staff of the Auditor of the accounts of the Secretary of State in Council, or

(b) render a Civil Servant appointed to an office under the Crown in India or Burma eligible for a pension or gratuity on relinquishing the office, and to authorise the payment out of revenues of India or Burma of such sums as may become payable therefrom by reason of any of the provisions of the said Act of the present Session.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the India and Burma (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 amended, and agreed to.

Clauses No. 2 to No. 4 agreed to.

Clause No. 5 amended, and agreed to.

Clauses No. 6 to No. 9 agreed to.

Clause No. 11 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 13 agreed to.

Clauses No. 16 to No. 18 agreed to.

A Clause (Provisions as to family pension funds).—(Sir Hugh O'Neill), brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.
Another Clause (Provisions as to pensions of home civil servants appointed to offices in India).—(Sir Hugh O'Nei1),—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Provisions as to pensions of home civil servants appointed to offices in Burma).—(Sir Hugh O'Nei1),—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Amendment of s. 134 of Government of Burma Act, 1935).—(Sir Hugh O'Neill),—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 Sir Cyril Entwistle reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be now taken into consideration.

The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

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

The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, That this House hath agreed to the use of gas for a period of three years following the financial year in which is adapted to the use of gas for a period at the beginning, to insert the words " No duty shall be chargeable in respect of any vehicle which is adapted to the use of gas for a period of three years following the financial year in which such adaptation was effected, and thereafter."—(Mr. Ellis Smith.)

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. Charleton,
Yeas, Mr. Robert Taylor : 82.
Tellers for the Mr. Munro,
Noes, Mr. Buchan-Hepburn : 142.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 17, to leave out " £10," and insert " £5."—(Mr. Ellis Smith.)

Question, That " £10 " stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 21, at the end, to insert the words,—

" Provided that where an undertaking owns more than five mechanically propelled goods vehicles the reduced rates of duty chargeable under this subsection shall not apply to any of such vehicles unless at least twenty-five per cent. of the total of such vehicles owned by the undertaking are constructed or adapted to use gas."—(Mr. Ellis Smith.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. Charleton,
Yeas, Mr. Robert Taylor : 102.
Tellers for the Mr. Munro,
Noes, Mr. Buchan-Hepburn : 142.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 2 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

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

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment, proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Buchan-Hepburn);

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. (Mr. Buchan-Hepburn.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twelve minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned until to-morrow.
Thursday, 25th January 1940.

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 Southampton, in the room of Sir John James Withers, C.B.E., deceased. — (Colonel Kerr.)

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 Southampton, in the room of Sir Charles Cooper Barrie, K.B.E., who, since his election for the said Borough, hath accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of His Majesty's Three Chiltern Hundreds of Stoke, Desborough and Burnham, in the County of Buckingham. — (Colonel Kerr.)

Captain Crookshank presented, by His Majesty's Command, — Estimate of the further Sum required to be voted for the service of the year ending 31st March 1940 for Civil Departments.


Captain Crookshank also presented, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of the 4th day of March 1879, — Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 20th January 1940, under Section 4 of the Appropriation Act, 1938, and Section 4 of the Appropriation Act, 1939, authorising the temporary application of Surpluses on certain Air Votes for the year 1938 to meet Deficits on other Air Votes for the same year.

Captain Crookshank also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, — Abstract Account of the Receipts into, and Issues out of, the Colonial Development Fund, in the year ended 31st March 1939, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Estimate be referred to the Committee of Supply and be printed; that the Papers relative to the National Radium Trust and the National Radium Commission do lie upon the Table; and that the Papers relative to Public Accounts (Air Votes, 1938), and the Colonial Development Fund do lie upon the Table; and be printed.


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Major Tryon also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, — Copy of an Order in Council made under the Greenwich Hospital Act, 1865, dated 16th January 1940, approving an Admiralty Memorial relating to a revised salary for the Director of Greenwich Hospital.

Copy of an Order in Council made under the Forestry (Transfer of Woods) Act, 1923, dated 16th January 1940, entitled the Forestry (Transfer of Land from the Commissioners of Crown Lands) Order No. 1 of 1940.

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


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Major Lloyd George presented, — Return to an Order dated the 24th day of this instant January, for a Return relative to Trade Accounts.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and 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:

Accounts of the Transactions of the Accountant-General of the Supreme Court under the County Court Funds Rules for the year ended 31st December 1938, and an 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.

Accounts of the Coal Commission for the period 29th July 1938 to 31st March 1939, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Papers be printed.

Mr. Ernest Brown, supported by Mr. Assheton, Captain Wallace, and Mr. Attorney-General, presented a Bill to empower the Minister of Labour and National Service, during the present emergency, to modify or suspend the operation of any of the provisions of the Trade Boards Acts, 1909 and 1918, and the Road Haulage Wages Act, 1938, and to make provision with respect to any of the matters to which the said provisions relate; and to make a consequential amendment of the Holidays with Pay Act, 1938: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next; and to be printed.

Resolved, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn till Tuesday next. — (The Prime Minister.)

Ordered, That Mr. Beechman be added to the Select Committee on National Expenditure. — (Mr. James Stuart.)

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.—
(Mr. James Stuart.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till Tuesday next, pursuant to the Resolution of the House this day.

[No. 16.]

Tuesday, 30th January 1940.
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, in the Borough of Belfast, to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough of Belfast (East Division), in the room of Captain the Right Honourable Herbert Dixon, now Lord Glentoran, called up to the House of Peers.—(Captain Margesson.)

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the City of London, in the room of Sir Alan Garrett Anderson, G.B.E., who, since his election for the said City, hath accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of His Majesty's Three Chiltern Hundreds of Stoke, Desborough and Burnham, in the County of Buckingham.—(Captain Margesson.)

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 Swansea (East Division), in the room of David Williams, Esquire, who, since his election for the said City, hath accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of His Majesty's Three Chiltern Hundreds of Stoke, Desborough and Burnham, in the County of Buckingham.—(Mr. Whiteley.)

The following Paper, presented by His Majesty's Command during the Adjournment, was delivered to the Librarian of the House of Commons during the Adjournment, pursuant to Standing Order No. 93:—

Copy of the Report of the Delegates of the United Kingdom at the Twentieth Assembly of the League of Nations to the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs. London, 8th January 1940 [In continuation of Miscellaneous, No. 10, 1938]

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

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Sir Reginald Dorman-Smith presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, the Copy of Regulations made under the Factories Act, 1937, dated 19th January 1940, entitled the Factories (Saturday Exception) Regulations, 1940.

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 Treasury Pensions Account, Widows', Orphans', and Old Age Contributory Pensions Accounts. No. 38.

Copy of all Applications made by the First Bank of England, the Exchequer to the Governor and Deputy Governor of the Bank of England for Advances to Government authorised by Parliament, from 6th January 1939 to 5th January 1940, and the answers of the said Court thereto.

Account of the Amount of all Exchequer Bills and other Government Securities which have been purchased by the Governor and Company of the Bank of England, or on which any Sum or Sums have been lent and advanced for the Public Service by the Governor and Company of the said Bank, in the year ended 5th January 1940, showing what Amount of such Bills, before the making up of this Account, has been paid off and discharged, and the Amount of such Exchequer Bills or other Government Securities, which was in the hands of the Governor and Company of the said Bank on the 5th day of January 1940, aforesaid.

Account of the Amount of Balances of Sums issued for the Payment of Dividends due and not demanded, and which remained in the hands of the Governor and Company of the Bank of England on the three preceding days, being those next before the issue from the Exchequer of Money for the Payment of Dividends on account of the National Debt for each of the Four preceding Quarters respectively.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Widows', Orphans' and Old Age Contributory Pensions Accounts be printed.

The Gas and Steam Vehicles (Excise Duties) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to Mr. Speaker's Table.

I hereby certify that this Bill is a Money Bill within the meaning of the Parliament Act, 1911.

E. A. FitzRoy, Speaker.
A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, as the Royal Commission on Workmen’s Compensation is committed by its terms of reference to an extensive, complex and lengthy enquiry, this House is of opinion that, without prejudice to such enquiry, immediate action should be taken to deal with the urgent and growing necessity for an increase in the rates of compensation payable.

—(Mr. Greenwood.)

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 inserting the words "this House recognises the importance and urgency of the question of amending the law relating to Workmen’s Compensation and urges the Government to enter into discussions with representatives of industry with a view to devising a temporary scheme for meeting cases of hardship pending the receipt of the report of the Royal Commission." — (Sir Arnold Wilson), — 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. Charleton;
Mr. Robert Taylor:
Mr. James Stuart:
Mr. Grimston:
115.
155.

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 Mr. James Stuart;
Mr. Grimston:
185.
Tellers for the Mr. Charleton;
Mr. Robert Taylor:
100.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the Main Question, so amended, being put;

Resolved, That this House recognises the importance and urgency of the question of amending the law relating to Workmen’s Compensation and urges the Government to enter into discussions with representatives of industry with a view to devising a temporary scheme for meeting cases of hardship pending the receipt of the report of the Royal Commission.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Old Age and Widows’ Pensions 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 Agriculture (Miscellaneous War Provisions) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Industrial Assurance and Friendly Societies (Emergency Protection from Forfeiture) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trade Boards and Road Haulage Wages (Emergency Provisions) 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 twenty-eight minutes before Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

Wednesday, 31st January 1940.

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

PRAYERS.

CAPTAIN Crookshank presented, by His Majesty's Command, —Account of Moneys of 1832, paid out of the Consolidated Fund, under the Acts 2 & 3 Will. 4, c. 121, and 6 & 7 Will. 4, c. 94, for Interest and Sinking Fund on that part of the Greek Loan which was guaranteed by this Country under the authority of the said Acts, and of the Amount repaid by the Greek Government on account of the same, up to 31st December 1939.

Captain Crookshank also presented, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of the 4th day of March, 1879, —Copy of a Treasury Minute dated 16th January 1940, authorising the temporary application of Surpluses on certain Army Votes for the year 1938 to meet Deficits on other Army Votes for the same year.

Captain Crookshank also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, Commission.

—Copy of the Twenty-ninth Report of the Development Commissioners, being a Report for the year ended 31st March 1939.
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A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Industrial Assurance and Friendly Societies (Emergency Protection from Forfeiture) Bill be now read a second time:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

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

—(Mr. Munro.)

The Trade Boards and Road Haulage Wages (Emergency Provisions) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

—(Sir James Edmondson.)

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 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.

(Sir James Edmondson.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-four minutes before Eight of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 18.]

Thursday, 1st February 1940.

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

PRAYERS.

A BILL to empower the Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of the city of Birmingham to construct waterworks and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to authorise the Bournemouth Gas and Water Company to construct additional waterworks; to confer further powers upon that Company; and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to make further and better provision for the improvement, health local government corporation and finances of the borough of Christchurch; and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Industrial Assurance and Friendly Societies (Emergency Protection from Forfeiture) Bill.
A Bill to confer further powers on the Cornwall Electric Power Company; and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to disannex from the Regius Professorship of Divinity in the University of Cambridge the Ely Canonry now annexed thereto; and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to increase the powers of the Newcastle and Gateshead Water Company of raising money by borrowing on mortgage or by the creation and issue of debenture stock; to extend the time for the completion of certain authorised works and the acquisition of lands and easements therefor; and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to provide for the transfer to the Newcastle-upon-Tyne and Gateshead Gas Company of the undertaking of the Morpeth Gas Light Company (1902) Limited; to extend the limits of supply of the Newcastle-upon-Tyne and Gateshead Gas 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 Staffordshire and Worcestershire Canal Company; and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to empower the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the borough of Taunton to construct additional waterworks and to purchase land therefor; to confer further powers on the Corporation with regard to the health local government and improvement of the borough; and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to enable the Torquay Cemetery Company to enlarge their Cemetery; 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 Wessex Electricity 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 Wey Valley Water Company to construct further works and to raise additional capital; to extend their limits of supply; to confer additional powers upon the Company; and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to confer further powers on the Factories Act, 1897. Secretary Sir John Anderson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations made under the Factories Act, 1897, dated 27th January 1940, entitled the Young Persons Under Sixteen (Factory Hours Modification) Regulations, 1940. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Copies of an Order made under the Wheat Wheat Act, 1932, dated 18th January 1940, entitled the Wheat (Anticipated Supply) Order, 1940. Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

A Bill to empower the Wey Valley Water 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 Cornwall Electric Power Company; and for other purposes, was presented, read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

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A Bill to empower the Wey Valley Water Company to construct further works and to raise additional capital; to extend their limits of supply; to confer additional powers upon the Company; and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.
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 [Mr. James Stuart, 178. Colonel Kerr; Mr. Adamson, 87. Mr. Robert-Taylor; So it was resolved in the Affirmative. Then the Main Question, so amended, being put; Resolved, That, recognising the vital necessity of planning to the best advantage the resources of the nation for the successful prosecution of the war and for meeting the requirements of the civilian population, this House recognises the value of the arrangements now in force for the co-ordination of our economic effort, notes with satisfaction the improvement in the export trade, and relies upon His Majesty's Government to take any steps that may from time to time be required to strengthen still further the economic position of the country.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply; Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

Old Age and Widows' Pensions Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Old Age and Widows' Pensions Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Agriculture (Miscellaneous War Provisions) Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous War Provisions) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Industrial Assurance and Friendly Societies (Emergency Protection from Forfeiture) Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Industrial Assurance and Friendly Societies (Emergency Protection from Forfeiture) Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Trade Boards and Road Haulage Wages (Emergency Provisions) Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Trade Boards and Road Haulage Wages (Emergency Provisions) Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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 Tuesday next, pursuant to the Resolution of the House this day.
Copy of an Order made under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Act to the borough of Godalming.

Copy of an Order made under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Act to the rural district of Malling.

Copy of an Order made under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Act to the rural district of Ploughley.

Copy of an Order made under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Act to the city of Salisbury.

Copy of an Order made under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Act to the borough of Southall.

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

Captain Wallace presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Statement relative to Financial Arrangements between the Minister of Transport, the four Amalgamated Railway Companies and the London Passenger Transport Board.

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

Mr. Elliot presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Report by the Government Actuary on the Financial Provisions of the Old Age and Widows' Pensions Bill relating to Contributory Pensions and Health Insurance.

Mr. Elliot also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, made under the Ilford Corporation Act, 1937, dated 19th January 1940, entitled the Ilford (Measles and Whooping Cough) Regulations, 1940.

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

Sir Hugh O'Neill presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of a Draft Order, under the Government of India Act, 1935, entitled the Government of India (Orissa and Sind Governors' Allowances and Privileges) Order, 1940.

Copy of a Draft Order, under the Government of India Act, 1935, entitled the Government of India (Adaptation of Indian Laws) (Amendment) Order, 1940.

Copy of a Draft Order, under the Government of India Act, 1935, entitled the Government of India (Distribution of Revenues) (Amendment) Order, 1940.

Copy of a Draft Order, under the Government of India Act, 1935, entitled the Government of India (Federal Court) (Amendment) Order, 1940.

Copy of a Draft Order, under the Government of India Act, 1935, entitled the Government of India (High Court Judges) (Amendment) Order, 1940.


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

Mr. Lloyd presented, by His Majesty's Coal Mines Command,—Copy of a Report on the working of Schemes under Part I of the Coal Mines Act, 1939, since the quarter ended 31st December 1937.

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

Mr. Secretary Cowville presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Amending General Order, dated 1st February 1940, for the regulation of proceedings under and in pursuance of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1936.

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

The Right Honourable Sir John Charles Walsham Reith, G.C.V.O., G.B.E., M.I.C.E., Member for the Borough of Southampton, was sworn.

The Right Honourable Sir Andrew Rose Duncan, G.B.E., Member for the City of London, was sworn.

David Llewellyn Mort, Esquire, Member for the Borough of Swansea (East Division), was sworn.

The Agriculture (Miscellaneous War Provisions) 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.—(Captain Margesson.)

Sir Samuel Haare, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House that His Majesty having been informed of the subject-matter of the Motion relating to Agriculture (Miscellaneous War 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 make certain amendments in the law relating to agriculture and agricultural land in connection with the present war (hereafter in this resolution referred to as "the new Act"), it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of—

(1) such sums as may be necessary to enable the Wheat Commission to discharge, during
the period for which quota payments under the Wheat Acts, 1932 and 1939, are suspended by the new Act, their functions under those Acts as amended by the new Act, subject, however, to the provisions of subsection (6) of section ten of the Wheat Act, 1932;

(2) any such increase in—

(a) the sums which are authorised to be detrayed out of moneys provided by Parliament by virtue of Part I, Part II or Part IV of the Agriculture Development Act, 1939; and

(b) the expenses incurred for the purposes of those Parts of that Act which are authorised to be so detrayed by section thirty-three of that Act;

as is attributable to the amendments made in those Parts of that Act by the new Act;

(3) grants towards expenditure incurred—

(a) by Catchment Boards in preparing and carrying out schemes for draining agricultural land which is not within any drainage district other than a catchment area; and

(b) by any person in carrying out schemes for draining agricultural land by mole drainage;

and any such increase in the grants payable under section fifty-five of the Land Drainage Act, 1899, or section fifteen of the Agriculture Act, 1937, as is attributable to the provisions of the new Act conferring powers on drainage authorities to repair, maintain, alter and remove dams, and requiring them to pay compensation in respect thereof;

(4) any expense incurred by the Secretary of State under the provisions of the new Act relating to the cleansing or scouring of watercourses in Scotland (so far as not recovered in accordance with the said provisions), and in making grants in respect of expense incurred by or recoverable from owners of land under those provisions;

(5) any such increase in the sums payable by way of compensation under the Compensation (Defence) Act, 1899, as is attributable to the extension of the definition of "emergency powers" in that Act so as to include powers conferred by the new Act to continue in possession of land of which possession has been taken under regulations made under the Emergency Powers (Defence) Act, 1899;

(6) any expenses incurred by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries or the Secretary of State in connection with the provision of goods or services (in accordance with arrangements made with the consent of the Treasury) to persons requiring them for agricultural purposes;

(7) any such increase in the contributions payable in accordance with the Land Fertility Scheme out of moneys provided by Parliament as is attributable to the provisions of the new Act extending Part I of the Agriculture Act, 1937, to any land wholly or mainly cultivated for the production of vegetables or fruit;

and to authorise the payment into the Exchequer of sums retained out of the proceeds of any sale of livestock forfeited under any regulations made by virtue of the provisions of the new Act relating to the importation of livestock.—(Sir Samuel Hoare.)

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Trade Boards and Road Haulage Wages (Emergency Provisions) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 to No. 4 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

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

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

The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to 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.

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 Societies (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Old Age and Widow's Pensions 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 Industrial Assurance and Friendly Societies (Emergency Protection from Forfeiture) Bill;

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 before Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
Mr. Secretary Colville presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Report by the Secretary of State for Scotland of his proceedings under the General Pier and Harbour Act, 1861, and the General Pier and Harbour Act, 1861, Amendment Act, as applied by Section 5 of the Harbours, Piers, and Ferries (Scotland) Act, 1937.

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

Mr. Secretary Stanley presented, pursuant to Army, the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of Amendments to Articles of the Royal Warrant for the Pay, Appointment, Promotion and Non-Effective Pay of the Army, 1931, made under Section 2 (1) of the Pensions and Yeomanry Pay Act, 1884.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Statement showing the Gross and Net total Cost of the Civil and Revenue Departments and the Navy, Army and Air Services, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1939.—(Captain Crookshank.)

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords, to request that their Lordships will be pleased to give leave to the Lord Woolton to attend to be examined, as a witness, before the Sub-Committee on Supply Services, appointed by the Select Committee on National Expenditure.—(Sir Herbert Williams.)

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the said Message.

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

The Lords give leave to the Lord Woolton to attend to be examined, as a witness, before the Sub-Committee on Supply Services, appointed by the Select Committee appointed by this House on National Expenditure, if his Lordship think fit.

Mr. Elliot, supported by Miss Horsbrugh and Mr. Attorney-General, presented a Bill to postpone the making of new valuation lists for rating purposes in England, and for purposes connected therewith; and the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Resolved, That the Clearing Office (Turkey) Amendment Order, 1940, dated 11th January 1940, 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 16th day of January last be approved.—(Mr. Robert Hudson.)

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

(In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates, Supplementary Estimate, 1939.

Class II.

Vote 1. Foreign Office.

1. £55,200 (Supplementary) for the salaries and expenses of the Department of His Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and a grant in aid of the Royal Institute of International Affairs.
2. £127,500 (Supplementary) 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.

Class I.

Vote 4. Treasury and Subordinate Departments.

3. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £2,880 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 1940 for the salaries and other expenses in the Department of His Majesty’s Treasury and Subordinate Departments, the salary of a Minister for Co-ordination of Defence, the additional salary of the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster as a member of the Cabinet, and the salary of a Minister without Portfolio.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a sum not exceeding £2,780 be granted for the said Service.—(Mr. Dalton.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the

Yea, Mr. Charleton :
Noes, Mr. Munro :

85. 160.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

Class III.

Vote 11. Law Charges.

4. £3,400 (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 I.


5. £10,000 (Supplementary) for a Grant in Aid of the Government Hospitality Fund.

Class II.

Vote 7. Colonial Office.

6. £10,200 (Supplementary) for the salaries and expenses of the Department of His Majesty’s Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Class IV.

Vote 1. Board of Education.

7. £10 (Supplementary) for the salaries and expenses of the Board of Education, and of the various establishments connected therewith, including sundry grants in aid, grants and expenses in connection with physical training and recreation, and grants to approved associations for youth welfare.

Class II.


8. £10 (Supplementary) for public education in Scotland, for the Royal Scottish Museum, Edinburgh, including sundry grants in aid, and grants to approved associations and other expenses in connection with youth welfare.

Class III.

Vote 15. Approved Schools, &c., Scotland.

9. £7,120 (Supplementary) for grants in respect of the expenses of the managers of approved schools, and of the expenses of Education Authorities in Scotland in respect of children and young persons committed to their care.

Class VI.

Vote 22. State Management Districts.

10. £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.

Resolutions to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

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

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Industrial Assurance and Friendly Societies (Emergency Protection from Forfeiture) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Application of Act to assurance policies).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 15, to leave out from the word “assurance,” to the end of l. 16.—(Mr. Rhys Davies.)

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the

Yea, Mr. Grimston :
Sir James Edmondson :
Noes, Mr. Adamson :

13. 80.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 17, to leave out the words “two years,” and insert the words “one year.”—(Mr. Rhys Davies.)

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 :
Mr. Charleton :

116. 63.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 17, to leave out from the word "before," to the end of the Clause, and add the words "the date on which a notice under section twenty-three of the Industrial Assurance Act, 1923, is served on the policy holder." — (Sir Richard Acland.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (Protection from forfeiture in cases of default due to war.)

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 15, after the word "application," to insert the words "(a specimen form of which shall be included with the notice)."—(Mr. Rhys Davies).

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

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 15, to leave out the words "twenty-eight days," and insert the words "three months."—(Mr. Jagger.)

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 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 4 agreed to.

Clause No. 5 (Cancellation of forfeiture penalties and reinstatement of policies forfeited before passing of the Act).

Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 18, after the word "Act," to insert the words "the company or society with which the policy was effected shall serve on the holder of the forfeited policy within twenty-eight days of the passing of this Act a statement in the prescribed form similar to that required by subsection (1) of section two of this Act, and"

—(Sir Richard Acland.)

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

Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 6 agreed to.

Clause No. 7 amended, and agreed to.

Clauses No. 8 and 10 agreed to.

Clause No. 6 agreed to.

Clause No. 11 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 12 agreed to.

A Clause (Power of Commissioner to grant protection after period for application has expired).—(Mr. Attorney-General),—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 thereunto.

Bill 18.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration tomorrow; and be printed.

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Tuesday, 13th February 1940.

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

PRAYERS.

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

- Newcastle and Gateshead Waterworks Bill.
- Staffordshire and Worcestershire Canal Bill.
- Torquay Cemetery Bill.
- Wessex Electricity Bill.
- Wey Valley Water Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be committed.

Secretary Sir John Anderson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders in Council made under the Emergency Powers (Defence) Act, 1939, dated 6th February 1940.—

(1) amending the Defence (Summer Time) Regulations, 1939;
(2) making Regulations entitled the Defence (Close Seasons) Regulations, 1940; and
(3) amending Regulation 43 of, and adding Regulation 44A to, the Defence (General Regulations, 1939.

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

Sir Andrew Duncan presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of an Agreement dated 3rd February 1940, with the Government of the Turkish Republic relating to Guarantees of the Turkish Republic relating to Guarantees dated 3rd February 1940, with the Government of the Imperial Ottoman Guaranteed Loan of 1855, and the Total Repayments in respect of Advances under the said Act.

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

Mr. Attorney-General presented, pursuant to Standing Order 189,—Report on the Ely Cathedral Canons Bill.


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 Mental Deficiency and Lunacy (Scotland) Act, 1913, with regard to the duration of the detention of mental defectives in institutions or under guardianship to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Mental Deficiency (Scotland) Bill [Lords] Mental was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Bill 19.

Henry Peirson Harland, Esquire, Member for New Members of the Borough of Belfast (East Division), was sworn.

John Hawbury Martin, Esquire, Member for the Borough of Southwark (Central Division), was sworn.
A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That, having considered the financial arrangements with respect to Government control of the railways as set forth in Command Paper No. 6168, this House is of opinion that the interests of the country would be better served, and the many problems created by the present lack of unification solved, by the establishment of a permanent national transport authority to own and control all forms of inland and coastwise transport—(Mr. Herbert Morrison);

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

Tellers for the Yeas, {Mr. Robert Taylor ;}

Tellers for the Noes, {Colonel Kerr :}

So it passed in the Negative.

The House according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Industrial Assurance and Friendly Societies (Emergency Protection from Forfeiture) 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.

Captain Austin Hudson reported from the Committee on Agriculture (Miscellaneous War Provisions [Money]), a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make certain amendments in the law relating to agriculture and agricultural land in connection with the present war (hereafter in this resolution referred to as the new Act), it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of—

(1) such sums as may be necessary to enable the Wheat Commission to discharge, during the period for which quota payments under the Wheat Acts, 1932 and 1939, are suspended by the new Act, their functions under those Acts as amended by the new Act, subject, however, to the provisions of subsection (6) of section ten of the Wheat Act 1932;

(2) any such increase in—

(a) the sums which are authorised to be defrayed out of moneys provided by Parliament by virtue of Part I, Part II or Part IV of the Agriculture Development Act, 1939; and

(b) the expenses incurred for the purposes of those Parts of that Act which are authorised to be so defrayed by section thirty-three of that Act;

as is attributable to the Amendments made in those Parts of that Act by the new Act;

(3) grants towards expenditure incurred—

(a) by Catchment Boards in preparing and carrying out schemes for draining agricultural land which is not within any drainage district other than a catchment area; and

(b) by any person in carrying out schemes for draining agricultural land by mole drainage;

and any such increase in the grants payable under section fifty-five of the Land Drainage Act, 1930, or section fifteen of the Agricultural Act, 1937, as is attributable to the provisions of the new Act conferring powers on drainage authorities to repair, maintain, alter and remove dams, and requiring them to pay compensation in respect thereof;

(4) any expense incurred by the Secretary of State under the provisions of the new Act relating to the cleansing or scouring of watercourses in Scotland (so far as not recovered in accordance with the said provisions), and in making grants in respect of expense incurred by or recoverable from owners of land under those provisions;

(5) any such increase in the sums payable by way of compensation under the Compensation (Defence) Act, 1939, as is attributable to the extension of the definition of "emergency powers" in that Act so as to include powers conferred by the new Act to continue in possession of land which possession has been taken under regulations made under the Emergency Powers (Defence) Act 1939;

(6) any expenses incurred by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries or the Secretary of State in connection with the provision of goods or services (in accordance with arrangements made with the consent of the Treasury) to persons requiring them for agricultural purposes;

(7) any such increase in the contributions payable in accordance with the Land Fertility Scheme out of moneys provided by Parliament as is attributable to the provisions of the new Act extending Part I of the Agriculture Act, 1937, to any land wholly or mainly cultivated for the production of vegetables or fruit; and to authorise the payment into the Exchequer of sums retained out of the proceeds of any sale of livestock forfeited under any regulations made by virtue of the provisions of the new Act relating to the importation of livestock.

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

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 7th day of this instant February;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

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

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.
The Order of the day being read, for the 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 Agriculture (Miscellaneous War Provisions) 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 Old Age and Widows' Pensions 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 Rating and Valuation (Postponement of Valuations) 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 Societies (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill;

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

Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, for extending Section 1 of that Act to the urban district of Brentwood, a copy of which was presented to this House on the 6th day of this instant February, be approved.—(Mr. Peake.)

Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, for extending Section 1 of that Act to the urban district of Brromsgrove, a copy of which was presented to this House on the 6th day of this instant February, be approved.—(Mr. Peake.)

Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, for extending Section 1 of that Act to the urban district of Canvey Island, a copy of which was presented to this House on the 6th day of this instant February, be approved.—(Mr. Peake.)

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

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

**Prayers.**

**Captain Wallace** presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Statutes made under the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Acts.

**Major Tryon** presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Accounts of all Sums received from and paid to Trustees during the year ended 29th November, 1939, with Statement showing the aggregate, amount of the Liabilities of the Government to Trustees of Savings Banks and of Friendly Societies on 29th November 1939, 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.

**Captain Crookshank** presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Trustee Savings Banks and Friendly Societies.

**Sir Hugh O'Neill** presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Accounts of the Government of India, for the year ending 30th June, 1938, with Statement showing the aggregate, amount of the Liabilities of the Government to Trustees of Savings Banks and of Friendly Societies on 30th June 1938, 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.

**Colonel Gretton** reported from the Committee of Selection: That they had discharged the following Member from the Parliamentary Panel set up in pursuance of the provisions of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1936:—Mr. Maclean; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Kirkwood.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

**Ordered, That the proceedings on Government Business of the House shall be exempted, at this day’s Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).**—(The Prime Minister.)
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Agriculture (Miscellaneous War Provisions) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 to No. 3 agreed to.

Clause No. 4 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 5 (Extension of powers of Wheat Commission).

Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 9, to leave out the words "national service," and insert the words "service under the Commission."—(Mr. Mainwaring.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 6 agreed to.

Clause No. 7 (Interpretation, construction and citation of Part I).

Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 41, to leave out the words "two years," and insert the words "one year."—(Brigadier-General Clifton Brown.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clauses No. 8 to No. 10 agreed to.

Clause No. 11 (Amendment as to ploughing grants).

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 27, after "(a)," to insert "(b)."—(Mrs. Tate.)

Question put, That "(b)" be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. Tate, Yeas, Mr. De la Bèque : 149.
Tellers for the Sir James Edmondson, Noes, Mr. Grimston : 182.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses No. 12 and No. 13 agreed to.

Clause No. 14 (Drainage of outlying land).

Amendment proposed, in p. 9, l. 21, to leave out the word "may," and insert the word "shall."—(Mr. Thomas Williams.)

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Colonel Kerr, Yeas, Mr. Munro : 187.
Tellers for the Mr. Whiteley, Noes, Mr. Charleton : 138.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 9, l. 26, to leave out the word "may," and insert the word "shall."—(Mr. Alexander.)

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

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The Committee divided.

Tellers for the
Mr. Grimston, Yeas, 154.
Mr. Buchanan-Hepburn, Noes, 112.

Clause No. 15 agreed to.

Clause No. 16 (Powers over dams).

Amendment proposed, in p. 12, l. 31, at the end, to insert the words,—

"(4) A drainage board shall also indemnify every such person as aforesaid against all claims, demands, damages, costs, charges and expenses which may be made against or recovered from, or incurred by any such person by reason or in consequence of any alteration or removal of any dam in exercise of the provisions of this section."—(Brigadier-General Clifton Brown.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 17 (Control of sluices).

Amendment proposed, in p. 12, l. 40, after the word "by," to insert the words "(except in case of emergency) not less than forty-eight hours previous."—(Sir Lindsay Euperard.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 13, l. 2, at the end, to insert the words "or ancillary thereto."—(Colonel Hencage.)

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

* Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 18 (Powers of entry).

Amendment proposed, in p. 13, l. 33, after the word "required," to insert the words "and after giving notice to the occupier, at all reasonable times."—(Brigadier-General Clifton Brown.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 19 (Powers of local authorities).

Amendment proposed, in p. 14, l. 26, at the end, to add the words,—

"(2) The council of any county may order any occupier of agricultural land who had neglected the proper cleansing or repair of any tile drains on his land to clean or repair them, and if he fails to comply with any such order the council may execute any work for the purpose that they deem requisite, and recover the cost thereof from the occupier "—(Mr. Wilfrid Roberts.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clauses No. 20 and No. 21 agreed to.

Clause No. 22 (Provisions as to requisitioned land).

Amendment proposed, in p. 16, l. 6, to leave out from the word "period," to the end of the subsection.—(Mr. Wilfrid Roberts.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.
Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, for extending Section 1 of that Act to the rural district of Malling, a copy of which was presented to this House on the 6th day of this instant February, be approved.—(Mr. Peake.)

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-eight minutes before Twelve of the clock, till to-morrow.

[No. 24.]

Thursday, 15th February 1940.

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 Northampton with the Soke of Peterborough (Kettering Division) Writ.

Navy Estimates, 1940, No. 52.

Navy Estimates, 1940, (Supplementary Estimates, 1939), No. 53.

Treaty Series (No. 5, 1940.)

Mr. Churchill, presented, by His Majesty's Command.—Estimates for the Navy for the financial year 1940.

Estimate of the further Numbers required to be voted for the Navy for the year ending 31st March 1940.

ORDERED, That the said Estimates be referred to the Committee of Supply; and be printed.

Mr. Butler, presented, by His Majesty's Command.—Copy of Notes exchanged between the Government of the United Kingdom and the Government of Poland regulating the Utilisation of Units of the Polish Mercantile Marine in the Prosecution of the War against Germany. London, 12th October to 25th November 1939.

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

Mr. Attorney-General presented, pursuant to Standing Order 189,—Report on the Coventry Corporation Bill [Lords].

Report on The King Edward the Seventh Welsh National Memorial Association Bill [Lords].

ORDERED, That the Reports be referred to the respective Committees on the Bills.

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The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Agriculture (Miscellaneous War Provisions) Bill.

Clause No. 22 (Provisions as to requisitioned land).

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 16, l. 39, to leave out from the word " Institution," to the end of the subsection.—(Mr. Wilfrid Roberts.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 16, l. 43, at the end, to insert the words " including any use other than agriculture."—(Sir Lindsay Everard.)

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

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 23 agreed to.

Clause No. 24 (Expenses of Minister in providing goods and services required for agriculture).

Amendment proposed, in p. 17, l. 39, after the word " purposes," to insert the words " and where such facilities are provided by way of short-term loans, the rate of interest charged shall not exceed one per cent. over bank rate."—(Sir Irving Albery.)

Question put. That those words be there inserted:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Sir Percy Harris, Yeas, { Mr. Wilfrid Roberts : } 98, 
Tellers for the Colonel Kerr, Noes, { Mr. Munro : } 114.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 25 (Exclusion of certain holdings from Agricultural Holdings Act).

Amendment proposed, in p. 18, l. 3, to leave out the words " commencement of this Act," and insert the words " third day of September nineteen hundred and thirty-nine."—(Brigadier-General Clifton Brown.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 26 agreed to.

Clause No. 27 (Regulations as to importation of cattle).

Amendment proposed, in p. 19, l. 3, to leave out the word " Agriculture."—(Major Braithwaite.)

Question proposed. That the word " Food " stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 28 amended, and agreed to.

Clauses No. 29 to No. 32 agreed to.

A Clause (Extension of powers of Catchment Boards as respects maintenance of water-courses),—(Mr. Ramsbotham),—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Amendment of Agricultural Wages (Regulation) Act, 1924),—(Mr. Thomas Williams),—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. Charleton, Yeas, { Mr. Adamson : } 66, 
Tellers for the Mr. James Stuart, Noes, { Mr. Boulton : } 117.

Another Clause (Saving rights of riparian owners, &c.),—(Brigadier-General Clifton Brown),—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 (Improvement of roads),—(Mr. Wilfrid Roberts),—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed. That the Clause be read a second time:—Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

First to Fourth Schedules agreed to.

Fifth Schedule:—

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 29, l. 23, after the word " owners," to insert the words " and occupiers."—(Colonel Acland-Troyte.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 29, l. 24, after the word " scheme," to insert the words " and to the owner of any other land which would in the opinion of the Board be affected by the carrying out of the scheme."—(Colonel Acland-Troyte.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 29, l. 32, at the end, to insert the words " who shall after considering any such objections as aforesaid which shall not have been withdrawn either approve with or without modifications or disapprove the scheme:"

Provided that a scheme as approved by the Minister shall not include any land not included in the area of the scheme as set out in the draft of the scheme under paragraph 1 of this Schedule:—(Colonel Acland-Troyte.)

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

Schedule, as amended, 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 upon Tuesday next; and be printed.
Resolved, That the Proclamation of Emergency made on the 3rd day of September 1939, by the Governor-General of India under Section 2(1)(b) of the Government of India Act, 1935, a copy of which was presented to this House on the 30th day of November last, be approved.

(Sir Hugh O'Neill.)

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 (Oriissa and Sind Governments' Allowances and Privileges) Order, 1940, be made in the form of the draft laid before Parliament—(Sir Hugh O'Neill):—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.

(Sir Hugh O'Neill.)

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Thursday 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 309 of the Government of India Act, 1935, praying that the Government of India (Adaptation of Indian Laws) (Amendment) Order, 1940, be made in the form of the draft laid before Parliament.

(Sir Hugh O'Neill):—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.

(Sir Hugh O'Neill.)

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Thursday 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 309 of the Government of India Act, 1935, praying that the Government of India (High Court Judges) (Amendment) Order, 1940, be made in the form of the draft laid before Parliament.

(Sir Hugh O'Neill):—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.

(Sir Hugh O'Neill.)

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Thursday 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 309 of the Government of India Act, 1935, praying that the Government of India (Distribution of Revenues) (Amendment) Order, 1940, be made in the form of the draft laid before Parliament.

(Sir Hugh O'Neill):—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.

(Sir Hugh O'Neill.)

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Thursday 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 309 of the Government of India Act, 1935, praying that the Government of India Act, 1935, praying that the Government of Burma (India-Burma Financial Settlement Order, 1940, be made in the form of the draft laid before Parliament—(Sir Hugh O'Neill):—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.

(Sir Hugh O'Neill.)

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Thursday next.

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.

(Sir Hugh O'Neill.)

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Thursday next.

The Rating and Valuation (Postponement of Rating and Valuation) 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.—(Mr. James Stuart.)

Mr. James Stuart reported from the Com. Supply Committee of Supply of the 7th day of this instant 7th February, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Civil Estimates, Supplementary Estimate, 1939.

Class II.

Vote 1. Foreign Office.

1. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £35,200 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 1940, for the salaries and expenses of the Department of His Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and a grant in aid of the Royal Institute of International Affairs.

Vote 2. Diplomatic and Consular Services.

2. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £127,500 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1940, 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.
Class I.

Vote 4. Treasury and Subordinate Departments.

3. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £2,880 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 1940, for the salaries and other expenses in the Department of His Majesty’s Treasury and Subordinate Departments, the salary of a Minister for Co-ordination of Defence, the additional salary of the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster as a member of the Cabinet, and the salary of a Minister without Portfolio.

Law Charges

4. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £3,400 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 1940, for 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 III.

Vote 11. Law Charges.

Government

5. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £10,000 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 1940, for a grant in aid of the Government Hospitality Fund.

Class II.

Vote 7. Colonial Office.

6. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £10,200 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 1940, for the salaries and expenses of the Department of His Majesty’s Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Class IV.

Vote 1. Board of Education.

7. 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 1940, for public education in Scotland, for the Royal Scottish Museum, Edinburgh, including sundry grants in aid, and grants to approved associations and other expenses in connection with youth welfare.


8. 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 1940, for approved Schools, &c., Scotland.

Law Charges

9. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £7,120 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 1940, for grants in respect of the expenses of the managers of approved schools, and of the expenses of Education Authorities in Scotland in respect of children and young persons committed to their care.

The Order of the day being read, the Bill was read a second time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Old Age and Widows' Pensions 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 Societies (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill;

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

The Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Canterbury) 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 (Ilkley) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time and passed.

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

The following Papers, presented by His Majesty's Command during the Adjournment, were delivered to the Librarian of the House of Commons during the Adjournment, pursuant to Standing Order No. 93:

Turkey (No. 1, 1940.)


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

Mr. Speaker made the following communication to the House:

I regret to have to inform the House of the death of Sir Charles William Cayzer, Baronet, late Member for the County of Chester (City of Chester Division), and desire to express our sense of the loss we have sustained and our sympathy with the relatives.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Canterbury) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time and passed.

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

The following Papers, presented by His Majesty's Command during the Adjournment, were delivered to the Librarian of the House of Commons during the Adjournment, pursuant to Standing Order No. 93:

Turkey (No. 1, 1940.)


Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and be printed.
Secretary Sir John Anderson presented, by
His Majesty's Command.—Copy of an Order
made under the Workmen's Compensation
Act, 1925, dated 12th February 1940, entitled
the Workmen's Compensation (Industrial Dis-
eases) Order, 1940.

Secretary Sir John Anderson also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament.—Copy of an Order in Council made under the Emergency Powers (Defence) Act, 1939, dated 6th February 1940, adding Regulations 6a and 47 to, and amending Regulations 71, 72 and 73 of, the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939.

Copy of an Order made under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Act to the urban district of Filey.

Copy of an Order made under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Act to the urban district of Frome.

Copy of an Order made under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Act to the borough of Harrogate.

Copy of an Order made under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Act to the urban district of Whitby.

Secretary Sir John Anderson also presented, pursuant to paragraph (6) of Regulation 188 of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939.—Report of action taken under the said Regulation during the period 1st January 1940 to 31st January 1940.

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

Mr. Elliot presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations made under the National Health Insurance Act, 1936, dated 13th February 1940, entitled the National Health Insurance (Medical Benefit) Amendment Regulations (No. 2), 1940.

Copy of Regulations made under the Rent and Mortgage Interest Restrictions (Amend-
ment) Act, 1933, dated 13th February 1940, entitled the Rent Restrictions Regulations, 1940.

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

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

Accounts prepared pursuant to Section 27 (1) of the Tithe Act, 1896, of (a) the sums received into and paid out of the Redemption Annuities Account; (b) the Advances to that Account from the Consolidated Fund; and (c) the Redemption Stock issued for the year ended 31st March 1939, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Account showing the Nature and Amount of the Securities held by the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt at Funds, 31st December 1939 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 Section 155 (1) of the National Health Insurance Act, 1939.

Ordered, That the said Accounts be printed.

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.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Old Age and Widows' Pensions Bill;

A Message was delivered by Lieutenant-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 an Act agreed upon by both Houses, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers:—And having returned;

Mr. Speaker reported, That the House, at the desire of the Lords, authorised by virtue of His Majesty's Commission, had been at the House of Peers, when a Commission under the Great Seal was read, giving, declaring and notifying the Royal Assent to the Act therein mentioned; and that the Lords, thereby authorised, had declared the Royal Assent to the said Act, as followeth:

Trade Boards and Road Haulage Wages (Emergency Provisions) Act, 1940.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Old Age proposed, That the Old Age and Widows' Pensions 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 to the words "this House notes with approval that in response to public pressure His Majesty's Government have at last agreed to lower the pensionable age for a certain number of women, but regrets their refusal to recognise the urgent necessity for a flat increase to all old age pensioners who have retired from work, and strongly condemns the proposal for supplementary pensions based.
upon a household means test which is repugnant to the pensions system, odious in its administration, and will leave an unjustifiable burden upon selected households."—(Mr. George Hall),—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;

Resolved, That the Debate be now adjourned—(Sir Charles Edwards.)

Resolved, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Rating and Valuation (Postponement of Valuations) 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 Mental Deficiency (Scotland) Bill [Lords];

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

Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, for extending Section 1 of that Act to the urban district of Axminster, a copy of which was presented to this House on the 18th day of this instant February, be approved.—(Mr. Peake.)

Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, for extending Section 1 of that Act to the borough of Newbury, a copy of which was presented to this House on the 18th day of this instant February, be approved.—(Mr. Peake.)

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.

Agriculture (Miscellaneous War Provisions) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Agriculture (Miscellaneous War Provisions) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Societies (Miscellaneous Provisions) 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 thirteen minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

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The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to provide for extensions of time in relation to the discharge of duties imposed, or the exercise of powers conferred, by statutory provisions of a local or private nature, and in relation to the exercise of powers to purchase, or powers of re-entry exercisable in relation to, public utility undertakings; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Cotton Industry Bill [Lords] was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The Special Enactments (Extension of Time) Bill [Lords] 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 put, That the Proceedings in Committee on Old Age and Widows' Pensions [Money] be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House)—(The Prime Minister);
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Munro; Mr. Robert Taylor.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Adamson; Mr. James Stuart.
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 20th day of this instant February, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Old Age and Widows' Pensions Bill be now read a second time;

Which Amendment was, to leave out from the word " That," to the end of the Question, and add the words " this House notes with approval that in response to public pressure His Majesty's Government have at last agreed to lower the pensionable age for a certain number of women, but regrets their refusal to recognise the urgent necessity for a flat increase to all old age pensioners who have retired from work, and strongly condemns the proposal for supplementary pensions based upon a household means test which is repugnant to the pensions system, odious in its administration, and will leave an unjustifiable burden upon selected households,"—instead thereof.

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

And the Question being put,
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Munro; Mr. James Stuart.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Robert Taylor; 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 to-morrow. 

—(Captain Margesson.)
Mr. Elliot presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament—Copy of Regulations made under the National Health Insurance and Contributory Pensions (Emergency Provisions) Act, 1939, dated 13th February 1940, entitled the National Health Insurance and Contributory Pensions (War Occupations) Regulations, 1940. 

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

Ordered; That the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(The Prime Minister.)

Resolved, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn till Monday next.—(The Prime Minister.)

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

Civil Estimates, Supplementary Estimate 1939.

Class II.

Vote 10. India and Burma Services.

1. £2,000 (Supplementary) for the salaries and expenses of the Department of His Majesty's Secretary of State for India and His Majesty's Secretary of State for Burma, and grants in aid of military expenditure from Indian Revenues.

Class V.


2. £560,010 (Supplementary) for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Labour and National Service, 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; 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; contribution towards the expenses of the International Labour Organisation (League of Nations); expenses of the Industrial Court; expenses in connection with national service; expenses in connection with persons liable to be registered and called up for military training and for service in the armed forces of the Crown; and sundry services.

Class II.

Vote 4. Dominions Office.

3. £4,650 (Supplementary) for the salaries and expenses of the Department of His Majesty's Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs.

Vote 8. Colonial and Middle Eastern Services.

4. £10 (Supplementary) 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.

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Class III.

Vote 1. Home Office.

5. £180,000 (Supplementary) for the salaries and expenses of the office of His Majesty's Secretary of State for the Home Department and subordinate offices, liquidation expenses of the Royal Irish Constabulary, contributions towards the expenses of Probation, preparation of plans for a Ministry of Information and a grant in aid of the Central Committee for Refugees.

Class VI.

Vote 5. Export Credits.

6. £200,000 (Supplementary) for guarantees given after consultation with the Export Guarantees Advisory Council and for the salaries and expenses of the Export Credits Guarantee Department.

Class VII.


7. £10 (Supplementary) for the salaries and expenses of the office of the Commissioners of His Majesty's Works and Public Buildings.

Vote 7. Public Buildings, Great Britain.

8. £308,000 (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.

Class I.

Vote 2. House of Commons.

9. £3,700 (Supplementary) for the salaries and expenses of the House of Commons, including a grant in aid to the Kitchen Committee.


10. £400,000 (Supplementary) to defray the charge of His Majesty's foreign and other secret services.

Class III.

Vote 9. Land Registry.

11. £46,000 (Supplementary) for the salaries and expenses of the office of Land Registry.

Vote 12. Miscellaneous Legal Expenses.

12. £7,770 (Supplementary) for certain miscellaneous legal expenses, for the salaries and expenses of arbitrators, &c., in connection with the acquisition of land, for grants in aid of the expenses of the Law Society and of the Solicitors' Discipline (Scotland) Committee, and for the expenses of Tribunals established in connection with Defence Compensation.

Class VII.

Vote 12. Rates on Government Property.

13. £90,450 (Supplementary) for rates and contributions in lieu of rates, &c., in respect of property in the occupation of the Crown for the public service, and for rates on buildings...
occupied by representatives of British Dominions and of Foreign Powers; and for the salaries and expenses of the Rating of Government property -Department, and a grant in aid of the expenses of the London Fire Brigade.

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, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Agriculture (Miscellaneous War Provisions) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 6, l. 9, by leaving out the words "amendments," and inserting the word "amendment."—(Mr. Thomas Williams).—instead thereof.

And the question being proposed, That the word "amendments" 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. 16, l. 16, by leaving out from the word "cultivated" to the end of l. 17, and inserting the words "so as to produce the maximum supply of food,"—(Mr. Wilfrid Roberts).—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 18, l. 33, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words,—

"(2) Any arrangements made under this section shall be in accordance with regulations to be made by the Minister and laid before Parliament."—(Mr. Ridley.)

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 Rating and Valuation (Postponement of Valuations) Bill.

Clause No. 1 (Postponement of next valuation till after end of emergency).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 15, at the end, to insert the words,—

"(2) While the said valuation lists remain in force, any increase or reduction in value attributable directly or indirectly to the present emergency if and insofar as it—

(a) is peculiar to a particular hereditament; or

(b) affects a particular hereditament and also other hereditaments of a comparable character in the rating area in question, but does not affect all classes, or substantially all classes, of hereditaments in that area,

shall, in relation to that hereditament, be deemed to be an alteration in the matters stated in the valuation list within the meaning of paragraph (i) of section forty-six of the said Act (which relates to supplemental lists) and to be such an increase or reduction in value as is referred to in section forty-seven of the said Act (which relates to provisional lists).

This subsection shall apply in relation to any such increase or reduction as aforesaid whether it occurred before or after the passing of this Act, and any such increase or reduction—

(i) shall be taken into account for the purposes of the said section forty-seven notwithstanding that it occurred otherwise than in the course of the year; and

(ii) shall, if a provisional list or a requisition for a provisional list has been made in the preceding twelve months be taken into account for the purposes of any revision under the said section forty-six notwithstanding that the increase or reduction occurred otherwise than during those twelve months."

—(Sir Harold Webbe.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

Friday, 23rd February 1940:

Question put, and agreed to.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported that the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Mental Deficiency (Scotland) Bill [Lords];

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

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

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.
The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 15th day of this instant February, 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, 1935 (Orissa and Sind Governors' Allowances and Privileges) Order, 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 15th day of this instant February, 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 Act, 1935 (Adaptation of Indian Laws) (Amendment) Order, 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 15th day of this instant February, 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 Act, 1935 (High Court Judges) (Amendment) Order, 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 15th day of this instant February, 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 Act, 1935 (Distribution of Revenues) (Amendment) Order, 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 15th day of this instant February, 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, 1935 (Federal Court) (Amendment) Order, 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 15th day of this instant February, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, in pursuance of the provisions of Section 157 of the Government of Burma Act, 1935 (Shan States Federal Fund) Order, 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 Second Reading of the Societies (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Old Age and Widows' Pensions 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 on Thursday evening, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House, without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then nine minutes after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning, till Monday next, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of the 22nd day of this instant February.
for Terms of Years which have been granted for the same, and Contracts for Payments on Death which have been made, under the provisions of the Act 19 & 20, Geo. 5, ch. 29, within the year ended 5th January 1940.

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

Mr. Lindsay presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of a Memorandum on the Board of Education Estimates, 1940.

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

Secretary Sir John Anderson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of an Order made under the Entertainments Act, 1892, by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Act to the urban district of Cirencester.

Copy of an Order made under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1892, by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Act to the county borough of Hastings.

Copy of an Order made under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1892, by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Act to the city of Plymouth.

Copy of an Order made under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1892, by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Act to the borough of Yeovil.

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

Mr. Elliot presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations made under the Public Health Act, 1936, dated 9th February 1940, entitled the County of London (Measles and Whooping Cough) Amendment Regulations, 1940.

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

Sir Francis Fremantle reported from the Select Committee on Publications and Debates Reports: That they had directed him to report so much of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them as related to the subject-matter of their First Report to the House, together with an Appendix.

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

James Henry Hollins, Esquire, Member for the Borough of West Ham (Silvertown Division), was sworn.

Mr. Elliot, by His Majesty’s Command, acquainted the House that His Majesty, having been informed of “the subject-matter of the Motion relating to Old Age and Widows’ Pensions [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.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to reduce to sixty the age at which women may become entitled to old age pensions under the enactments relating to widows’, orphans’ and old age contributory pensions; to provide for increasing certain contributions payable under those enactments; to make provision for supplementing, in cases of need, pensions payable under the said enactments to widows who have attained the age of sixty years, and old age pensions, and for making consequential adjustments in respect of the General Exchequer Grants payable to local authorities which are public assistance authorities; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid (hereinafter referred to as “the said Act”) it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament—

(a) of any amounts by which the sums payable into the Treasury Pensions Account under section (3) of any enactments relating to widows’, orphans’ and old age contributory pensions Act, 1936, are increased by reason of the passing of the provisions of the said Act relating to women’s contributory pensions;

(b) of any sums required for the payment to persons entitled to receive weekly payments on account of old age pensions and to persons who have attained the age of sixty and are entitled to receive weekly payments on account of widows’ pensions, of supplementary pensions based on their needs and, except in the case of a supplementary pension granted upon an application made within two months after the first day of June, nineteen hundred and forty, to any person in whose case an order for outdoor relief was in force immediately before that date, based also on the needs of their households, regard being had to the resources of all members of the household other than such resources as may be excepted by the said Act;

(c) of any sums required for the payment of any expenses of the Unemployment Assistance Board attributable to the provisions of the said Act relating to supplementary pensions;

(d) of any expenditure which may result from the application to pensionable officers or servants of local authorities who become officers or servants of the Unemployment Assistance Board of the rules in force under section nine of the Superannuation Act, 1935, applicable to other persons who become civil servants, and from treating any pensionable officer or servant of a local authority who becomes an officer or servant of the Board within one year after the passing of the said Act, as a pensionable officer or servant of a local authority to which those rules apply.—(Miss Horsbrugh.) Amendment proposed, in line 29, to leave out paragraphs (b), (c), and (d).—(Mr. Rhys Davies.) Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the
Mr. James Stuart, 169.
Colonel Kerr : 169.
Yea,

Tellers for the
Mr. Mathers,
Mr. Robert Taylor : 125.
Noes,

Main Question put, and agreed to.
Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Rating and Valuation (Postponement of Valuations) Bill ;
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Mental Deficiency (Scotland) Bill [Lords], was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 22nd day of this instant February ;
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.

Cotton Industry Bill [Lords].

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Cotton Industry Bill [Lords] ;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Special Enactments (Extension of Time) Bill [Lords].

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Special Enactments (Extension of Time) Bill [Lords] ;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Societies (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Societies (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill ;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Old Age and Widows' Pensions Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Old Age and Widows' Pensions Bill ;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Adjournment.
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.

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Tuesday, 27th February 1940.

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

PRAYERS.

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

Bournemouth Gas and Water Bill.
Newcastle-upon-Tyne and Gateshead Gas Bill.
Cornwall Electric Power Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be committed.


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


Copy of Regulations made under the National Service (Armed Forces) Act, 1939, dated 26th February 1940, entitled the National Forces Service (Armed Forces) (Miscellaneous) (Amendment) Regulations, 1940.

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

Mr. Elliot presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Copy of Regulations made under the Public Health Act, 1936, dated 9th February 1940, entitled the Mensies and Whoooping Cough Regulations, 1940.

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

Sir Reginald Dormian-Smith presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Report by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries of his proceedings under the General Piers and Harbours Acts, 1861 to 1915.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to request that their Lordships will be pleased to give leave to the Lord Portal to attend to be examined, as a witness, before the Sub-
Committee on Home Defence Services, ap-
pointed by the Select Committee on National
Expenditure.—(Mr. Edw.)

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the said
Message.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on Govern-
ment Business be exempted, at this day’s
Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing
Order (Sittings of the House).—(The Prime
Minister.)

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 Navy Esti-
mates).—(Mr. Churchill); 

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 paying the
highest tribute to the Royal Navy for its
achievements, reiterates the urgent importance
of ensuring that the trade shall be enabled to flow
without interruption to and from our shores;
that our Merchant Navy is adequately armed
and equipped; that our shipyards are employed
to their fullest capacity for adding to our
existing strength and replacing those ships
destroyed; and that every possible measure be
taken to anticipate and provide against the new
and increasingly ruthless methods of warfare
likely to be adopted by the enemy."—(Sir
Thomas Moore).—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
the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Navy Estimates, 1940.

Vote A. Numbers for the Navy.

1. Resolved, That such numbers of Officers,
Seamen, Boys and Royal Marines and of Royal
Marine Police, as His Majesty may deem
necessary, be borne on the books of His
Majesty’s Ships and at the Royal Marine
Divisions, for the year ending on the 31st day
of March 1940.

Vote 1. Wages, &c., of Officers and Men of
the Royal Navy and Royal Marines, and of certain
other personnel serving with the Fleet.

2. £100, for Wages, &c., of Officers and Men
of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines and of
certain other personnel serving with the Fleet.

Navy Supplementary Estimate, 1939.

Vote A. Additional Numbers for the Navy.

3. Resolved, That such additional numbers of
Officers, Seamen, Boys and Royal Marines and
of Royal Marine Police, as His Majesty may
demn necessary, be borne on the books of His
Majesty’s Ships and at the Royal Marine
Divisions, for the year ending on the 31st day
of March 1940.

Resolutions to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received to-
morrow.

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

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

Mr. Buchan Hepburn reported from the Old Age
Committee on Old Age and Widows’ Pensions
(Money), a Resolution; which was read, as
followeth:

That for the purposes of any Act of the
present Session to reduce to sixty the age at
which women may become entitled to old age
pensions under the enactments relating to
widows’, orphans’ and old age contributory
pensions; to provide for increasing certain
contributions payable under those enactments;
to make provision for supplementing, in cases
of need, pensions payable under the said
enactments to widows who have attained the
age of sixty years, and old age pensions, and
for making consequential adjustments in respect
of the General Exchequer Grants payable to
local authorities which are public assistance
authorities; and for purposes connected with
the matters aforesaid (hereinafter referred to
as “the said Act”) it is expedient to authorise
the payment out of moneys provided by
Parliament—

(a) of any amounts by which the sums
payable into the Treasury Pensions Ac-
count under subsection (8) of section
fourteen of the Widows’, Orphans’
and Old Age Contributory Pensions Act, 1936,
are increased by reason of the passing of
the provisions of the said Act relating to
women’s contributory pensions;

(b) of any sums required for the payment to
persons entitled to receive weekly pay-
ments on account of old age pensions and
to persons who have attained the age of
sixty and are entitled to receive weekly
payments on account of widows’ pensions,
of supplementary pensions based on their
needs and, except in the case of a
supplementary pension granted upon an
application made within two months after
the first day of June, nineteen hundred
and forty, to any person in whose case
an order for outdoor relief was in force
immediately before that date, based also
on the needs of their households, regard
being had to the resources of all members
of the household other than such resources
as may be expected by the said Act;
Adjournment.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Mental Deficiency (Scotland) Bill [Lords];

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 to No. 5 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

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

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

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The 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 Rating and Valuation (Postponement of Valuations) Bill;

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 22nd day of this instant February;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Buchan-Hepburn.)

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

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Wednesday, 28th February 1940.

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

PRAYERS.

MAJOR Tryon presented, pursuant to the Charterd and General Warrants and Regulations made under the directions of several Acts of Parliament, and pursuant to the Charter of other Bodies of the College of Physicians, the Order of the day being read, a Committee of the House directed to report, pursuant to the Open Charter, the letter of 25th November 1939, amending the Statutes of the College.

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

Mr. Butler presented, by His Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a letter written by the Secretary-General of the League of Nations concerning the Palestine Land Transfers Regulations. London, 28th February 1940.

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

Secretary Sir John Anderson presented, by the Secretary of State for War, a letter written by the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, on the 22nd February 1940, amending the Statutes of Cambridge University, 1939, and the Statutes of Oxford University, 1940.

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

Archibald Vivian Hill, Esquire, O.B.E., F.R.S., New Member of the University of Cambridge, sworn.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on the Old Age and the House-Widows' Pensions Bill be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House)—[The Prime Minister]:
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Mr. Munro,
Yees, Mr. James Edmondston : 216.
Tellers for the Mr. Whiteley,
Noes, Mr. Charlton : 118.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. James Stuart,
Yees, Colonel Kerr : 183.
Tellers for the Mr. Mathers,
Noes, Mr. Robert Taylor : 111.

Clauses No. 5 to No. 7 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, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Rating and Valuation (Postponement of Valuations) 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 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 Cotton Industry Bill [Lords];

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Special Enactments (Extension of Time) Bill [Lords];

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Cotton Industry Bill [Lords];

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

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply (27th the Report from the Committee of Supply of the February) Report.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply (22nd the Report from the Committee of Supply of the February) Report.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till two minutes before Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
Thursday, 29th February 1940.

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 Chester (City of Chester Division), in the room of Sir Charles William Cayzer, Baronet, deceased.—(Captain Marigesson.)

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 Leeds (North-Eastern Division), in the room of Major Sir John Dearman Birchall, who, since his election for the said Borough, hath accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of His Majesty’s Three Chiltern Hundreds of Stoke, Desborough and Burnham, in the County of Buckingham.—(Captain Marigesson.)

Mr. Butler presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of “Supplementary List of Ratifications, Accessions, Withdrawals, &c., 1939.” [In continuation of “Treaty Series (No. 75, 1938)”.]

Copy of Notes exchanged between the Government of the United Kingdom and the Norwegian Government respecting the Sale Prices in Norway of Whisky produced in the United Kingdom. London, 24th November to 2nd December 1939.

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 a 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 that the Provisional Order for which a Petition was presented to one of His Majesty’s Principal Secretaries of State on or before 27th November 1939, namely, the Clyde Lighthouses Consolidation Order, be allowed to proceed, subject to such recommendations as they may hereafter make with respect to the Order.

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

Mr. Elliot presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations made under the National Health Insurance Act, 1936, dated 16th February 1940, entitled the National Health Insurance (Joint Committee) Regulations, 1940. Vol. 195.

Copy of a Scheme made under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937, by the Caerphilly Urban District Council.

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 give leave to the Lord Portal to attend in order to his being examined, as a witness, before the Sub-committee on Home Defence Services, appointed by the Select Committee appointed by this House on National Expenditure, if his Lordship think fit.

Mr. Pethick-Lawrence 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.

Ordered, That leave be given to the Chairman Unopposed Bills to move a Report.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That, in pursuance of the Order of the House of the 12th day of December last, he had selected Sir Geoffrey Ellis, 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.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on the Old Age and Widows’ Pensions Bill be exempted, at this day’s Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House)—(The Prime Minister):

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Grimston, 214.
Yeses, Sir James Edmondson : Yeas, Mr. Robert Taylor:]

Tellers for the [Mr. Charleton, 119.
Noes, Mr. Robert Taylor :]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Old Age and Widows’ Pensions Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 8 (Supplementation of old age pensions and widows’ pensions).

Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 4, to leave out the words “(not being a blind person)” — (Mr. Pethick-Lawrence).

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:— Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 15th day of this instant February, 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 Indian Laws) (Amendment) Order, 1940, 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 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 15th day of this instant February, 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, 1940, 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 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 15th day of this instant February, 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 (Federal Court) (Amendment) Order, 1940, 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 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 15th day of this instant February, 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 Indian Laws) (Amendment) Order, 1940, 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 by such Members of this House as are of His Majesty’s Most Honourable Privy Council or of His Majesty’s Household.
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 15th day of this instant February, 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 India (Distribution of Revenues) (Amendment) Order, 1940, 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 157 of the Government of Burma Act, 1935, praying that the Government of India (Distribution of Revenues) (Amendment) Order, 1940, 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 15th day of this instant February, 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, 1940, 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 157 of the Government of Burma Act, 1935, praying that the Government of Burma (Shan States Federal Fund) Order, 1940, 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 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 Supply:

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

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-one minutes before Twelve of the clock, till to-morrow.

[No. 32.]

Friday, 1st March 1940.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.


Copy of Regulations made under the Factories Act, 1937, dated 26th February 1940, entitled the Factories (Ventilation) Revocation Regulations, 1940.

Copy of an Order made under the Sunday Entertainment Act, 1932, by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Act to the borough of Cleethorpes.

Copy of an Order made under the Sunday Entertainment Act, 1932, by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Act to the borough of Lowestoff.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Papers relative to the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, be printed.
Mr. Secretary Colville presented; pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of Regulations, made under the House to House Collections Act, 1939, dated 29th February 1940, entitled the House to House Collections (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations, 1940. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table. The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Old Age and Widows' Pensions Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 9 (Administration of supplementary pensions).

Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 36, after the word "the," to insert the words "Pensions and."—(Mr. Woodburn.) Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 36, at the end, to insert the words "The Minister shall be responsible to Parliament for the administration of the Board."—(Mr. Foot.) Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yes: {Sir Percy Harris, Mr. Foot :} 101.

Tellers for the Noes: {Mr. Munro, Mr. Boulton :} 140.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 6, to leave out the words "specified in the first column of," and insert the words "as set forth with modifications in."—(Mr. Ede.) Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yes: {Mr. Munro, Mr. Buchan Hepburn :} 140.

Tellers for the Noes: {Mr. Whiteley, Mr. Adamson :} 97.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 11, at the end, to add the words,—

"(4) Any staff required by the Assistance Board consequent upon the provisions contained in this Part of this Act shall in the first instance be recruited from the staffs of the public assistance committees of the local authorities who are performing duties similar to those which will be undertaken by the Board by virtue of this Part of this Act.

During the first twelve months following the period of the present emergency any staff required by the Board shall in the first instance be recruited from the staffs of the public assistance committees of the local authorities preference being given to those members of those staffs who are serving in the armed forces of the Crown and who immediately prior to such service were performing duties, similar to those to be undertaken by the Assistance Board by virtue of this Part of this Act."—(Sir William Wayland.) Question proposed, That those words be there added:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 11, at the end, to add the words,—

"(4) The Assistance Board within one month of the passing of this Act shall present for the approval of the Commons House of Parliament regulations setting forth the scales in accordance with which supplementary pensions will be granted to applicants."—(Mr. Stephen.) Question proposed, That those words be there added:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yes: {Mr. Munro, Mr. Grimston :} 188.

Tellers for the Noes: {Mr. Adamson :} 90.

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 Cotton Industry 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.—(Captain Margesson.)

Resolved, That the Order made by the Sunday Secretary of State under the Sunday Entertainment Act, 1932, for extending Section one of that Act to the borough of Harrogate, a copy of which was presented to this House on the 29th day of February last, be approved.—(Mr. Peake.)

Resolved, That the Order made by the Sunday Secretary of State under the Sunday Entertainment Act, 1932, for extending Section one of that Act to the urban district of Whiby, a copy of which was presented to this House on the 29th day of February last, be approved.—(Mr. Peake.)

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 one minute before Four of the clock, till Monday next.
Monday, 4th March 1940.

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

[No. 33.]

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

I regret to have to inform the House of the death of Frederick Alexander Macquisten, Esquire, k.c., late Member for the County of Argyll, and desire to express our sense of the loss we have sustained and our sympathy with the relatives.

Sir Andrew Duncan presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of a Statement of the Aims and Plan of Work of the Export Council.

Sir Andrew Duncan also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order made under the War Risks Insurance Act, 1939, dated 2nd March 1940, entitled the War Risks Insurance (General Exceptions) Order, 1940.

Copy of Regulations made under the Prevention of Fraud (Investments) Act, 1939, dated 29th February 1940, entitled the Prevention of Fraud (Investments) Act Licensing (Amendment) Regulations, 1940.

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

Secretary Sir John Anderson presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of a Report on Hours of Employment of Women and Young Persons in Factories during the first five months of the War.

Secretary Sir John Anderson also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order made under the Shops Acts, 1912 to 1936, by the Council pursuant to the Shops Acts, 1912 to 1936, by the Council.

Copy of Regulations made under the Prevention of Fraud (Investments) Act, 1939, dated 29th February 1940, entitled the Prevention of Fraud (Investments) Act Licensing (Amendment) Regulations, 1940.

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

Mr. Elliot presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of a Scheme made under the Local Government Superannuation Acts, 1937, by the Godalming Borough Council.

Copy of Regulations made under the National Health Insurance and Contributory Pensions (Emergency Provisions) Act, 1938, dated 29th February 1940, entitled the National Health Insurance (Emergency Payment of Benefit) Regulations, 1940.

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

Ordered, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, at this day’s Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(The Prime Minister.)

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Another Amendment proposed, in p. 19, after the words last inserted, to insert the words "and as if after paragraph (a) the following paragraph were inserted:—

(aa) the whole of any unemployment benefit under the Unemployment Insurance Acts, 1935 to 1939, shall be disregarded."

—(Mr. Ness Edwards.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. Whiteley, Yeas, { Mr. Robert Taylor : } 128.
Tellers for the Colonel Kerr, Noes, { Mr. Grimston : } 199.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 19, after the words last inserted, to insert the words " and as if in paragraph (d) for the words 'twenty-five pounds,' wherever those words occur there were substituted the words 'one hundred pounds.'"—(Mr. Edward Williams.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. Groves, Yeas, { Mr. Mathers : } 130.
Tellers for the Mr. James Stuart, Noes, { Mr. Munro : } 183.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 19, after the words last inserted, to insert the words " and as if for paragraph (e) there were substituted the following paragraph:—

(e) any interest in the dwelling-house in which he resides shall be disregarded."

—(Mr. David Adams.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. Charleton, Yeas, { Mr. Adamson : } 134.
Tellers for the Colonel Kerr, Noes, { Mr. Munro : } 183.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 19, l. 33, column 2, to leave out from the word "pension," to the word "subsection," in l. 46.—(Mr. Jenkins.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. Wilfrid Roberts, Yeas, { Mr. Robert Taylor : } 130.
Tellers for the Mr. James Stuart, Noes, { Mr. Munro : } 187.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 19, after the words last inserted, to insert the words " and as if for paragraph (b) there were substituted the following paragraph:—

(b) the whole of any wounds or disability pension shall be disregarded."

—(Mr. George Hall.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. Adamson, Yeas, { Mr. Robert Taylor : } 130.
Tellers for the Mr. James Stuart, Noes, { Mr. Munro : } 187.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 19, after the words last inserted, to insert the words " and as if for paragraph (c) there were substituted the following paragraph:—

(c) the whole of any weekly payment by way of compensation under the enactments relating to workmen's compensation shall be disregarded."

—(Mr. George Griffiths.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. Whiteley, Yeas, { Mr. Charleton : } 131.
Tellers for the Mr. Buchan-Hepburn, Noes, { Mr. Buchan Hepburn : } 186.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 19, after the words last inserted, to insert the words " and as if after paragraph (c) the following paragraph were inserted:—

(cc) free housing accommodation, relief from rates, free supply of coal, or any similar assistance received from a charitable organisation shall be disregarded."

—(Mr. Whiteley.)
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 25, l. 12, to leave out the words "otherwise than in money."—(Mr. Woodburn.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 25, l. 13, to leave out the words "sudden or urgent."—(Mr. Woodburn.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 25, l. 15, after the word "needs," to insert the words "and needs for maintenance of health or prevention of illness."—(Mr. Woodburn.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, 
Mr. Mathers, 
Mr. Adamson: 
97.

Tellers for the Noses, 
Colonel Kerr, 
Sir James Edmondson: 
146.

Schedule, as amended, 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 to-morrow; and be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Bill of Rating and Valuation (Postponement of Valuations) Bill:
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, 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 that Act to the urban district of Filey, a copy of which was presented to this House on the 20th day of February last, be approved. (Mr. Peake.)

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 Frome, a copy of which was presented to this House on the 20th day of February last, be approved. (Mr. Peake.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Bill of Ways and Means:
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply:
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Special Enactments (Extension of Time) Bill [Lords]:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

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5th March, 1940.

Secretary Sir Kingsley Wood presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order made under the Air Force (Constitution) Act, 1917, dated 19th February 1940, 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 Paper do lie upon the Table.

Major Tryon presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Statute made under the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1923, by the Governing Body of Magdalen College, Oxford, on the 6th day of December 1939, amending a Statute of the College.

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 the Panel appointed to serve on the Committee on Unopposed Bills:—Mr. Boulton; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Erskine-Hill.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by Mr. Boulton; and had appointed in substitution to serve on the Committee on Unopposed Bills:—Mr. Boulton; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Erskine-Hill.

Message from the Lords.

The Lords have agreed to the Industrial Assurance and Friendly Societies (Emergency Protection from Forfeiture) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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

(In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates and Estimates for Revenue Departments, 1940 (Vote on Account).

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £181,165,000 be granted to His Majesty, on account, for or towards defraying the charges for the following Civil and Revenue Departments (including Education and Broadcasting, Pensions, Health and Unemployment Insurance, Unemployment Assistance, Roads and other Grants and Exchequer Contributions to Local Revenues) for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1941, viz.:—

Civil Estimates.

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Unclassified Services. £
Ministry of Supply - 10
Reserve of Plant and Building - 10
Materials - - 10

Total for Civil Estimates - £145,215,000

Revenue Departments.
Customs and Excise - - 2,150,000
Inland Revenue - - 2,800,000
Post Office - - 31,000,000

Total for Revenue Departments £85,950,000

Total for Civil Estimates and Estimates for Revenue Depart-
- - £181,165,000

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That item Class IV, Vote 1 (Board of Education), be reduced by £100.—(Mr. Lees-Smith.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. Mathers, Yeas, 91.
Mr. Robert Taylor: Noes, 124.

And, it being after Eleven of the clock, the Question put
Chairman proceeded, pursuant to Standing
Order No. 14, to put forthwith the Question S.O. No. 14.
necessary to dispose of the Vote.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

Whereupon 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 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, 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 taking Old Age and Widows' Pensions Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into con-

The Order of the day being read, for taking Old Age and Widows' Pensions Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into con-

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Special Enactments (Extension of Time) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Societies (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill:—

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

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 22nd day of February last;—

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Cotton Industry Bill [Lords];—

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

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.  
—(Mr. Munro.)

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

Wednesday, 6th March 1940.

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

PRAYERS.

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

Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Blackburn) Bill.

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

Mr. Butler presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of “Index to Treaty Series, 1899.”

Copy of a Convention between His Majesty in respect of the United Kingdom and the President of Latvia regarding legal proceedings in civil and commercial matters.  
London, 29th August 1939.  
[Ratifications exchanged at Riga on 1st February 1940.]

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

Mr. Ernest Brown presented, pursuant to the Unemployment directions of several Acts of Parliament,—

Copies 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 1939.

Copy of Regulations made under the Trade Boards Act, 1919, dated 5th March 1940, entitled the Trade Boards (Furniture Manufacturing Trade, Great Britain) (Constitution and Proceedings) Regulations, 1940.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relative to the Unemployment Fund be printed.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Torquay Committee on Unopposed Bills: That they had examined the allegations contained in the preamble of the Torquay Cemetery Bill, 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 Newcastle and Gateshead Waterworks 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, and had amended the Title as followeth:—

A Bill to increase the powers of the Newcastle Title and Gateshead Water Company of raising money by borrowing on mortgage or by the creation and issue of debenture stock; to extend the time for the completion of certain authorised works; 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.

Orderd, 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 Staffordshire and Worcestershire Canal Bill, and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Orderd, 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 Wessex Electricity Bill, and verbally amended the same, and found the same as amended to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereof.

Orderd, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, and the Report do lie upon the Table.

Orderd, That this day, notwithstanding anything in Standing Order No. 14, Business other than Business of Supply may be taken before Eleven of the clock.—(The Prime Minister.)

Mr. Mabane reported from the 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, 1940 (Vote on Account).

That a sum not exceeding £181,165,000 be granted to His Majesty, on account, for or towards defraying the charges for the following Civil Estimates, including Education and Broadcasting, Pensions, Health and Unemployment Insurance, Unemployment Assistance, Roads and other Grants and Exchequer Contributions to Local Revenues for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1941, viz.:

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### Old Age Pensions
- £17,200,000

### Widows', Orphans' and Old Age Contributory Pensions
- £6,150,000

### Ministry of Labour and National Service
- £10,250,000

### Grants in respect of Employment Schemes
- £900,000

### Commissioner for Special Areas
- £10,000,000

### Special Areas Fund
- £700,000

### Financial Assistance in Special and other Areas
- £270,000

### Scotland:
- £1,800,000

### Department of Health
- £6,000

### Registrar General’s Office
- £6,750

### Commissioner for Special Areas
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### Revenue Departments
- £46,650,000

### Customs and Excise
- £2,150,000

### Inland Revenue
- £2,300,000

### Post Office
- £81,000,000

### Total for Revenue Departments
- £58,950,000

### Total for Civil Estimates and Estimates for Revenue Departments
- £181,165,000

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being Palestine, put, That this House regrets that, disregarding the expressed opinion of the Permanent Mandates Commission that the policy contained in the White Paper on Palestine was inconsistent with the terms of the Mandate, and without the authority of the Council of the League of Nations, His Majesty's Government have authorised the issue of regulations controlling the transfer of land which discriminate unjustly against one section of the inhabitants of Palestine.—(Mr. Noel Baker):

"The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right:

The Noes to the Left:

Tellers for the 'Sir Charles Edwards, Yeas, Mr. Paling:"

Tellers for the 'Captain Margesson, Noes, Colonel Kerr:"

So it passed in the Negative.

Resolved, That the draft Order proposed to Czechoslovakia (Financial Claims and Refugees) Act, 1940, entitled the Czechoslovakia (Settlement of Financial Claims and Refugee Claims) Order, 1940, a copy of which was presented to this House on the 22nd day of February last, be approved.—(Captain Crookshank.)

Resolved, That the Potato (1939 Crop) Emergency (Charges) Order, 1940, dated 10th February, 1940, made by the Treasury under section two of the Emergency Powers (Defence) Act, 1939, a copy of which was presented to this House on the 20th day of February last, be approved.—(Mr. Williams Morris.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

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

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

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-five minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
4 GEO. VI. 7th March.

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 Dumbarton Burgh Order Confirmation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Glasgow Water and Tramways Order Confirmation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Aberdeen Corporation (Administration Finance &c.) Order Confirmation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Dumbarton Burgh Order Confirmation Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Aberdeen Corporation (Administration Finance &c.) Order Confirmation Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Glasgow Water and Tramways Order Confirmation Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Business be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order of this House. (The Prime Minister.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply (Air Estimates.)

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair (for Committee on the Air Estimates.) (Secretary Sir Kingsley Wood).

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 gratified at the satisfactory health and comfort of the Royal Air-Force personnel serving at home and overseas, recognises that the maintenance of a high standard of general fitness depends upon the continued operation of effective medical services, which must be encouraged and extended," — (Commander Locker-Lampson),— 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 the Supply Committee of Supply.

(IN the Committee.)
Air Estimates, 1940.

Vote A. Number for Air Force Service.

1. Resolved, That such number of Officers and Airmen, as His Majesty may deem necessary, be borne for the Air Force Service of the United Kingdom at home and abroad, excluding those serving in India on the Indian Establishment, during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1940.

2. £100, for the Pay, &c., of the Air Force.

3. £100, for Civil Aviation.

Air Supplementary Estimate, 1939.

Vote A. Additional Number for Air Force Service.

4. Resolved, That such additional number of Officers and Airmen, as His Majesty may deem necessary, be borne for the Air Force Service of the United Kingdom at home and abroad, excluding those serving in India on the Indian Establishment, during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1940.

Resolved to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

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

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Rating and Valuation (Postponement of Valuations) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Postponement of next valuation till after end of emergency).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 15, at the end, to insert the words,—

"(2) While the said valuation lists remain in force, any increase or reduction in value attributable directly or indirectly to the present emergency if and in so far as it—

(a) is peculiar to a particular hereditament; or

(b) affects a particular hereditament and also other hereditaments of a comparable character in the rating area in question, but does not affect all classes, or substantially all classes, of hereditaments in that area,

shall, in relation to that hereditament, be deemed to be an alteration in the matters stated in the valuation list within the meaning of paragraph (1) of section forty-six of the said Act (which relates to supplemental lists) and to be such an increase or reduction in value, as is referred to in section forty-seven of the said Act (which relates to provisional lists).

This subsection shall apply in relation to any such increase or reduction as aforesaid whether it occurred before or after the passing of this Act, and any such increase or reduction

(i) shall be taken into account for the purposes of the said section forty-seven, notwithstanding that it occurred otherwise than in the course of the year; and

(ii) shall, if a provisional list or a requisition for a provisional list has been made in the preceding twelve months be taken into account for the purposes of any revision under the said section forty-six, notwithstanding that the increase or reduction occurred otherwise than during those twelve months."

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

An Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, 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 an Amendment thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be now taken into consideration.

The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

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 Cotton Industry Bill [Lords] into a Committee on the Cotton Industry Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 to No. 8 agreed to.

Schedule.

Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 4, to leave out the word "twelve," and insert the word "ten."—(Mr. Tomlinson.)

Question proposed, That the word "twelve" stand part of the Schedule.

Friday, 8th March 1940:

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

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 acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.
Resolved, That the Clearing Office (Turkey) Amendment No. 2 Order, 1940, dated 14th February 1940, 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 20th day of February last, be approved.—(Mr. Robert Hudson.)

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 27th day of February last;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

Old Age and Widows’ Pensions Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Old Age and Widows’ Pensions Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

Special Enactments (Extension of Time) Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Special Enactments (Extension of Time) Bill [Lords];

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

Societies (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Societies (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill;

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

Supply (22nd February) Report.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 22nd day of February last;

Ordered, That the Report be received 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 fourteen minutes after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning, till this day.

[No. 37.]

Friday, 8th March 1940.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

ORDERED, That Mr. Boulton be discharged from the Committee of Selection, and that Sir Lambert Ward be added to the Committee.—(Mr. James Stuart.)

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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 Dumbarton Burgh Order Confirmation Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Aberdeen Corporation (Administration Finance &c.) Order Confirmation Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Glasgow Water and Tramways Order Confirmation Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Aberdonian Corporation Act, 1939, a copy of which was presented to the House on the 20th day of February last, be approved.—(Mr. George Hall.)

The Order of the day being read, for taking Old Age and Widows’ Pensions Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time;

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House in respect of Clause 11.—(Mr. George Hall.)

The House immediately resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 11 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had considered Clause 11, and had directed him to report the Bill, without further Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be now taken into consideration.

The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Laying of regulations).—(Mr. Foot.)

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;
Resolved, That the draft of a Special Order Gas proposed to be made by the Board of Trade under the Gas Undertakings Acts, 1920 to 1934, on the application of the Cefn Mawr and Rhos-Y-Medre Gas Company, Limited, which was presented to this House on the 6th day of February last and published, be approved with the following modification and addition:—

P. 16, l. 43, at end, insert "which notices are hereinafter called ‘the said notice’.

P. 17, after l. 11, insert:—

"The expense of the execution of such works by the railway company under this subsection shall be borne by the railway company except in the following cases in which cases the Company shall repay to the railway company the costs or sum therein specified (that is to say).

(a) where the works of the Company had been constructed or laid upon across over or under the railways or works of the railway company within the period of two years immediately preceding the giving of the said notice by the railway company and at the time of the construction or laying thereof the railway company had given a warning in writing to the Company of their intention to construct any additional or other works or to extend alter or repair their railways or other works as aforesaid in such a way as to affect injuriously the works of the Company there shall be repaid the reasonable cost of diverting supporting carrying or otherwise dealing with the works of the Company;

(b) where the said expense or any part thereof is occasioned by the substitution at the request of the Company of improved works of greater dimensions for previously existing works of the Company or the construction or laying of works at a greater depth than the previously existing depth there shall be repaid the reasonable additional cost to the railway company of constructing additional or other works or of extending altering or repairing their railways or works attributable to the fact that the substituted works are an improvement upon or of greater dimensions than or constructed or laid at a greater depth than the previously existing works of the Company;

(c) where the works of the Company had been constructed or laid upon across over or under the railways or works of the railway company more than seven and a half years before the giving of the said notice by the railway company then if and so far as (i) the said expense is occasioned by the substitution (whether through necessity or not) of new works for old and (ii) the Company may reasonably be expected to profit through savings on the cost of future replacements owing to the prospective life of the new works being longer than that of the old there shall be repaid a sum representing the amount of the said expense so far as it does not exceed the amount of such profit; and

(d) where the works executed by the railway company consist in the restoration of previously existing works.
original level after subsidence has occurred there shall be repaid the reasonable cost of diverting supporting carrying or otherwise dealing with the works of the company."—(Major Lloyd George.)

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 Drighlington and Gildersome Gaslight Company, which was presented to this House on the 13th day of February last and published, be approved.—(Major Lloyd George.)

Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, for extending Section 1 of that Act to the borough of Hastings, a copy of which was presented to this House on the 26th day of February last, be approved.—(Secretary Sir John Anderson.)

Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, for extending Section 1 of that Act to the urban district of Cirencester, a copy of which was presented to this House on the 26th day of February last, be approved.—(Secretary Sir John Anderson.)

Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, for extending Section 1 of that Act to the urban district of Cirencester, a copy of which was presented to this House on the 26th day of February last, be approved.—(Secretary Sir John Anderson.)

Ordered, That Sir Haydn Jones be discharged from the Committee of Public Accounts, and that Mr. Horabin be added to the Committee.—(Colonel Kerr.)

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

[No. 38.]

Monday, 11th March 1940.

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

P R A Y E R S :

THE Torquay Cemetery 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 Wessex Electricity Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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Mr. Butler presented, by His Majesty’s Permanent Command,—Copy of a Letter written by the direction of the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to the Secretary-General of the League of Nations transmitting two declarations regarding the position of His Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom in relation to the Optional Clause of the Statute of the Permanent Court of International Justice. London, 28th February 1940.

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

Sir Reginald Dorman-Smith presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, —Report by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries respecting applications to, and the proceedings of, the Minister under Part III of the Sea Fisheries Act, 1888, during 1938.

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

Secretary Sir John Anderson presented, Defence pursuant to paragraph (6) of Regulation 188 of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939,—Report of action taken under the said Regulation during the period 1st February 1940 to 29th February 1940.

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

Sir John Gilmour presented, pursuant to the Merchant directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Shipping Rules made under the Merchant Shipping (Safety and Load Line Conventions) Act, 1932, dated 7th March 1940, entitled the Merchant Shipping (Additional Life-Saving Appliances) Rules, 1940, with a Report pursuant to Section 35 of the said Act.

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

Mr. Secretary Stanley presented, pursuant to Army (Royal Air Force, &c., for the year ended 31st March 1940) 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 1939, and the Manufacturing Accounts for the same year, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

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

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Industrial Assurance and Friendly Societies (Emergency Protection from Forfeiture) Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Reports of the Select Committee on National Expenditure in the Sessions of 1917-18, 1918, 1919 and 1920, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the said Committee, be referred to the Select Committee on National Expenditure.—(Sir John Wardlaw-Milne.)

Basil Edward Nield, Esquire, Member for the New Member County of Chester (City of Chester Division), sworn, was sworn.
The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Old Age and Widows' Pensions Bill:

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

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That," to the end of the Question, and adding the words "this House, whilst recognising that the Bill includes new categories of women within the scope of the contributory old age pensions scheme, is nevertheless of the opinion that supplementary allowances ought not to be based on the household means test."

—(Mr. Paling).—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. James Stuart,

Mr. Grimston:

182.

Tellers for the

Mr. John,

Mr. Robert Taylor:

127.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was read the third time and passed.

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

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 22nd day of February last;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Wednesday next.

Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, for extending Section 1 of that Act to the borough of Yeovil, a copy of which was presented to this House on the 26th day of February last, be approved. —(Mr. Peake.)

Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, for extending Section 1 of that Act to the county borough of Lowestoft, a copy of which was presented to this House on the 1st day of this instant March, be approved. —(Mr. Peake.)

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.

Tuesday, 12th March 1940.

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

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into considera-

Newcastle

Gateshead

Waterworks

Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into considera-

Staffordshire

Worcestershire

Canal Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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 French Government modifying the Protocol respecting the New Hebrides.
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Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Metropolitan Cattle Market.

Secretary Sir John Anderson presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Account of Moneys received and paid by the Chamberlain of the City of London in relation to the Metropolitan Cattle Market for the year ended 31st March 1939, and an Account of extraordinary works executed, other than general repairs, for the same period.

Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932.

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

Navy (Dockyard Accounts.) No. 91.

Mr. Churchill presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Annual Accounts of shipbuilding and ship repairing in His Majesty's Dockyards, and by contract, and of other dockyard transactions, for the financial year 1938, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

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

New Member sworn.

Agicultural Wages (Regulation) Amendment Bill.

Bill 28.

Business of the House.

Supply (Army Estimates.)

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

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair (for Committee on the Army Estimates)—(Mr. Secretary Stanley);

Dependants' Allowances.

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, a reform in the system of dependants' allowances is urgent and necessary, particularly with respect to the position of parents of serving soldiers, the scale of allowances generally, and the delays in administration,—(Mr. Viant),—instead thereof.

The Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Colonel Kerr, Yes, 138.

Tellers for the Mr. Adamson, Noes, 90.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put;

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

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

(In the Committee.)

Army Estimates, 1940.

Vote A. Number of Land Forces.

1. Resolved, That such number of Land Forces of all ranks, as His Majesty may deem necessary, 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 1941.

Vote 1. Pay, &c., of the Army.

2. £100, for the Pay, &c., of the Army.

Army Supplementary Estimate, 1939.

Vote A. Additional Number of Land Forces.

3. Resolved, That such additional number of Land Forces of all ranks, as His Majesty may deem necessary, 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 1940.

Civil (Excesses), 1938.

4. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £3,162 4s. 8d. be granted to His Majesty, to make good Excesses on certain Grants for Civil Departments for the year ended the 31st day of March 1939:—

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Navy (Excess) 1938.

5. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £38,307 17s. 9d. be granted to His Majesty, to make good excesses of Navy Expenditure beyond the grants for the year ended the 31st day of March 1938.

Schedule.

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Resolutions to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday 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, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Industrial Assurance and Friendly Societies (Emergency Protection from Forfeiture) 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 Committee of Ways and Means;

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

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

Wednesday, 13th March 1940.

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

PRAYERS.

Mr. Secretary Stanley presented, by His Navy, Army and Navy Majesty's Command,—Copy of a State, and Air Force, and the same were twice read, and the House, pursuant to Allowances for Dependents of Men serving in His Majesty's Forces during the present War.

Ordered, That the said Paper lie upon the Table.

Major Tryon presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order in Council made under the Merchant Shipping (International Labour Conventions) Act, 1925, dated 7th March 1940, entitled the Merchant Shipping (Colonies) (Amendment) Order, 1940.

Copies of Orders in Council made under the Chartered and Chartered and other Bodies (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1939, dated 7th March 1940, relating to—

(1) the Dartmouth Harbour Commissioners; (2) the Malvern Hills Conservators; (3) the Scottish Universities; and (4) the Wimbledon and Putney Commons Conservators.

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

Secretary Sir John Anderson presented, Shops Acts, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders made under the Shops Acts, 1912 to 1938, by the Councils of the under-mentioned local authorities, and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department—

(1) county palatine of Chester; and (2) borough of Folkestone.

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

Sir Andrew Duncan presented, pursuant to Gas the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy Undertakings of a Draft of a Special Order proposed to be made, under the Gas Undertakings Acts, 1920 to 1934, on the application of the Sheffield and District Gas Company.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to confer further powers upon the Commercial Gas Company; and for other purposes: to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Commercial Gas Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

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

(In the Committee.)

(Vote of Credit, 1940.)

(Expenditure arising out of the War.)

Motion made, and Question put, That a sum not exceeding £700,000,000 be granted to His Majesty, towards defraying the expenses which may be incurred during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1941, for general Navy, Army and Air Services and for the Ministry of Supply in so far as specific provision is not made therefor by Parliament, for securing the public safety, the defence of the realm, the maintenance of public order and the efficient prosecution of the war, for maintaining supplies and services essential to the life of the community and generally for all expenses, beyond those provided for in the ordinary Grants of Parliament, arising out of the existence of a state of war.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the\[i\]

\[1\]Mr. James Stuart:

\[2\]Sir James Edmondson:

\[3\]Tellers for the\[f\]

\[4\]Mr. McGovern:

\[5\]Mr. Stephen:

And, it being after Eleven of the clock, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means 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 Chairman of Ways and Means also acquainted the House that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

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Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 22nd day of February last; Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 27th day of February last; Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 7th March last; Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 27th day of this instant March; Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

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

Resolutions to be reported.

1. Resolved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year ended the 31st day of March 1940, the sum of £2,018,890 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.—(Captain Crookshank.)

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 1941, the sum of £881,165,400 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.—(Captain Crookshank.)

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 1941, the sum of £881,165,400 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.—(Captain Crookshank.)
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Thursday, 14th March 1940.

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

PRAYERS.

Wessex Electricity Bill.

A MOTION being made, That the Wessex Electricity 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.

And Notice being taken, that the interest of His Majesty, as Possessor of the Duchy of Cornwall, 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.

Air Force.

Secretary Sir Kingsley Wood presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, made under the Air Force (Constitution) Act, 1917, dated 29th February 1940, amending in certain respects the Regulations appended to His Majesty's Order dated 19th February 1917, 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.

Copy of an Order, made under Section 2 (1) of the Air Force (Constitution) Act, 1917, Section 20 (1) of the Reserve Forces Act, 1917 (as applied to the Royal Air Force Reserve) by the Air Force Reserve Order, 1924), and Section 7 (1) of the Territorial and Reserve Forces Act, 1917 (as applied to the Auxiliary Air Force by the Auxiliary Air Force Order, 1924), dated 29th February 1940, providing for the issue of new forms of Commission to Officers in His Majesty's Air Forces.

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


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Captain Wallace presented, pursuant to the Road Fund, directions of an Act of Parliament,—Report on the administration of the Road Fund for the year ended 31st March 1939.

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

Captain Crookshank presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, made under Section 9 of the Finance Act, 1932, and Section 1 of the Import Duties (Emergency Provisions) Act, 1939, dated 13th March 1940, entitled the Import Duties (Drawback) (No. 2) Order, 1940.

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

Sir Philip Colfox reported from the Comittee on Group A of Private Bills: That, for the convenience of parties, the Committee had adjourned till Tuesday the 9th day of April next, at Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

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

The Lords have agreed to the Agricultural (Miscellaneous War Provisions) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to make special provision on account of circumstances arising out of the present emergency as to examinations and service under articles in the case of persons desirous of being admitted as solicitors, as to the awarding of prizes, medals and scholarships by law societies, and as to the delegation of the powers of the Master of the Rolls under the enactments relating to solicitors; 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 Agriculture (Miscellaneous War Provisions) Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

The Solicitors (Emergency Provisions) Bill [Lords.] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords National to request that their Lordships will be pleased Expenditure, to give leave to the Lord Woolton to attend to be examined, as a witness, before the Sub-Committee on Army Services, appointed by the Select Committee on National Expenditure.—(Sir Ralph Glyn.)

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the said Message.

Ordered, That this day, notwithstanding Business of anything in Standing Order No. 14, the Reports of Supply, the House, of Civil Estimates, Excesses, 1938; and of Navy Excess, 1938, 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 Reports of Supply of the 12th and 7th days of this instant March, 27th and the 22nd day of February last may be taken after 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.)

Mr. Mabane reported from the Committee of Supply of the 12th day of this instant March, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Army Estimates, 1940.

Vote A. Number of Land Forces.

1. That such number of Land Forces of all ranks, as His Majesty may deem necessary, 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 1941.

Vote 1. Pay, &c., of the Army.

2. That a sum not exceeding £100 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Expense of the Pay, &c., of the Army, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1941.

Army Supplementary Estimate, 1939.

Vote A. Additional Number of Land Forces.

3. That such additional number of Land Forces of all ranks, as His Majesty may deem necessary, 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 1940.

Civil Estimates, 1938.

4. That a sum not exceeding £3,162 4s. 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 1939:

Class and Vote. | Amount to be Voted.
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Class II. | £ s. d.
Vote. 7. Overseas Settlement | 1,052 3 6
Class III. | £ s. d.
12. Miscellaneous Legal Expenses | 2,100 1 2
Class VII. | £ s. d.
6. Office of Works and Public Buildings | 10 0 0

Navy (Excess) 1938.

5. That a sum not exceeding £35,307 17s. 9d. be granted to His Majesty, to make good excesses of Navy Expenditure beyond the grants for the year ended the 31st day of March 1938.

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The First Resolution, being read a second time;

And a Motion being made, and a Question being proposed, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution:

A Message was delivered by Lieutenant-Royal Assent.


Mr. Speaker.

The Lords, authorised by virtue of His Majesty's Commission, for declaring His Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers:—And having returned;

Mr. Speaker reported, That the House, at the desire of the Lords, authorised by virtue of His Majesty's Commission, had been at the House of Peers, where a Commission under the Great Seal was read, giving, declaring and notifying the Royal Assent to the several Acts therein mentioned; and that the Lords, thereby authorised, had declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts, as follow:

1. Mental Deficiency (Scotland) Act, 1940.
2. Cotton Industry Act, 1940.
4. Dumfarton Burgh Order Confirmation Act, 1940.
5. Glasgow Water and Tramways Order Confirmation Act, 1940.

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14th March, 1940.

Vote 1. Wages, &c. of Officers and Men of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines, and of certain other personnel serving with the Fleet.

2. That a sum not exceeding £100 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Expense of Wages, &c. of Officers and Men of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines, and of certain other personnel serving with the Fleet, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1941.

Navy Supplementary Estimate, 1939.

Vote A. Additional Numbers for the Navy.

3. That such additional numbers of Officers, Seamen, Boys and Royal Marines and of Royal Marine Police, as His Majesty may deem necessary, be borne on the books of His Majesty's Ships and at the Royal Marine Divisions, for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1941.

Navy Supplementary Estimate, 1939.

Orders

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide, during twelve months, for the Air Force discipline and regulation of the Army and the Air Force; and that Mr. Secretary Stanley, Mr. Churchill, Secretary Sir Kingsley Wood, Sir Victor Warrender, and Captain Bailford do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Secretary Stanley accordingly presented Army and Air Force (Annual) Bill, and the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Then the remaining Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Colonel Kerr reported from the Committee Supply of the 22nd day of February last, several Resolutions; which were read, as follows:

Civil Estimates, Supplementary Estimate, 1939.

Class II.

Vote 10. India and Burma Services.

1. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £2,000 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1940, for the salaries and expenses of His Majesty's Secretary of State for India and His Majesty's Secretary of State for Burma, and grants in aid of Military expenditure from Indian Revenues.

Class V.


2. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £500,010 be granted to His Majesty to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1940, for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Labour and National Service, 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; 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; contribution towards the expenses of the International Labour Organisation (League of Nations); expenses of the Industrial Court; expenses in connection with national service; expenses in connection with persons liable to be registered and called up for military training and for service in the armed forces of the Crown; and sundry services.

Class II.

Vote 4. Dominions Office.

3. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £4,650 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 1940, for the salaries and expenses of the Department of His Majesty's Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs.

Vote 8. Colonial and Middle Eastern Services.

4. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £10 be granted to His Majesty to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1940, 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.

Class III.

Vote 1. Home Office.

5. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £180,000 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 1940, for the salaries and expenses of the office of His Majesty's Secretary of State for the Home Department and subordinate offices, liquidation expenses of the Royal Irish Constabulary, contributions towards the expenses of Probation, preparation of plans for a Ministry of Information, and a grant in aid of the Central Committee for Refugees.

Class VI.

Vote 5. Export Credits.

6. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £200,000 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 1940, for guarantees given after consultation with the Export Guarantees Advisory Council and for the salaries and expenses of the Export Credits Guarantee Department.

Class VII.


7. 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 1940, for the salaries and expenses of the office of the Commissioners of His Majesty's Works and Public Buildings.

Vote 7. Public Buildings, Great Britain.

8. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £308,000 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 1940, 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.

Class I.

Vote 2. House of Commons.

9. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £3,700 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 1940, for the salaries and expenses of the House of Commons, including a grant in aid to the Kitchen Committee.


10. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £400,000 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 1940, of His Majesty's foreign and other secret services.

Class III.

Vote 9. Land Registry.

11. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £46,000 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 1940, for the salaries and expenses of the office of Land Registry.

Vote 12. Miscellaneous Legal Expenses.

12. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £7,770 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 1940, for certain miscellaneous legal expenses, for the salaries and expenses of arbitrators, &c., in connection with the acquisition of land, for grants in aid of the expenses of the Law Society and of the Solicitors' Discipline (Scotland) Committee, and for the expenses of Tribunals established in connection with Defence Compensation.

Class VII.

Vote 12. Rates on Government Property.

13. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £50,450 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 1940, for rates and contributions in lieu of rates, &c., in respect of property in the occupation of the Crown for the public service, and for rates on buildings occupied by representatives of British Dominions and of Foreign
Resolutions, being read a second time, were 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 receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 13th day of this instant March;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 13th day of this instant March:

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1892, for extending Section 1 of that Act to the borough of Bexhill, a copy of which was presented to this House on the 7th day of this instant March, be approved.

—(Mr. Peake.)

Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1892, for extending Section 1 of that Act to the borough of Bedford, a copy of which was presented to this House on the 7th day of this instant March, be approved.

—(Mr. Peake.)

Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1892, for extending Section 1 of that Act to the borough of Newark-on-Trent, a copy of which was presented to this House on the 7th day of this instant March, be approved.

—(Mr. Peake.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Special Enactments (Extension of Time) 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 Societies (Miscellaneous 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 Agricultural Wages (Regulation) Amendment Bill;

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

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

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Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.

—(Colonel Kerr.)

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, 15th March 1940. The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The Newcastle and Gateshead Waterworks Bill was read the third time and passed.

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

The Staffordshire and Worcestershire Canal Bill was 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 Insurance (Medical Benefit) Act, 1940, entitled the National Insurance (Medical Benefit) Amendment Regulations, 1940.

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

Captain Crookshank presented, pursuant to Import Duties Regulations, made under the National Health Insurance Act, 1936, dated 21st February 1940, entitled the National Health Insurance (Medical Benefit) Amendment Regulations, 1940.

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

Copy of an Order made under Section 19 of Import Duties Regulations, made under the National Health Insurance Act, 1936, entitled the National Health Insurance (Medical Benefit) Amendment Regulations, 1940.

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

Copy of an Order made under Section 19 of Import Duties Regulations, made under the National Health Insurance Act, 1936, entitled the National Health Insurance (Medical Benefit) Amendment Regulations, 1940.

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

Sir James Edmondson reported from the Committee of Supply of the 13th day of this instant March, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

Voted of Credit, 1940.

(Expenditure arising out of the War.)

That a sum not exceeding £700,000,000 be granted to His Majesty, towards defraying the expenses which may be incurred during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1941, for general Navy, Army and Air Services and for the Ministry of Supply in so far as specific provision is not made therefore by Parliament, for securing the public safety, the defence of the realm, the maintenance of public order and the efficient prosecution of the war, for maintaining supplies and services essential to the life of the community and generally for all expenses, beyond those provided for in the ordinary Grants of Parliament, arising out of the existence of a state of war.

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

Ways and Means

[13th March]

Report.

Consolidated Fund.

1. That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year ending the 31st day of March 1939, the sum of £38,470 2s. 5d. 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 1940, the sum of £2,018,930 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 1941, the sum of £881,165,400 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)

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 Captain Crookshank do prepare and bring in.

Consolidated Fund (No. 1)

Bill.

Bill 30.

Captain Crookshank 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-nine, one thousand nine hundred and forty, and one thousand nine hundred and forty-one: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

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

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

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PRAYERS.

SECRETARY Sir John Anderson presented, Sunday, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order made under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932.

Copy of an Order made under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Act to the borough of Swindon.

Copy of an Order made under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Act to the borough of Sandwich.

Copy of an Order made under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Act to the county borough of Great Yarmouth.

Copy of an Order made under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Act to the borough of Tunbridge Wells.

Copy of an Order made under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Act to the borough of Hemel Hempstead.

Copy of an Order made under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Act to the county borough of Reading.

Copy of an Order made under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Act to the urban district of Malvern.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Papers relative to the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1892, be printed.

Captain Crookshank presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Annual Account of Receipts and Disbursements of the Probate Division of the High Court of Justice in Northern Ireland, for 1939.

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

Secretary Sir Kingsley Wood presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order made under the Air Force (Constitution) Act, 1917, dated 6th March 1940, providing for (i) the superannuation of officers appointed to pensionable posts under the Air Ministry in substitution for Royal Air Force officers and (ii) the granting of awards for injury or death attributable to service in such posts.

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 an Order proposed to be made under the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1938, entitled the Unemployment Insurance (Increase of Benefit in respect of Dependent Children) Order, 1940.

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

Civil Contingencies Fund, 1938. 

Message from the Lords.

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to amend in certain respects the Brighton Marine Palace and Pier Acts 1888 and 1893; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to confer powers upon the London County Council and other authorities; 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 Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals to acquire and hold lands; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.
4 GEO. VI. 18th—19th March.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Agricultural Wages (Regulation) Amendment Bill;

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

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

The Lords have agreed to the Rating and Valuation (Postponement of Valuations) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Canterbury) Bill without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Ilkley) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Old Age and Widows' Pensions Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to make provision with respect to the war service of persons employed by The King Edward the Seventh Welsh National Memorial Association; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to empower the Mayor Aldermen and Citizens of the city of Coventry to construct and maintain waterworks and take water from the River Avon; to extend the time for the purchase of lands needed for certain street works; to alter the qualification of apprentices serving during the period of the present emergency in the Navy the Army or the Air Force for the freedom of the city; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords give leave to the Lord Woolton to attend in order to his being examined, as a witness, before the Sub-Committee on Army Services, appointed by the Select Committee appointed by this House on National Expenditure, if his Lordship think fit.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Old Age and Widows' Pensions Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow; and be printed.

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

Commercial Gas Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Captain Crookshank presented,—Return to an Order dated the 18th day of this instant March, for a Return relative to the Civil Contingencies Fund, 1938.

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

Secretary Sir John Anderson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order in Council made under the Emergency Powers (Defence) Act, 1899, dated 7th March 1940, adding Regulation 58 to the Defence (Finance) Regulations, 1899.

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 Rules made under the West Indian Prisons Act, 1888, by the Governor of St. Vincent in Council on the 23rd day of December 1889, authorising weekly payments to prisoners as a reward for exemplary behaviour and industry.

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:—

Schedule containing a List and Particulars of certain Classes of Documents existing or accruing in the offices of the Electricity Commissioners which are not considered of sufficient public value to justify their preservation in the Public Record Office.

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Public Records (Electricity Commission.)

[No. 44.]

Tuesday, 19th March 1940.

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

PRAYERS.

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

Commercial Gas Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Captain Crookshank presented,—Return to an Order dated the 18th day of this instant March, for a Return relative to the Civil Contingencies Fund, 1938.

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

Secretary Sir John Anderson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order in Council made under the Emergency Powers (Defence) Act, 1899, dated 7th March 1940, adding Regulation 58 to the Defence (Finance) Regulations, 1899.

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

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

The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

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

I hereby certify that this Bill is a Money Bill within the meaning of the Parliament Act, 1911.

E. A. FITZROY, 
Speaker.)

The Order of the day being read, for the 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 Amendments made by the Lords to the Agriculture (Miscellaneous War Provisions) 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 Special Enactments (Extension of Time) 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 Societies (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill;

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

Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1892, for extending Section 1 of that Act to the county of Sudbury (parish of Filton), a copy of which was presented to this House on the 12th day of this instant March, be approved.—(Mr. Peake.)

Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1892, for extending Section 1 of that Act to the county of Yarmouth, a copy of which was presented to this House on the 18th day of this instant March, be approved.—(Mr. Peake.)
the James Mew Will Trust, amounting to about one hundred and forty-four pounds. That the establishment is necessarily attended with an expense far beyond the annual produce of the above-mentioned sums, and the Trust cannot with benefit to the public be carried on without the aid of Parliament; and praying the House to grant them such further support towards enabling them to carry on the execution of the Trust reposed in them by Parliament for the general benefit of learning and useful knowledge as to the House shall seem meet.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Treaty Series No. 9, 1940. Mr. Butler presented, by His Majesty's Command.—Copy of Notes exchanged between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the French Government respecting the abolition of consular visas on bills of health. Paris, 8th October 1939.

Spain (No. 1, 1940.) Copy of a Trade and Payments Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom and the Spanish Government. Madrid, 18th March 1940.

Spain (No. 2, 1940.) Copy of a Loan Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom and the Spanish Government. Madrid, 18th March 1940.

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

Dental Board. Major Tryon presented, pursuant to the direction of several Acts of Parliament.—Account of the Income and Expenditure of the Dental Board of the United Kingdom for 1939.

Medical Councils. 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 1939.

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

Births, Deaths and Marriages (Scotland.) Mr. Secretary Colville presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Eighty-fourth Annual Report of the Registrar-General for Scotland, being a Report for 1938.

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


Copy of an Order made under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Act to the urban district of Llandrindod Wells.

Copy of an Order made under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Act to the borough of Harwich.

Copy of an Order made under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Act to the urban district of Tavistock.

Copy of an Order in Council, made under the Emergency Powers (Defence) Act, 1939, dated 7th March 1940, amending the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939.

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Copy of an Order made under the Shops Acts, Acts, 1912 to 1936, by the Council of the county borough of St. Helens and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department.

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

Mr. Ernest Brown presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations made under the Trade Boards and Road Haulage—Wages (Emergency Provisions) Act, 1940, dated 19th March 1940, entitled the Road Haulage (Emergency Provisions) (Miscellaneous) Regulations, 1940.

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

Captain Crookshank presented, pursuant to Government directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Accounts of all Moneys received on account of Contracts for the Grant of deferred Life Annuities and for Payments on Death under the provisions of the Government Annuities Act, 1929, and of the disposal thereof, and of the Contracts made for 1939.

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

The Order made upon the 16th day of Russia January last, that the Paper, Russia (No. 1, 1939) No. 104. 1939), do lie upon the Table, was read and discharged.

Ordered, That the said Paper be withdrawn.

Mr. Bracewell Smith reported from the Select Committee on Kitchen and Refreshment Rooms (House of Commons): That they had agreed to a Special Report, which they had directed him to make to the House: No. 105. And the Special Report was brought up and read.

Ordered, That the Special Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Resolved, That this House do meet to-morrow Sittings of the House. 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.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Resolved, That this House, at its rising Adjournment to-morrow, do adjourn till Tuesday the 2nd (Easter) day of April next.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Ordered, That the Proceedings on Govern- ment Business be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Old Age and Widows' Pensions Act. take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Old Age and Widows' Pensions Bill.

The Lords Amendment in p. 6, l. 32, the first Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.
The Lords Amendment in p. 8, l. 35, leave out subsections (3) and (4), 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. 13, l. 2 being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 13, l. 2, after ("servants") insert ("and the rules so made shall provide for treating any pensionable officer or servant of a local authority who becomes an officer or servant of the Board within one year after that date as a pensionable officer or servant of a local authority to which those rules apply, notwithstanding that the Treasury may not have directed that the rules should apply to that authority and that no application may have been made by the authority in that behalf "), the next Amendment, being read a second time;

Special Entry. And it appearing that the object of the Amendment was to carry out the intentions of the Commons, the same was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments as far as the Amendment in p. 25, l. 18, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 25, l. 18, leave out from beginning to end of l. 21, 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. 25, l. 31, leave out ("person") to ("after") in l. 34, 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. 26, l. 26, leave out from beginning to end of l. 29, 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. 26, l. 31, leave out ("otherwise than in money "), 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. 26, l. 38, leave out from ("person") to ("after") in l. 42, 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. 27, l. 7, leave out ("otherwise than in money "), the remaining 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.

Ordered. That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Ordered. That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for Tuesday the 2nd day of April next.—(Colonel Kerr.)
The Special Enactments (Extension of Time) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for Tuesday the 2nd day of April next.—(Colonel Kerr.)

The Solicitors (Emergency Provisions) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for Tuesday the 2nd day of April next.—(Mr. Bowllon.)

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

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

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Army and Air Force (Annual) Bill ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 2nd day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Agricultural Wages (Regulation) Amendment Bill ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 2nd day of April next.

Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, for extending Section 1 of that Act to the urban district of Malvern, a copy of which was presented to this House on the 18th day of this instant March, be approved.—(Mr. Peake.)

Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, for extending Section 1 of that Act to the county borough of Reading, a copy of which was presented to this House on the 18th day of this instant March, be approved.—(Mr. Peake.)

Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, for extending Section 1 of that Act to the borough of Hambledon Hempstead, a copy of which was presented to this House on the 18th day of this instant March, be approved.—(Mr. Peake.)

Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, for extending Section 1 of that Act to the borough of Royal Tunbridge Wells, a copy of which was presented to this House on the 18th day of this instant March, be approved.—(Mr. Peake.)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Bowllon.)

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

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Thursday, 21st March 1940.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Elliot presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Schemes made under the Local Government Superannuation Acts, 1837, by—

(1) The Newmarket Urban District Council ;

and

(2) the Southport and District Water Board.

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

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords, was, according to Order, read a second time; and a copy of which was presented to the House of Peers by the Lords, one of their Clerks, as followeth :—

The Lords have agreed to the Consolidated Fund (No. 1) Bill, without any Amendment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment, Proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Captain Margesson) ;

A Message was delivered by Lieutenant Royal Assent.


Mr. Speaker,

The Lords, authorised by virtue of His Majesty's Commission, for declaring His Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers :—And having returned ;

Mr. Speaker reported, That the House, at the desire of the Lords, authorised by virtue of His Majesty's Commission, had been at the House of Peers, where a Commission under the Great Seal was read, giving, declaring and notifying the Royal Assent to the several Acts therein mentioned ; and that the Lords, thereby authorised, had declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts, as follow :—

1. Consolidated Fund (No. 1) Act, 1940.
2. Rating and Valuation (Postponement of Valuations) Act, 1940.
3. Old Age and Widows' Pensions Act, 1940.
5. Ministry of Health Provisional Order Confirmation (Canterbury) Act, 1940.

6. Ministry of Health Provisional Order Confirmation (Ilkley) Act, 1940.

Adjournment. And the Question being again proposed, That this House do now adjourn;

And it being Four of the clock, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, without Question put, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of the 20th day of this instant March, till Tuesday the 2nd day of April next, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of the 20th day of this instant March.

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[No. 47.]

Tuesday, 2nd April 1940.

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 Hon. Sir John Gilmour, Baronet, G.C.V.O., D.S.O., late Member for the Burgh of Glasgow (Pollok 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 sent the following cablegram to the Speaker of the House of Representatives of New Zealand:

"It is with profound regret that I have received news of the death of Mr. Savage. On behalf of British House of Commons I wish to express our sympathy with the relatives and our hope that they will be comforted in their time of bereavement."

Mr. Speaker further informed the House that he had received the following reply:

"Speaker, House of Commons. On behalf of the House of Representatives I sincerely thank you for the sympathetic message sent by you on behalf of the House of Commons on the occasion of the death of the Prime Minister.

BARNARD, Speaker, House of Representatives."
Copies of Regulations made under the Trade Boards Act, 1909, dated 5th March 1940, entitled the Trade Boards (Furniture Manufacturing Trade, Great Britain) (Constitution and Proceedings) Regulations, 1940.

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

Sir Andrew Duncan presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Note by the Board of Trade explanatory of the War Risks (Commodity Insurance) (No. 3) Order, 1940.

Sir Andrew Duncan also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order made under the War Risks Insurance Act, 1939, dated 30th March 1940, entitled the War Risks (Commodity Insurance) (No. 3) Order, 1940.

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

Secretary Sir John Anderson presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Orders in Council made under the Emergency Powers (Defence) Act, 1939, dated 19th March 1940.—

(1) amending the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939, and the Defence (Finance) Regulations, 1939;
(2) amending Regulation 63 of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939; and
(3) adding Regulation 81A to the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939.

Copy of an Order made under the Shops Acts, 1912 to 1938, by the Council of the Borough of Beverley, and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department.

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

Captain Crookshank presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order made under the Debts Clearing Offices and Import Restrictions Act, 1934, dated 30th March 1940, entitled the Clearing Office (Spain) Amendment Order, 1940.

Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 26th March 1940, granting a retired allowance to Mr. Charles Thomas Frederick Madell, Assistant Auditor, Exchequer and Audit Department, under Section 2 of the Superannuation Act, 1887.

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 a Scheme made under the Local Government Superannuation (Scotland) Act, 1937, by the Peebles, Roxburgh and Selkirk Superannuation Joint Committee.

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:—

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 1939, and Accounts of the Receipts and Payments of the Commissioner for the Special Areas in Scotland, prepared in accordance with Section 3 (6) of the Act, for the year ended 31st March 1939, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Account of the Unemployment Assistance Unemployment Fund established pursuant to Section 44 (1) of the Unemployment Assistance Act, 1934, showing the Receipts into and the Payments out of the Fund for the year ended 31st March 1939, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Accounts of the Cattle Fund and of the Cattle Fund and Livestock Commission showing the Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31st March 1939.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on Government Business of the House be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(The Prime Minister.)

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

(Captain Margesson):—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

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

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair for Committee on the Civil Estimates and Estimates for Revenue Departments—

(Captain Margesson):—

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 the prices of controlled foodstuffs have been fixed so high that large numbers of the population are unable to obtain their requirements, and is of opinion that energetic measures should be taken forthwith to restore the balance between the purchasing power of the people and the cost of living generally."—(Mr. John Morgan), 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. Buchan Hepburn, 160.
Mr. Bolton: 117.

Tellers for the 
Mr. Charlton, 117.
Mr. Adamson:

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put;

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.
The House accordingly resolved itself into
the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates and Estimates for Revenue Departments, 1940.

Class I.

Vote 2. House of Commons.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £319,655 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 1941 for the salaries and expenses of the House of Commons, including a grant in aid to the Kitchen Committee.

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

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman acquainted the House, That the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

Ways and Means

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

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

Army and Air Force (Annual) Bill

The 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 Thursday next.—(Captain Margesson.)

Societies (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Societies (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill;

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

Special Enactments (Extension of Time) Bill (Lords.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Special Enactments (Extension of Time) Bill [Lords];

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

Solictors (Emergency Provisions) Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Solictors. (Emergency Provisions) Bill [Lords];

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

Agricultural Wages (Regulation) Amendment Bill

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Agricultural Wages (Regulation) Amendment 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 twenty minutes after Nine of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

Mr. Butler presented, by His Majesty's Italian Command,—Copy of Correspondence with the Italian Government regarding the exercise by His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom of their belligerent rights at sea. Rome, 3rd-19th March 1940.

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 Provisional Regulations made under the Holidays with Pay Act, 1938, dated 1st April 1940, entitled the Holidays with Pay (Adaptation of Enactments) (Trade Boards and Road Haulage) (Amendment) Provisional Regulations, 1940.

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

Secretary Sir John Anderson presented, Shops Acts, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order made under the Shops Acts, 1912 to 1936, by the Council of the County Borough of St. Helens, and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department.

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

Sir Andrew Duncan presented, pursuant to Bankruptcy the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account showing the Receipts and Expenditure on account of Bankruptcy and Companies (Winding-up) Proceedings during the year ended 31st March 1940, prepared in accordance with Section 15 (1) of the Economy (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1926.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.
4 GEO. VI.  3rd—4th April.

Mr. Lloyd presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Reports of His Majesty's Inspectors of Mines and Quarries under the Quarries Act, 1894, and the Metalliferous Mines Regulation Acts, 1872 and 1875, for 1888.

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 made under the Administration of Justice (Emergency Provisions) Act, 1939, dated 27th March 1940, entitled the Rules of the Supreme Court (Rules).

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 Ely Cathedral Canopies Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to enable the Urban District Council of Northallerton to construct further waterworks; to vary the existing provisions in regard to the abstraction of water by the Council from the streams they are authorised to appropriate; to confer further powers upon the Council in regard to their water undertaking; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Northallerton Urban District Council Bill [Lords.] was read the first time.

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

Ordered, That the Committee on Group A of Private Bills, which stands adjourned until Tuesday next, be further adjourned, for the convenience of parties, until Thursday the 18th day of this instant April, at Eleven of the clock. —(Sir Philip Colfox.)

The Agricultural Wages (Regulation) 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. James Stuart.)

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 this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. James Stuart.)

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

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

Other Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 8 disagreed to.

Clause No. 9 amended, and agreed to.

Clauses No. 10 to No. 13 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 Committee, be taken into consideration upon Tuesday next; and be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Solicitors (Emergency Provisions) Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 and No. 2 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 3 agreed to.

Clauses No. 4 and 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 thereunto.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Solicitors (Extension of Time) Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 and No. 2 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 3 agreed to.

Clauses No. 4 and 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 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 Supply. Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday 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 Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Army and Air Force (Annual) Bill;

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour after Nine of the clock, adjourned till Tuesday next, pursuant to the Resolution of the House this day.

PRAYERS.

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

Northallerton Urban District Council Bill [Lords.]

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Brighton Marine Palace and Pier Bill [Lords.] was read a second time, and committed.

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

The London County Council (General Powers) Bill [Lords.] was read a second time, and committed.

The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Bill [Lords.] was read a second time, and committed.

The King Edward, the Seventh Welsh National Memorial Association Bill [Lords.] was read a second time, and committed.

The Order made upon the 4th day of this instant April, that the Paper relative to the Control of Employment Act, 1939, do lie upon the Table and be printed, was read and discharged.

Ordered, That the said Paper be withdrawn.

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Mr. Elliot presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Orders made under the Poor Law Act, 1930, dated 29th March 1940, entitled—

(1) the 'Nottingham and Derbyshire Joint Vagrancy Committee (Amendment) Order, 1940; and
(2) the Yorkshire Casual Poor Assistance Order, 1940.

Copy of Regulations made under the National Health Insurance Act, 1936, dated 2nd April 1940, entitled the National Health Insurance (Medical Benefit) Amendment Regulations (No. 3) 1940.

Copy of a Scheme made under the Town and Country Planning Act, 1932, entitled the Chipping Norton and District and Woodstock Joint Regional Planning Scheme, No. 2.

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

Captain Wallace presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Provisional Regulations made under the Road Traffic Act, 1930, dated 20th March 1940, entitled—

(1) the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) Provisional Regulations, 1940; and
(2) the Public Service Vehicles (Conditions of Fitness) (Amendment) Provisional Regulations, 1940.

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

Mr. Secretary Colville, supported by the Lord Advocate, Captain McEwen, Captain Crookshank, and Mr. Assheton, presented a Bill to amend the provisions of the Agricultural Wages (Regulation) (Scotland) Act, 1937, relating to the power to direct reconsideration of minimum rates of wages, the constitution of the Scottish Agricultural Wages Board, and the appointment of chairmen of agricultural wages committees: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Captain Margesson):—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Agricultural Wages (Regulation) Amendment Bill.

Clause No. 1 (Duty of Agricultural Wages Board to fix national minimum wage).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 6, to leave out from the word '' after,' to the word '' after,' in l. 8.—(Mr. Tom Smith.)

Question put, That the word '' after,' stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the

- Mr. Munro, 194.
- Sir James Edmondson : 115.

Tellers for the

- Mr. Adamson, 194.
- Mr. Groves : 115.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 6, to leave out from the word '' after,' to the word '' after,' in l. 8, and insert the words '' giving notice to the agricultural wages committees and considering any representations made by them and.'''—(Mr. Wilfrid Roberts.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (Duty of agricultural wages committees to conform to minimum wage.)

Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 16, to leave out subsection (3).—(Miss Ward.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 25, to leave out subsection (4).—(Mr. Ridley.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 3 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

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

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

The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded Special to take into consideration the Special Enactments (Extension of Time) Bill [Lords], 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, 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 day be 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 Wags 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 into consideration the Societies (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.
4 GEO. VI. 9th—10th April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Army and Air Force (Annual) Bill;

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

Ordered, That the Committee on National Expenditure do consist of Thirty-two Members;

Ordered, That Mr. Erskine Hill, Sir Arnold Gridley, Mr. Lipson, and Mr. Watkins be added to the Committee.—(Mr. Grimston.)

Adjournment.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Grimston.)

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

[No. 51.]

Wednesday, 10th April 1940.

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

PRAYERS.


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

Sir Hugh O'Neill presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of a Communiqué issued by the Governor-General and of Resolutions by the Indian National Congress, the All-India Moslem League and the Chamber of Princes relative to India and the War.

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 an Order made under the Shops Act, 1912, by the Council of the Royal Burgh of Stirling, and confirmed by the Secretary of State for Scotland.

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 an Order in Council, made under the Chartered and other Bodies (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1939, dated 5th April 1940, entitled the Llanelly Harbour Trust (Temporary Provisions) Order, 1940.

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Copy of an Order in Council, dated 5th April 1940, approving an Admiralty Memorial under the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865, revising provisions for payment of marriage allowance and children’s allowances to officers of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines.

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

Captain Crookshank presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Statement of Guarantees given by the Treasury during the year ended 31st March 1940, in pursuance of Section 29 (1) of the Coal Act, 1938, on loans proposed to be raised by the Coal Commission; with Account up to the 31st March 1940, of the total sums issued out of the Consolidated Fund for the purpose of guarantees given by the Treasury under Section 29 (1) of the Act, or received by way of repayment of any sums so issued.

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

Mr. Churchill presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Accounts of the Receipt and Expenditure of the Capital Fund, and of the Income derived from the lands and other property held for the benefit of Greenwich Hospital, and the Foundation of Samuel Travers, Esquire, for the year ended 31st March 1939, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved Army and Air Force (Annual) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 to No. 6 agreed to.

A Clause (Appeal from courts-martial).—(Mr. Foot), 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.

Preamble agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

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

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

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Societies (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill, as amended in the Bill 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 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 Agricultural Wages (Regulation) (Scotland) Bill;

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

Adjournment;

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Sir James Edmondson.)

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

[No. 52.]

Thursday, 11th April 1940.

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

PRAYERS.

CAPTAIN Crookshank presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Statement of Guarantees given by the Treasury in pursuance of Section 16 (1) of the British Overseas Airways Act, 1939.

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


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


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The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

1. That, in the case of The Monmouthshire and South Wales Employers’ Mutual Indemnity Society, Limited [Lords], Petition for Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with—That the parties be permitted to insert their additional Provision if the Committee on the Bill think fit.

2. That, in the case of the Christchurch Christchurch Corporation Bill, Petition for additional Provision, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with—That the parties be permitted to insert their additional Provision if the Committee on the Bill think fit.

3. That, in the case of the Birmingham Birmingham Corporation Bill, Petition for additional Provision, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with—That the parties be permitted to insert their additional Provision if the Committee on the Bill think fit.

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

Resolved, That this House, at its rising this Adjournment, do adjourn till Tuesday next.—(The Prime Minister.)

The House, according to Order, resolved Supply itself into the Committee of Supply. (4th allotted Day).

(In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates and Estimates for Revenue Departments, 1940.

Class I.

Vote 2. House of Commons.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £319,655 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 1941, for the salaries and expenses of the House of Commons, including a grant in aid to the Kitchen Committee.

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 Tuesday next, again 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 minutes before Six of the clock, adjourned till Tuesday next, pursuant to the Resolution of the House this day.
4 GEO. VI. 16th April.

[No. 53.]

Tuesday, 16th April 1940.

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 election of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the Burgh of Glasgow (Pollok Division), in the room of Lieutenant-Colonel the Right Honourable Sir John Gilmour, Baronet, G.C.V.O., D.S.O., deceased.—[Mr. James Stuart.]

The Northallerton Urban District Council Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

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 forty to the thirtieth day of September one thousand nine hundred and forty-one and for other purposes, was presented and read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The following Papers, presented by His Majesty’s Command during the Adjournment, were delivered to the Librarian of the House of Commons during the Adjournment, pursuant to Standing Order No. 93:—


Copy of an Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom and the Norwegian Government for the exemption from taxation of profits or gains arising through an agency [with copies of Notes exchanged]. London, 21st December 1938. [Ratifications exchanged at London on 10th July 1939.]

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

Captain Crookshank presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of the Final Report of the Committee appointed to advise on the Principles of Assessment of War Damage to Property for the purposes of the Government Compensation Scheme.

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

Captain Crookshank also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—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; with Account up to 31st March 1940 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.

Account up to 31st March 1940, showing Egyptian Guaranteed Loan of 1885, the total Sums issued from the Consolidated Fund, pursuant to the Egyptian Loan Act, 1885, in respect of the Annuity of £2,150,000 which was guaranteed by Her late Majesty Queen Victoria for the purpose of facilitating the raising of a Loan by the Government of Egypt, and of the Sums paid in or towards the Repayment of any Money so issued.

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

Secretary Sir John Anderson presented, Shops Acts, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order made under the Shops Acts, 1912 to 1936, by the Council of the Urban District of Tyklesley, and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department.

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

Mr. Secretary Colville presented, pursuant to paragraph (6) of Regulation 18s of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1899.—Report of action taken under the said Regulation during the period 1st March 1940 to 31st March 1940.

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


Copy of the Twelfth Annual Report of the Central Electricity Board, being a Report for 1939.

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

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords by the Lords. Vol. 195.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Special Enactments (Extension of Time) Bill [Lords], without any further Amendment.

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

(In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates, 1940.

Class V.


Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £15,108,000 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 1941, for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Labour and National Service, 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; expenses of transfer and resettlement; expenses of training (including, on behalf of the Army Council, training of soldiers); contribution towards the expenses of the International Labour Organisation (League of Nations); expenses of the Industrial Court, expenses in connection with national service, and sundry services.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask, leave to sit again.—(Mr. Munro),—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 matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

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

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

Agricultural Wages (Regulation) (Scotland) Bill;

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Agricultural Wages (Regulation) (Scotland) Bill;—

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

Adjournment.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Munro.)

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

[No. 54.]

Wednesday, 17th April 1940.

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

P R A Y E R S.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939, which was presented on the 16th day of this instant April, be printed.

Captain Crookshank presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order made under Section 9 of the Finance Act, 1932, and Section 1 of the Import Duties (Emergency Provisions) Act, 1929, dated 16th April 1940, entitled the Import Duties (Drawback) (No. 3) Order, 1940. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Captain Wallace presented, pursuant to the Civil Defence regulations of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations made under the Civil Defence Act, 1939, dated 28th March 1940, entitled the Central Electricity Board (Civil Defence) Borrowing Regulations, 1940.

Copy of Provisional Regulations made under Road Traffic Act, 1939, dated 4th March 1940, entitled the Motor Vehicles (Definition of Motor Cars) Provisional Regulations, 1940. Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Colville presented, pursuant Shops Acts, to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order made under the Shops Act, 1912, by the Council of the City and Royal Burgh of Edinburgh, and confirmed by the Secretary of State for Scotland. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Reginald Dorman-Smith presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order made under the Destructive Insects and Pests Acts, 1939, entitled the Motor Vehicles (Definition of Motor Cars) Provisional Regulations, 1940. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Ministry Committee on Unopposed Bills: That they had considered the Order contained in the Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Blackburn) 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 Royal Society Committee on Unopposed Bills: That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals 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.
The King Edward the Seventh Welsh National Memorial Association Bill [Lords.]

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills: That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of The King Edward the Seventh Welsh National Memorial Association 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.

Commercial Gas Bill [Lords.]

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills: That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Commercial Gas 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.

Agricultural Wages (Regulation) (Scotland) Bill.

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

Distribution of the Industrial Population.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Report of the Royal Commission on the Distribution of the Industrial Population be now taken into consideration—(Mr. Buchan-Hepburn): — The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Supply.

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

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

Ways and Means.

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

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

Adjournment.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Grimston.)

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

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Thursday, 18th April 1940.

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

PRAYERS.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Blackburn) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time and passed.

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

Captain Crookshank presented, pursuant to Civil List Orders, the directions of an Act of Parliament.—List of Grants of Pensions of the Grants extended during the year ended 31st March 1940, and payable under the provisions of subsection (1) of Section 15 of the Civil List Act, 1907.

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

Sir Hugh O'Neill presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Combined Finance and Revenue Accounts of the Central and Provincial Governments in India for 1938-39.

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:

Account showing the Receipts and Expenditure of the High Court of Justice in respect of the Court of Appeal during the year ended 31st March 1940.

Copy of a Return to the Lord Chancellor, Lanacy, of the Number of Visits made and the Number of Patients seen by the several Commissioners of the Board of Control during the six months ended 31st December 1939.

Sir Philip Colfox reported from the Committee on Group A of Private Bills: That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Birmingham 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 therefore; and had amended the Title as followeth: A Title Bill to empower the Lord Mayor Aldermen amended and Citizens of the city of Birmingham to construct waterworks; to make further provision in reference to the Officers', Widows' and Orphans' Pensions Scheme; and for other purposes.

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Sir Philip Colfox 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 Philip Colfox reported from the Committee on Group A of Private Bills: That there being no business ready for the consideration of the Committee, the Committee had adjourned till Thursday next, at Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

National Expenditure.

Second Report.

Sir John Wardlaw Milne reported from the Select Committee on National Expenditure: That they had made further 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.

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New Members sworn.

Captain Sir William Jocelyn Ian Fraser, c.b.e., Member for the County of Lancaister (Lonsdale Division), was sworn.

Francis Campbell Ross Douglas, Esquire, Member for the Borough of Battersea (North Division), was sworn.

Workmen’s Compensation Supplementary Allowances Bill.

Bill 34.

Secretary Sir John Anderson, supported by Mr. Attorney-General and Mr. Peake, presented a Bill to provide for the payment of supplementary allowances in respect of wives and children to male workmen entitled to weekly payments by way of compensation under the Workmen’s Compensation Act, 1925, and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next; and to be printed.

Adjournment.

Resolved, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn till Tuesday next.—(The Prime Minister.)

Resolved, That this House approves the Government continuity in force of the Proclamation issued under Section 93 of the Government of India Act, 1935, by the Governor of Orissa on the 6th day of November last, and of his Proclamation varying the same issued on the 2nd day of December last, copies of which were presented to this House on the 28th day of November last, and the 16th day of January last, respectively.—(Sir Hugh O’Neill.)

Resolved, That this House approves the Government continuity in force of the Proclamation issued under Section 93 of the Government of India Act, 1935, by the Governor of the North West Frontier Province on the 10th day of November last, and of his Proclamation varying the same issued on the 3rd day of December last, copies of which were presented to this House on the 28th day of November last, and the 16th day of January last, respectively.—(Sir Hugh O’Neill.)

Resolved, That this House approves the Government continuity in force of the Proclamation issued under Section 93 of the Government of India Act, 1935, by the Governor of Bihar on the 3rd day of November last, and of his Proclamation varying the same issued on the 2nd day of December last, copies of which were presented to this House on the 28th day of November last, and the 16th day of January last, respectively.—(Sir Hugh O’Neill.)

Resolved, That this House approves the Government continuity in force of the Proclamation issued under Section 93 of the Government of India Act, 1935, by the Governor of the Central Provinces and Berar on the 10th day of November last, and of his Proclamation varying the same issued on the 2nd day of December last, copies of which were presented to this House on the 28th day of November last, and the 16th day of January last, respectively.—(Sir Hugh O’Neill.)

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Agricultural Committee on the Agricultural Wages (Regula-

tion) (Scotland) Bill:

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

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-two minutes before Eight of the clock, adjourned till Tuesday next, pursuant to the Resolution of the House this day.
Tuesday, 23rd April 1940.

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 election of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the County of Renfrew (Eastern Division), in the room of Douglas Douglas-Hamilton, Esquire, commonly called The Marquess of Clydesdale, now The Duke of Brandon (Duke of Hamilton), called up to the House of Peers.—(Mr. James Stuart.)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders, which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:

London County Council (Money) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Bill [Lords.]

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The King Edward the Seventh Welsh National Memorial Association Bill [Lords.]

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

Orders of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, on the following Bills:

London County Council (Money) Bill.

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 an Order in Council made under the Emergency Powers (Defence) Act, 1939, dated 17th April 1940, amending Regulations 35, 56, 62 and 69 of, and adding Regulation 47c to, the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939.

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

Mr. Elliot presented, pursuant to the Poor Law (Amendment) Act, 1930, and the Provisional Regulations made under the Poor Law Act, 1930, dated 16th April 1940, entitled—

(1) the Relief Regulation (Amendment) Orders, 1940; and

(2) the Public Assistance (Amendment) Orders, 1940.

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

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

Copy of the Annual Report and Accounts of Queen Anne’s Bounty for 1899.

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

Copy of a Scheme made under the Union of Benefices Measure, 1929, for effecting certain alterations of boundaries affecting the parishes of the said Benefices of Notting Hill, Saint Michael and All Angels, and Notting Hill, Christ Church and the parish of the Benefice of Notting Hill, Saint Columb, all of which benefices and parishes are situate in the county of Middlesex and in the Diocese of London.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Copy of the Statement of Revenue and Expenditure as laid before the House by Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer when opening the Budget.—(Captain Crookshank.)

Captain Crookshank accordingly presented the said Paper.

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

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

The Lords have agreed to the Newcastle and Gateshead Waterworks Bill, without any Amendment.

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The Lords have agreed to the Staffordshire and Worcestershire Canal Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Wessex Electricity Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on Government Business be postponed, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

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

(In the Committee.)

CUSTOMS AND EXCISE.

Beer (Excise).

1. Motion made, and Question put, That, as from the twenty-fourth day of April, nineteen hundred and forty, the duty of excise charged in respect of beer under section one of the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1939, shall be charged at the following increased rates:—

For every 36 gallons of worts of a £ s. d.
original gravity of 1,027 degrees or less - - - - 3 s. 5 d.
For every 36 gallons of beer of an original gravity exceeding 1,027 degrees—
For the first 1,027 degrees - 3 s. 5 d.
For every additional degree in excess of 1,027 degrees - 0 d. 2 s. 6 d.

and so in proportion for any less number of gallons;

And, in the case of beer in respect of which it is shown to the satisfaction of the Commissioners of Customs and Excise that duty at the foregoing increased rates has been paid, the excise drawback allowed under that section shall be allowed at the following increased rates:—

For every 36 gallons of beer of an original gravity of 1,027 degrees or less - - - - 3 s. 5 d.
For every 36 gallons of beer of an original gravity exceeding 1,027 degrees—
For the first 1,027 degrees - 3 s. 5 d.
For every additional degree in excess of 1,027 degrees - 0 d. 2 s. 6 d.

and so in proportion for any less number of gallons:

Provided that as respects beer of an original gravity of less than 1,027 degrees, the amount of drawback allowable shall not exceed by more than twopence for every 36 gallons the amount of duty which is shown as aforesaid to have been paid.

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.)

Division

(No Tellers
for the Noes.)

The Committee proceeded to a Division:— Colonel Kerr and Mr. Mawro 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.

2. Resolved, That, as from the twenty-fourth day of April, nineteen hundred and forty, the duty of customs charged in respect of beer under section one of the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1939, shall be charged at the following increased rates:—

For every 36 gallons, where the £ s. d. worts thereof were, before fermentation, of a specific gravity of 1,027 degrees or less—

In the case of beer being an Empire product - - - - 3 s. 5 d.
In the case of beer not being an Empire product - - - - 4 s. 5 d.

For every 36 gallons, where the worts thereof were, before fermentation, of a specific gravity exceeding 1,027 degrees—

In the case of beer being an Empire product—
For the first 1,027 degrees - 3 s. 5 d.
For every additional degree in excess of 1,027 degrees - - 0 d. 2 s. 6 d.
In the case of beer not being an Empire product—
For the first 1,027 degrees - 4 s. 5 d.
For every additional degree in excess of 1,027 degrees - - 0 d. 2 s. 6 d.

and so in proportion for any less number of gallons;

And in the case of beer in respect of which it is shown to the satisfaction of the Commissioners of Customs and Excise that duty at the foregoing increased rates has been paid, the customs drawback allowed under that section shall be allowed at the following increased rates:—

For every 36 gallons, where the £ s. d. worts thereof were, before fermentation, of a specific gravity of 1,027 degrees or less—

In the case of beer being an Empire product - - - - 3 s. 5 d.
In the case of beer not being an Empire product - - - - 4 s. 5 d.
For every 36 gallons, where the worts thereof were, before fermentation, of a specific gravity exceeding 1,027 degrees—

In the case of beer being an Empire product—
For the first 1,027 degrees - 3 s. 5 d.
For every additional degree in excess of 1,027 degrees - - 0 d. 2 s. 6 d.
In the case of beer not being an Empire product—
For the first 1,027 degrees - 4 s. 5 d.
For every additional degree in excess of 1,027 degrees - - 0 d. 2 s. 6 d.

and so in proportion for any less number of gallons:

Provided that as respects beer of an original gravity of less than 1,027 degrees the amount of drawback allowable shall not exceed the amount of duty which is shown as aforesaid to have been paid, less threepence for every 36 gallons.
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.)

Spirits (Excise).

3. Resolved, That, as from the twenty-fourth day of April, nineteen hundred and forty, the rate of the duty of excise charged on spirits by section three of the Finance Act, 1920, in addition to the duties specified in Part III of the First Schedule to that Act, shall be increased to four pounds seventeen shillings and sixpence per gallon computed at proof.

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.)

Spirits (Customs).

4. Resolved, That, as from the twenty-fourth day of April, nineteen hundred and forty, the duties of customs charged on spirits of the descriptions set out in the first column of the following Table by section three of the Finance Act, 1920, in addition to the duties specified in Part II of the First Schedule to that Act, shall—

(a) in the case of spirits being Empire products, be charged at the increased rates shown in the second column of that Table; and

(b) in the case of spirits not being Empire products, be charged at the increased rates shown in the third column of that Table.

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| Tobacco unmanufactured— containing 10 lbs. or more of moisture in every 100 lbs. weight thereof — unstripped — 0 17 6 stripped — 0 17 6\(\frac{1}{2}\) containing less than 10 lbs. of moisture in every 100 lbs. weight thereof — unstripped — 0 18 6 stripped — 0 18 6\(\frac{1}{2}\) Tobacco manufactured, viz.:— Cigars — — 1 6 1 Cigarettes — — 1 2 7 Cavendish or Negrohead — — 1 1 9 Cavendish or Negrohead manufactured in bond — — 1 0 0 Other manufactured tobacco — — 1 0 0 Snuff— containing more than 13 lbs. of moisture in every 100 lbs. weight thereof — — 0 19 4 containing not more than 13 lbs. of moisture in every 100 lbs. weight thereof — — 1 1 9 and so in proportion for any less quantity.

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.)

Tobacco (Excise).

6. Resolved, That, as from the twenty-fourth day of April, nineteen hundred and forty, in lieu of the duties of excise theretofore chargeable on tobacco grown in the United Kingdom, there shall be charged on tobacco so grown of the descriptions set out in the first column of the following Table duties of customs at the rates respectively specified in the second column of that Table.—

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| Tobacco unmanufactured— containing 10 lbs. or more of moisture in every 100 lbs. weight thereof — — 15 3\(\frac{1}{2}\) containing less than 10 lbs. of moisture in every 100 lbs. weight thereof — — 16 0\(\frac{1}{2}\) Tobacco manufactured, viz.:— Cavendish or Negrohead manufactured in bond — — 17 4\(\frac{1}{2}\) and so in proportion for any less quantity.

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.)

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7. Resolved, That, as respects tobacco on which there have been paid duties of customs or excise at the increased rates for which provision is made by any Resolution passed by the Committee of Ways and Means on the same date as this Resolution, drawback shall be allowed at the rates set out in the following Table, instead of at the rates set out in Part III of the Fourth Schedule to the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1939.

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<td>Snuff (not being offal snuff)</td>
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<td>Stalks, shorts, or other</td>
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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.)

Matches (Customs).

8. Resolved, That, as from the twenty-ninth day of April, nineteen hundred and forty, there shall be charged on matches, in lieu of the duties of customs theretofore chargeable thereon, the following duties of excise, that is to say:—

For every 1,000 containers in £ s. d.
- which there are not more than 10 matches - 0 12 9
- which there are more than 10 matches, but not more than 50 matches - 1 18 3
- which there are more than 50 matches - 0 9 0
- For every 144 containers in which there are more than 10 matches, but not more than 50 matches - 0 9 0
- For every 144 containers in which there are more than 50 matches - 0 9 0
- For the first 50 matches - 0 9 0
- For every additional 5 matches or part of 5 matches in excess of 50 matches - 0 0 10

and so in proportion for any less number of containers.

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.)

Mechanical Lighters (Customs).

9. Resolved, That, as from the twenty-ninth day of April, nineteen hundred and forty, there shall be charged on matches, in lieu of the duties of excise theretofore chargeable thereon, the following duties of excise, that is to say:—

For every 1,000 containers in £ s. d.
- which there are not more than 10 matches - 0 12 0
- which there are more than 10 matches, but not more than 50 matches - 1 16 0
- which there are more than 50 matches - 0 8 4
- For every 144 containers in which there are more than 50 matches - 0 8 4
- For every additional 5 matches or part of 5 matches in excess of 50 matches - 0 0 10

and so in proportion for any less number of containers.

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.)

Mechanical Lighters (Excise).

10. Resolved, That, as from the twenty-ninth day of April, nineteen hundred and forty, the rate of the duty of customs chargeable under section six of the Finance Act, 1928, on any mechanical lighter and on any component part of a mechanical lighter, other than a flint, shall be increased to three shillings and sixpence.

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.)

Mechanical Lighters under Safeguarding of Industries Act, 1921.

11. Resolved, That, as from the twenty-ninth day of April, nineteen hundred and forty, the rate of the duty of excise chargeable under section six of the Finance Act, 1928, on every mechanical lighter manufactured in the United Kingdom, which is complete, or which could be made complete by the addition of a flint, and on every mechanical lighter sent out in an incomplete state from the premises of a manufacturer of mechanical lighters, shall be increased to two shillings and sixpence.

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.)

Drawback of Duties under Safeguarding of Industries Act, 1921.
so, however, that no drawback shall be allowed on the bringing of any such goods into a shipbuilding yard.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Fees and penalties in connection with Leave Permits for mechanically propelled vehicles.

13. Resolved, That fees not exceeding ten shillings may be charged in respect of permits issued to persons on leave in lieu of excise licences for mechanically propelled vehicles; and that those fees, and all penalties in respect of offences in relation to such permits, shall be paid into the Exchequer.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

INCOME TAX.

Charge of Tax.

14. Resolved, That—

(a) income tax for the year 1940-41 shall be charged at the standard rate of seven shillings and sixpence in the pound, and, in the case of an individual whose total income exceeds one thousand five hundred pounds, at such higher rates in respect of the excess over one thousand five hundred pounds as Parliament may hereafter determine;

(b) all such enactments as had effect with respect to the income tax charged for the year 1938-40, other than such enactments contained in the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1939, as by their terms relate only to tax for the year 1939-40, shall, subject to the provisions of such of the enactments contained in the said Act as by their terms relate only to the year 1940-41 and subsequent years, have effect with respect to the income tax charged for the year 1940-41.

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.)

Higher Rates of Income Tax for 1939-40.

15. Resolved, That income tax for the year 1939-40 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.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Taxation of Income from Foreign Possessions.

16. Resolved, That all income from possessions out of the United Kingdom which falls within Case V of Schedule D, or other than income which is immediately derived from the carrying on of any trade, profession or vocation, or arises from any office, employment or pension, shall be taxable under Rule 1 of the Rules applicable to the said Case V (which provides for the taxation of income irrespective of the receipt thereof in the United Kingdom).—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Rents and Annual Payments.

17. Resolved, That—

(a) where rent is payable in respect of a house which is unoccupied for the whole or any part of a year of assessment, the relief from income tax to be given by reason that the house is unoccupied shall be diminished or withheld, and the tax for the year, so far as not otherwise recovered, shall be recoverable from the landlord;

(b) persons entitled to rents under leases for fifty years or less and certain other leases shall, in certain cases, be liable to tax under Case VI of Schedule D, that liability being additional to the tax under Schedule A;

(c) no deductions of tax for the year 1940-41 or any subsequent year of assessment shall be made under the Rules applicable to Schedule A from rents under leases to which paragraph (b) of this Resolution does not apply, or from annual payments other than rent, and any such rents, and any annual payments (other than rent) to which any land is subject, shall be chargeable to tax under Case VI of Schedule D and treated for the purposes of the Income Tax Acts in all respects in the same way as patent royalties;

(d) special provisions shall be made as respects deductions of tax where payments of rent or other annual payments have been made after the fifth day of April, nineteen hundred and forty, and before the passing of the Act giving effect to this Resolution.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Income Tax on Dividends paid without full deduction of tax.

18. Resolved, That—

(a) where a dividend is paid without deduction of tax or without the full deduction of tax, the amount received shall be deemed for the purposes of the Income Tax Acts to be a net amount received in respect of a dividend from the gross amount of which there has been made such deduction as is authorised by Rule 20 of the General Rules;

(b) preference dividends paid without deduction of tax or without the full deduction of tax shall not be treated as preference dividends as defined by subsection (4) of section twelve of the Finance Act, 1930;

(c) subsection (2) of section seven of the Finance Act, 1931, shall apply to all dividends other than preference dividends as so defined;

(d) the foregoing provisions shall have effect with respect to the year 1939-40 and all subsequent years of assessment.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)
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Treatment of Securities the income wherefrom is exempt from tax in certain cases.

19. Resolved, That—

(a) in computing any profits or losses of any banking business, assurance business or business consisting wholly or partly in dealing in securities, stocks or shares which is carried on in the United Kingdom by a person not resident therein, interest, dividends and other payments to which paragraph (d) of Rule 2 of the General Rules applicable to Schedule C extends shall be included;

(b) if, in computing any profits or losses of any such business carried on in the United Kingdom by a person not ordinarily resident therein, the interest on any securities issued by the Treasury has, by virtue of an exemption from income tax for the interest thereof, to be excluded, there shall also be excluded any interest or other expenses, and any profits or losses, attributable to the acquisition or holding of the securities, or to transactions therein;

(c) in the case of an assurance company not having its head office in the United Kingdom, the interest, dividends or payments dealt with in paragraph (a) of this Resolution shall be included in computing the income from the investments of its life assurance fund, and if in computing income any interest on any securities issued by the Treasury with an exemption from income tax for the interest thereof is excluded, a reduction shall be made in the relief in respect of management expenses;

(d) the foregoing paragraphs of this Resolution shall apply in relation to any computation for the purposes of the year 1940-41 or subsequent years of assessment irrespective of the year or period by reference to which the computation is to be made;

(e) it is expedient to declare the effect on the exemption from income tax enjoyed in certain circumstances as respects the interest, dividends and payments mentioned in the foregoing paragraphs of this Resolution of certain provisions of the Income Tax Acts which provide that in certain circumstances income of one person is to be deemed to be income of another person.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Wear and tear of Leased Machinery and Plant.

20. Resolved, That the deductions for wear and tear of machinery and plant shall not be allowed to any person in respect of machinery or plant let to him unless the Commissioners having jurisdiction in the matter are satisfied that the burden of the wear and tear of the machinery or plant will in fact fall directly upon that person.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Double claims for Children Relief.

21. Resolved, That where two or more individuals are, or would be but for this Resolution, entitled to relief from income tax in respect of the same child, the deduction mentioned in subsection (1) of section twenty-one of the Finance Act, 1929, shall be apportioned among those individuals and the relief, if any, to be given to each of them determined accordingly.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Amendment of s. 11 of Finance (No. 2) Act, 1938.

22. Resolved, That the relief from surtax given under section eleven of the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1938, to an individual whose actual earned income is less than his earned income as assessed but is more than four-fifths thereof shall, where the difference between his actual earned income and four-fifths of his earned income as assessed exceeds the relief from standard rate tax to which he would have been entitled under that section if his actual earned income had been four-fifths of his earned income as assessed, be reduced by the amount of the excess.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Amendments consequential on provisions as to Excess Profits Tax on Interconnected Companies.

23. Resolved, That any Act of the present Session making amendments of the law relating to excess profits tax in the case of interconnected companies may contain provisions (applicable to any year of assessment income tax for which is affected by trading results for a period with respect to any part of which excess profits tax is chargeable) prescribing the way in which payments and allowances made under those amendments are to be dealt with for income tax purposes, and varying, in connection with such companies, the provisions of the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1938, as to the relation of excess profits tax to income tax. —(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

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Excess Profits Tax.

24. Resolved, That the extent and incidence of excess profits tax (for all chargeable accounting periods) shall be varied so as to give effect to amendments as to standard profits and the computation of capital, the computation of profits and losses, the relief to be given for deficiencies of profits, interconnected companies, and the relation of excess profits tax to the national defence contribution.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

National Defence Contribution.

25. Resolved, That the extent and incidence of the national defence contribution (as respects all chargeable accounting periods beginning or after the first day of April, nineteen hundred and thirty-nine, and so much of any chargeable accounting period beginning before that date as falls on or after that date) shall be varied so as to give effect to amendments as to the computation of profits and losses, interconnected companies, and the relation of the national defence contribution to excess profits tax.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)
Estate Duty (Amendments as to various matters).

26. Resolved, That the enactments relating to estate duty shall be amended with regard to—

(a) the charge of duty on a death where an interest limited to cease on the death has been disposed of or has determined in whole or in part;
(b) the exclusion, from the matters which may be treated as consideration for a disposition made in favour of a relative of the disposer or in favour of certain companies, of the grant in favour of the disposer of an annuity or other interest limited to cease on a death or of any similar interest, and of any operation connected with the enjoyment directly or indirectly by the disposer of any such interest;
(c) the extension of references in the said enactments to a disposition so as to include references to the creation, and to the extinguishment, of a debt or other right, the extension of references therein to property so as to include, in relation to the creation of a debt or other right, that debt or right, and, in relation to the extinguishment of a debt or other right, the benefit thereby conferred, and the treating of a debt or right which passes on a death, and of such a benefit as aforesaid which so passes, as property in which the deceased had an interest;
(d) the interests that are to be treated for the purposes of the said enactments as interests limited to cease on a death.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Estate Duty (Certain Companies).

27. Resolved, That it is expedient that further provision be made—

(a) for the charge of estate duty in respect of any such assets of such companies as may be specified in any Act of the present Session relating to finance in cases in which property has been transferred directly or indirectly to such a company by a person dying after the commencement of the said Act, or at his request or with his consent or acquiescence; and for treating the property in respect of which duty is charged as property in which the deceased had an interest;
(b) for the valuation of shares or other interests in such a company which pass on a death occurring after the commencement of the said Act;
(c) as to the cases in which, and the extent and manner to and in which, section three of the Finance Act, 1894, is to have effect in relation to transactions in which such a company or its assets, or persons interested in any manner in such a company or its assets, is or are directly or indirectly concerned.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Power to Borrow for certain financial purposes.

28. Resolved, That the whole or any part of the sums required for 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 the National Loans Act, 1939, instead of out of the permanent annual charge for the National Debt.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Purchase Tax.

29. Resolved, That—

(a) provision shall be made for charging a tax in respect of purchases of goods from wholesale sellers and in respect of such other transactions relating to goods as may be provided by any Act of the present Session, subject to such exceptions and limitations as may be thereby provided;
(b) the Treasury shall have power to make orders for bringing the tax into operation and for prescribing the rate of the tax from time to time;
(c) an order made by the Treasury for the purposes of the preceding paragraph shall not have effect unless it is approved by a Resolution of this House, but if approved may have effect as from such date as may be specified in the order.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Amendment of Law.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That it is expedient to amend the law relating to the National Debt, Customs and Inland Revenue (including Excise), and to make further provision in connection with Finance.

—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

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

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

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

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

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

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

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

Agricultural Wages (Regulation) (Scotland) 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 Workmen's Compensation (Supplementary Allowances) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.
Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Munro.)

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

[No. 57.]

Wednesday, 24th April 1940.

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 Nairne Stewart-Sandeman, Baronet, late Member for the County of Lancaster (Middleton and Prestwich Division), and desire to express our sense of the loss we have sustained and our sympathy with the relatives.

Mr. Elliot presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order of the Minister of Health relating to the Littlestone-on-Sea and District Water Company: 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 Thirsk District 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.

Captain Crosthwaite presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account up to 31st March 1940, of the total Sums issued from the Consolidated Fund pursuant to the Greek Loan Act, 1898, in respect of the Annuity which was guaranteed by Her late Majesty Queen Victoria for the purpose of facilitating the raising of a Loan by the Government of Greece, and of the Sums paid in or towards the Repayment of any Money so issued.

Ordered, That the said Account 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 Torquay Cemetery Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Major Duncan McCallum, M.C., Member for the County of Argyll, was sworn.

[No. 58.]

Thursday, 25th April 1940.

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

PRAYERS.

ORDERED, That the Commercial Gas Bill Commercial [Lords], as amended in the Committee, Gas Bill be taken into consideration upon Tuesday next.


Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
Captain Wallace presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Provisional Regulations made under the Road Traffic Act, 1939, dated 1st April 1940, entitled the Motor Vehicles (Variation of Speed Limit) Provisional Regulations, 1940.

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 Agricultural Wages (Regulation) Amendment Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Army and Air Force (Annual) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Societies (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill, without any Amendment.

Sir Andrew Duncan, supported by Captain Crookshank and Major Lloyd George, presented a Bill to extend the power to amend Part II of the War Risks Insurance Act, 1939, by regulations made under the Emergency Powers (Defence) Act, 1939, and to enable sums paid or payable by way of premium under the said Part II to be refunded or remitted: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next; and to be printed.

Resolved, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn till Tuesday next.—(The Prime Minister.)

Ways and Means.

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

(Order, 1940, made by the Powers (Defence) Act, 1939, a copy of which was presented to this House on the 4th day of this instant April, be approved.—(Colonel Llewellyn.)

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

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

Road Traffic Acts.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Tuesday next.

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

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

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 Tuesday next.

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

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

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Tuesday next.

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

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Workmen's Compensation (Supplementary Allowances) Bill;

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

Adjournment. Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

—[Mr. James Stuart—]

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till five minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till Tuesday next, pursuant to the Resolution of the House this day.

[No. 59.]

Tuesday, 30th April 1940.

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 additional Provision in the following Bill the Standing Orders have not been complied with, viz.:

Taunton Corporation Bill.

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

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

Mid-Wessex Water [Lords].

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

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Torquay Cemetery Bill; and the same was twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendment made by their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Birmingham Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Motion being made, That Standing Orders 240 and 262 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time (The Chairman of Ways and Means);

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.

And the Question being put: It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

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

The London County Council (Money) Bill London County Council [Money] Bill. was read a second time, and committed.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Commercial Gas Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

And no Motion being made thereon, the further proceeding stood adjourned, pursuant to Standing Order 243, until to-morrow.

Captain Crookshank presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of an 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 1939; and of an alphabetical List of Estates which fell to the Crown as Ultimus Hareus in Scotland, administered by the King's and Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer, in the same year.

Captain Crookshank also presented, pursuant to the direction of several Acts of Parliament, Copy of an Order made under the Trade Facilities Acts, and of an Approximate List of Estates which fell to the Crown as Ultimus Hareus in Scotland, administered by the King's and Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer, in the same year.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report 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; with an Account up to 31st March 1940, of any Sums paid in or towards the Repayment of any Sums so issued; and

(2) 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; with an Account up to 31st March 1940, of any Sums issued out of the Consolidated Fund in fulfilment of Guarantees given under Section 25 of the Finance Act, 1894.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relative to the Trade Facilities Acts, 1921 to 1926, and the Finance Act, 1934, be printed.

Mr. Buller presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of an Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom and the Italian Government for the Regulation of Trade in Medicinal Products. Rome, 21st March 1940. [This Agreement has not been ratified by the Government of the United Kingdom.]

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
Mr. Secretary Colville presented, by His Majesty's Command.—Copy of the Eighty-second Report of His Majesty's Inspector of Constabulary for Scotland, for 1939.

Mr. Secretary Colville also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations made under the Mental Deficiency and Lunacy (Scotland) Act, 1913, by the General Board of Control for Scotland, and approved by the Secretary of State for Scotland, entitled the Mental Deficiency (Scotland) Act (General Board’s) Regulations, 1940.

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

Mr. Elliot presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Provisional Regulations made under the National Health Insurance Act, 1936, dated 25th April 1940, entitled the National Health Insurance (Panel and Pharmaceutical Committees) Regulations (England and Wales), 1940.

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

Sir John Anderson presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order made under the Civil Defence Act, 1939, dated 26th March 1940, applying Section 58 of the Act to the fire authority for the county borough of Coventry.

Copy of Regulations made under the Factories Act, 1937, dated 25th April 1940, entitled the Weekly Hours of Young Persons under sixteen in Factories (Various Textile and Allied Industries) Regulations, 1940.

Report by the Secretary of State for the Home Department as to the Expulsion, Registration, and Prohibition Orders made under the Prevention of Violence (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1939, during the period 28th July 1939 to 31st March 1940.

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 1939 and 31st March 1940.


Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table, and that the Papers relative to the Prevention of Violence (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1939, and the Metropolitan Police Fund be printed.

Sir Reginald Dorman-Smith presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders made under the Agriculture Act, 1937, dated 11th April 1940, entitled—

(1) the Land Drainage Grants (Postponement of Prescribed Date) Order, 1940; and
(2) the Land Fertility Scheme (Postponement of Prescribed Date) Order, 1940.

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

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Captain Wallace presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Provisional Regulations made under the London Traffic Act, 1924, dated 4th April 1940, entitled the London Traffic (Parking Places) (Amendment) Provisional Regulations, 1940.

Copy of Regulations made under the London Traffic Act, 1924, dated 19th April 1940, entitled the London Traffic (Prescribed Routes) (No. 3) (Acton) Regulations, 1940.

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

Mr. William Morrison presented, pursuant to Universities Order of Council (Amendment) Provisional Regulations, 1940.

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

General Report of the Proceedings of the Thames Conservators of the River Thames during 1939, with a Copy of the Accounts of the Conservators for that year.

Mr. Arthur Reed reported from the Com-

The House divided.

Mr. Greenwood proposed to be left out stand part of the words proposed to be added, instead thereof.

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

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question by leaving out from the word "That," to the end of the Question, and adding the words "this House cannot assent to the Second Reading of a Workmen's Compensation Bill which is limited to a system of supplementary allowances in respect of wives and children, excludes any provision for single men and women, and therefore fails to recognise the admitted necessity for an immediate all-round increase in the rates of compensation payable."—(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

Mr. James Stuart, 175.

Mr. Grimston:

Mr. Adamson

Mr. Robert Taylor: 135.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for Thursday next.—(Mr. James Stuart.)

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

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

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 25th day of this instant April;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the War Risks 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 Agricultural Wages (Regulation) (Scotland) Bill;

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

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

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

Wednesday, 1st May 1940.

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 elections of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the County of Lancaster (Middleton and Prestwich Division), in the room of Sir Nairne Stewart-Sandeman, Baronet, deceased. —(Captain Margesson.)
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Mr. Secretary Colville reported from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 28th day of April last, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

Amendment of Law.

That it is expedient to amend the law relating to the National Debt, Customs and Inland Revenue (including Excise) and to make further provision in connection with finance.

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

Captain Crookshank reported from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 23rd day of April last, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

CUSTOMS AND EXCISE.

Beer (Excise).

1. That, as from the twenty-fourth day of April, nineteen hundred and forty, the duty of excise charged in respect of beer under section one of the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1939, shall be charged at the following increased rates:

For every 36 gallons of worts of a £ s. d.

- specific gravity of 1,027 degrees or less - - - - - 3 5 0

- For every 36 gallons of worts of a specific gravity exceeding 1,027 degrees - - - - - 3 5 0

- For the first 1,027 degrees - - - - - 3 5 0

- For every additional degree in excess of 1,027 degrees - - - - - 0 2 6

and so in proportion for any less number of gallons:

And, in the case of beer in respect of which it is shown to the satisfaction of the Commissioners of Customs and Excise that duty at the foregoing increased rates has been paid, the excise drawback allowed under that section shall be allowed at the following increased rates:

For every 36 gallons of beer of an £ s. d.

- original gravity of 1,027 degrees or less - - - - - 3 5 2

- For every 36 gallons of beer of an original gravity exceeding 1,027 degrees - - - - - 3 5 2

- For the first 1,027 degrees - - - - - 3 5 2

- For every additional degree in excess of 1,027 degrees - - - - - 0 2 6

and so in proportion for any less number of gallons:

Provided that as respects beer of an original gravity of less than 1,027 degrees, the amount of drawback allowable shall not exceed the amount of duty which is shown as aforesaid to have been paid.

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.

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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.

**Spirits (Excise).**

3. That, as from the twenty-fourth day of April, nineteen hundred and forty, the rate of the duty of excise charged on spirits by section three of the Finance Act, 1920, in addition to the duties specified in Part III of the First Schedule to that Act, shall be increased to four pounds, seventeen shillings and sixpence per gallon computed at proof.

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.

**Spirits (Customs).**

4. That, as from the twenty-fourth day of April, nineteen hundred and forty, the duties of customs charged on spirits of the descriptions set out in the first column of the following Table by section three of the Finance Act, 1920, in addition to the duties specified in Part II of the First Schedule to that Act, shall—

(a) in the case of spirits being Empire products, be charged at the increased rates shown in the second column of that Table; and

(b) in the case of spirits not being Empire products, be charged at the increased rates shown in the third column of that Table.

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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.

**Tobacco (Excise).**

6. That, as from the twenty-fourth day of April, nineteen hundred and forty, in lieu of the duties of excise thereforere chargeable on tobacco grown in the United Kingdom, there shall be charged on tobacco so grown of the descriptions set out in the first column of the following Table duties of excise at the rates respectively specified in the second column of that Table:

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and so in proportion for any less quantity.

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.

**Tobacco (Customs).**

5. That, as from the twenty-fourth day of April, nineteen hundred and forty, in lieu of the full duties of customs therefore chargeable on tobacco imported into the United Kingdom, there shall be charged on tobacco so imported of the descriptions set out in the first column of the following Table duties of customs at the rates respectively specified in the second column of that Table:

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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.
Tobacco (Drawback).

7. That, as respects tobacco on which there have been paid duties of customs or excise at the increased rates for which provision is made by any Resolution passed by the Committee of Ways and Means on the same date as this Resolution, drawback shall be allowed at the rates set out in the following Table, instead of at the rates set out in Part III of the Fourth Schedule to the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1939.

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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.

Mechanical Lighters (Customs).

10. That, as from the twenty-ninth day of April, nineteen hundred and forty, the rate of the duty of customs chargeable under section six of the Finance Act, 1928, on any mechanical lighter and on any component part of a mechanical lighter, other than a flint, shall be increased to three shillings and sixpence.

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.

Mechanical Lighters (Excise).

11. That, as from the twenty-ninth day of April, nineteen hundred and forty, the rate of the duty of excise chargeable under section six of the Finance Act, 1928, on any mechanical lighter manufactured in the United Kingdom which is complete, or which could be made complete by the addition of a flint, and on every mechanical lighter sent out in an incomplete state from the premises of a manufacturer of mechanical lighters, shall be increased to two shillings and sixpence.

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.

Drawback of Duties under Safeguarding of Industries Act, 1921.

12. That, in lieu of the drawback allowed under subsection (1) of section twelve of the Safeguarding of Industries Act, 1921, with respect to goods chargeable with duty under Part I of that Act as amended by any subsequent enactment, it is expedient to provide for the allowance of drawback as if such goods were chargeable with duty under Part I of the Import Duties Act, 1892, so, however, that no drawback shall be allowed on the bringing of any such goods into a shipbuilding yard.
Fees and penalties in connection with Leave Permits for mechanically propelled vehicles.

13. That fees not exceeding ten shillings may be charged in respect of permits issued to persons on leave in lieu of excise licences for mechanically propelled vehicles, and that those fees, and all penalties in respect of offences in relation to such permits, shall be paid into the Exchequer.

Income Tax.

14. That—

(a) income tax for the year 1940-41 shall be charged at the standard rate of seven shillings and sixpence in the pound, and, in the case of an individual whose total income exceeds one thousand five hundred pounds, at such higher rates in respect of the excess over one thousand five hundred pounds as Parliament may hereafter determine;

(b) all such enactments as had effect with respect to the income tax charged for the year 1939-40, other than such enactments contained in the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1939, as by their terms relate only to tax for the year 1939-40, shall, subject to the provisions of such of the enactments contained in the said Act as by their terms relate only to the year 1940-41 and subsequent years, have effect with respect to the income tax charged for the year 1940-41.

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.

Higher Rates of Income Tax for 1939-40.

15. That income tax for the year 1939-40 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.

Taxation of Income from Foreign Possessions.

16. That all income from possessions out of the United Kingdom which falls within Case V of Schedule D, other than income which is immediately derived from the carrying on of any trade, profession or vocation, or arises from any office, employment or pension, shall be taxable, under Rule I of the Rules applicable to the said Case V (which provides for the taxation of income irrespective of the receipt thereof in the United Kingdom).

Rents and Annual Payments.

17. That—

(a) where rent is payable in respect of a house which is unoccupied for the whole or any part of a year of assessment, the relief from income tax to be given by reason that the house is unoccupied shall be diminished or withheld, and the tax for the year, so far as not otherwise recovered, shall be recoverable from the landlord;

(b) persons entitled to rents under leases for fifty years or less and certain other leases shall, in certain cases, be liable to tax under Case VI of Schedule D, that liability being additional to the tax under Schedule A;

(c) no deductions of tax for the year 1940-41 or any subsequent year of assessment shall be made under the Rules applicable to Schedule A from rents under leases to which paragraph (b) of this Resolution does not apply, or from annual payments other than rent, and any such rents, and any annual payments (other than rent) to which any land is subject, shall be chargeable to tax under Case VI of Schedule D and treated for the purposes of the Income Tax Acts in all respects in the same way as patent royalties;

(d) special provisions shall be made as respects deductions of tax where payments of rent or other annual payments have been made after the fifth day of April, nineteen hundred and forty, and before the passing of the Act giving effect to this Resolution.

Income Tax on Dividends paid without full deduction of tax.

18. That—

(a) where a dividend is paid without deduction of tax or without the full deduction of tax, the amount received shall be deemed for the purposes of the Income Tax Acts to be a net amount received in respect of a dividend from the gross amount of which there has been made such deduction as is authorised by Rule 20 of the General Rules;

(b) preference dividends paid without deduction of tax or without the full deduction of tax shall not be treated as preference dividends as defined by subsection (4) of section twelve of the Finance Act, 1930;

(c) subsection (2) of section seven of the Finance Act, 1931, shall apply to all dividends other than preference dividends as so defined;

(d) the foregoing provisions shall have effect with respect to the year 1939-40 and all subsequent years of assessment.

Treatment of Securities the income wherefrom is exempt from tax in certain cases.

19. That—

(a) in computing any profits or losses of any banking business, assurance business or business consisting wholly or partly in dealing in securities, stocks or shares which is carried on in the United Kingdom by a person not resident therein, interest, dividends and other payments to which paragraph (d) of Rule 9 of the General Rules applicable to Schedule C extends shall be included;
(b) if, in computing any profits or losses of any such business carried on in the United Kingdom by a person not ordinarily resident therein, the interest on any securities issued by the Treasury has, by virtue of an exemption from income tax for the interest thereon, to be omitted, there shall also be excluded any interest or other expenses, and any profits or losses, attributable to the acquisition or holding of the securities, or to transactions therein;

c) in the case of an assurance company not having its head office in the United Kingdom, the interest, dividends or payments dealt with in paragraph (a) of this Resolution shall be included in computing the income from the investments of its life assurance fund, and if in computing that income any interest on any securities issued by the Treasury with an exemption from income tax for the interest thereon is included, a reduction shall be made in the relief in respect of management expenses;

d) the foregoing paragraphs of this Resolution shall apply in relation to any computation for the purposes of the year 1940–41 or subsequent years of assessment irrespective of the year or period by reference to which the computation is to be made;

e) it is expedient to declare the effect on the exemption from income tax enjoyed in certain circumstances as respects the interest, dividends and payments mentioned in the foregoing paragraphs of this Resolution of certain provisions of the Income Tax Acts which provide that in certain circumstances income of one person is to be deemed to be income of another person,

Wear and tear of Leased Machinery and Plant.

Wear and tear of Leased Machinery and Plant. 29. That the deductions for wear and tear of machinery and plant shall not be allowed to any person in respect of machinery or plant let to him unless the Commissioners having jurisdiction in the matter are satisfied that the burden of the wear and tear of the machinery or plant will in fact fall directly upon that person.

Double claims for Children Relief.

Double claims for Children Relief. 21. That where two or more individuals are or would be but for this Resolution, entitled to relief from income tax in respect of the same child, the deduction mentioned in subsection (1) of section twenty-one of the Finance Act, 1920, shall be apportioned among those individuals and the relief, if any, to be given to each of them determined accordingly.

Amendment of s. 11 of Finance (No. 2) Act, 1939.

Amendment of s. 11 of Finance (No. 2) Act, 1939. 22. That the relief from surtax given under section eleven of the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1939, to an individual whose actual earned income is less than his earned income as assessed but is more than four-fifths thereof shall, where the difference between his actual earned income and four-fifths of his earned income as assessed exceeds the relief from standard rate tax to which he would have been entitled under that section if his actual earned income had been four-fifths of his earned income as assessed, be reduced by the amount of the excess.

Amendments consequential on provisions as to Excess Profits Tax on Interconnected Companies.

Amendments consequential on provisions as to Excess Profits Tax on Interconnected Companies. 23. That any Act of the present Session making amendments of the law relating to excess profits tax in the case of interconnected companies may contain provisions (applicable to any year of assessment income tax for which is affected by trading results for a period with respect to any part of which excess profits tax is chargeable) prescribing the way in which payments and allowances made under those amendments are to be dealt with for income tax purposes, and varying, in connection with such companies, the provisions of the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1899, as to the relation of excess profits tax to income tax.

Miscellaneous.

Miscellaneous, Excess Profits Tax.

24. That the extent and incidence of excess profits tax (for all chargeable accounting periods) shall be varied so as to give effect to amendments as to standard profits and the computation of capital, the computation of profits and losses, the relief to be given for deficiencies of profits, interconnected companies, and the relation of excess profits tax to the national defence contribution.

National Defence Contribution.

National Defence Contribution. 25. That the extent and incidence of the national defence contribution (as respects all chargeable accounting periods beginning on or after the first day of April, nineteen hundred and thirty-nine, and so much of any chargeable accounting period beginning before that date as falls on or after that date) shall be varied so as to give effect to amendments as to the computation of profits and losses, interconnected companies, and the relation of the national defence contribution to excess profits tax.

Estate Duty (Amendments as to various matters).

Estate Duty (Amendments as to various matters). 26. That the enactments relating to estate duty shall be amended with regard to—

(a) the charge of duty on a death where an interest limited to cease on the death has been disposed of or has determined in whole or in part;

(b) the exclusion, from the matters which may be treated as consideration for a disposition made in favour of a relative of the disponer or in favour of certain companies, of the grant in favour of the disposers of an annuity or other interest limited to cease on a death or of any similar interest, and of any operation connected with the enjoyment directly or indirectly by the disponer of any such interest;
Estate Duty (Certain Companies).

27. That it is expedient that further provision be made—

(a) for the charge of estate duty in respect of any such assets of such companies as may be specified in any Act of the present Session relating to finance in cases in which property has been transferred directly or indirectly to such a company by a person dying after the commencement of the said Act, or at his request or with his consent or acquiescence; and for treating the property in respect of which duty is charged as property in which the deceased had an interest;

(b) for the valuation of shares or other interests in such a company which pass on a death occurring after the commencement of the said Act;

(c) as to the cases in which, and the extent and manner to and in which, section three of the Finance Act, 1894, is to have effect in relation to transactions in which such a company or its assets, or persons interested in any manner in such a company or its assets, is or are directly or indirectly concerned.

Power to Borrow for certain financial purposes.

28. That the whole or any part of the sums required for 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 the National Loans Act, 1939, instead of out of the permanent annual charge for the National Debt.

Purchase Tax.

29. That—

(a) provision shall be made for charging a tax in respect of purchases of goods from wholesale sellers and in respect of such other transactions relating to goods as may be provided by any Act of the present Session, subject to such exceptions and limitations as may be thereby provided;

(b) the Treasury shall have power to make orders for bringing the tax into operation and for prescribing the rate of the tax from time to time;

(c) an order made by the Treasury for the purposes of the preceding paragraph shall not have effect unless it is approved by a Resolution of this House, but if approved may have effect as from such date as may be specified in the order.

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

The Thirteenth Resolution, being read a second time;

The Fourteenth to the Twenty-eighth Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the Purchase Tax.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer accordingly Bill 38. presented a Bill to grant certain duties of Customs and Inland Revenue (including Excise), to 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 to-morrow; and to be printed.

The Twenty-ninth Resolution, being read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made thereto, in line 3, by inserting, after the word "leave," the words "from any of the armed forces of the Crown."—(Sir Irwing Albery.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Resolution was agreed to.

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Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the Finance Bill.

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The Twenty-ninth Resolution, being read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made thereto, in line 17, by inserting, after the word "House," the words "either without modification or with such modifications by way of reduction as may be specified in the Resolution."—(Mr. Foot.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Sir James Edmondson, 145.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Buchan-Hepburn, 86.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the Purchase Tax.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Captain Crookshank do prepare and bring it in.
Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer accordingly presented a Bill to provide for the imposition of a tax in respect of purchases of goods from wholesale sellers and in respect of certain other transactions relating to goods, and for purposes connected therewith: 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 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) (Amendment) Order, 1940, be made in the form of the draft laid before Parliament.—(Sir Hugh O'Neill.)

And a Debate arising thereupon:

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned. —(Sir Hugh O'Neill.)

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Tuesday 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.

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

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.—(Mr. James Stuart.)

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

[No. 61.]

Thursday, 2nd May 1940.

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 Brighton, in the room of Major the Right Honourable George Clement Tryon, now Lord Tryon, called up to the House of Peers.—(Mr. Munro.)

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.:

Saint Mary Magdalene Hospital (Newcastle-upon-Tyne) [Lords].

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Commercial Gas Bill [Lords] as amended in the Committee;

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


Copy of an Order made under the Shops Acts, 1912 to 1938, by the Council of the Borough of Whitehaven, and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department.

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 an Agreement between the Secretary of State for Air and Isle of Man Air Services, Limited, in respect of Subsidies for Internal Air-Services.

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

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills: That they had examined the allegations contained in the Brighton Marine Palace and Pier 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 Committee on Unopposed Bills: That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Brighton Marine Palace and Pier 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 said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills: That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Northallerton Urban District Council 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.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills: That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Christchurch 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.

The Lords give leave to the Lord Catto to bring up the Bill, as amended in the Committee, and the Report do lie upon the Table.

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

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Mr. Secretary Eden and Captain Crookshank, appointed by the Select Committee appointed by this House on National Expenditure

Commander Thomas Dunlop Galbraith, R.N., Member for the Burgh of Glasgow (Pollok Division), was sworn.

Mr. Secretary MacDonald, supported by Mr. Secretary Eden and Captain Crookshank, presented a Bill to make provision for promoting the development of the resources of colonies, protectorates, protected states and mandated territories and the welfare of their peoples, and for relieving colonial and other Governments from liability in respect of certain loans: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next; and to be printed.

Resolved, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn till Tuesday next.—(The Prime Minister.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Agricultural Wages (Regulation) (Scotland) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

 Clause No. 1 (Power of Board to direct reconsideration of minimum rates).

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 13, to leave out the word " varied," and insert the word " increased."—(Mr. Gallacher.)

Question proposed, That the word " varied," stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (Appointed members of Board).

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 20, at the end, to add the words,—

" (2) The Chairman of the Board shall be chosen from an occupation where the wages and living conditions are comparable with the wages and living conditions of agricultural workers."—(Mr. Gallacher.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clauses No. 3 to No. 5 agreed to.

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 an Amendment thereunto.

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

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 Tuesday 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 next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Workmen's Compensation (Supplementary Allowances) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the War Risks Insurance Insurance Bill;

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

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Purchase Tax Bill; Tax Bill.

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

Resolved, That the draft of a Special Order Gas Undertakings Insurance Bill, as amended in the Standing Orders, be printed.

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Adjournment.

Commons.)

Rooms

Refreshment

Reports.

Publications

and Debates

Reports.

Ordered, That Mr. Storey be added to the Select Committee on Publications and Debates Reports.—(Mr. Grimston.)

Ordered, That Mr. Cooke be added to the Select Committee on Kitchen and Refreshment Rooms (House of Commons).—(Mr. Grimston.)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Grimston.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-five minutes before Nine of the clock, adjourned till Tuesday next, pursuant to the Resolution of the House this day.

[No. 62.]

Tuesday, 7th May 1940.

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

PRAYERS.

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

South Suburban Gas 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, no Standing Orders are applicable, viz.:

Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Thirsk District Water) Bill.

Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Littlestone-on-Sea and District Water) Bill.

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

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Newcastle-upon-Tyne and Gateshead Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Northallerton Urban District Council Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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Local Government Superannuation Acts.

Mr. Elliot presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Scheme made under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1897, by the Walsall County Borough Council.

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 made under the Unemployment Insurance (Emergency Powers) Act, 1939, dated 7th May 1940, entitled the Unemployment Insurance (Emergency Powers) (Amendment) Regulations, 1940.

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

Agriculture (Miscellaneous War Provisions) Act, 1940.

Sir Reginald Dorman-Smith presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders made under the Agriculture (Miscellaneous War Provisions) Act, 1940, dated 19th April 1940, entitled—

(1) the Wheat (Accounting Periods) No. 1 Order, 1940; and
(2) the Wheat (Ascertain Average Price) No. 1 Order, 1940.

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

Burma.

Sir Hugh O'Neill presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Act enacted by the Governor of Burma under the powers conferred on him by Section 43 of the Government of Burma Act, 1935, entitled the Defence of Burma Act, 1940 (Act No. 1 of 1940).

Copy of an Ordinance promulgated by the Governor of Burma under the powers conferred on him by Section 42 of the Government of Burma Act, 1935, entitled the Burma Naval Volunteer Reserve Force (Discipline (Extending) Ordinance, 1940 (Ordinance No. 4 of 1940).

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

Army and Air Force Courts-Martial.

Mr. Secretary Stanley presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Report of the Army and Air Force Courts-Martial Committee, 1938.

Army.

Mr. Secretary Stanley also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Amendments to the Rules of Procedure, 1928, made under Section 70 of the Army Act.

Copy of Regulations made under the Reserve Forces Act, 1882, dated 20th December 1889, entitled Regulations for Officers of the Supplementary Reserve of Officers and for the Supplementary Reserve.

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

Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1885.

Mr. William Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 30th April 1940, approving an Admiralty Memorial under the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1885, relating to special rates of pay to leading seamen, &c., employed in the controlled minefields service.

Copy of Regulations made under the Telegraph Acts, 1863 to 1926, dated 30th April 1940, entitled the Telephone Amendment (No. 2) Regulations, 1940.

Post Office (Telegraph.)

Copy of a Warrant made under the Post Office Acts, 1908 to 1935, dated 30th April 1940, entitled the Inland Post Amendment (No. 1) Warrant, 1940.

Copy of a Warrant made under the Post Office Acts 1908 to 1935, dated 30th April 1940, entitled the Imperial and Foreign Post, (Money, Orders, except Parcels.)

Copy of a Warrant made under the Post Office Acts 1908 to 1935, dated 30th April 1940, making Regulations entitled the Postal Order (Inland) Amendment (No. 6) Regulations, 1940.

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

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, several Resolutions; which were read as follow:

1. That, in the case of the Mid-Wessex Water [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 Taunton Corporation Bill, Petition for additional Provision, and 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 Saint Mary Magdalene Hospital (Newcastle - upon - Tyne) Petition for Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with:—That the parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.

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

Mr. Arthur Reed reported from the Committee Way Valley on Group B of Private Bills: That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Way Valley Water 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.

Mr. Arthur Reed 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 Percy Harris reported from the Select National Committee on National Expenditure: That they had made further Progress in the matters reported.

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

Sir Percy Harris reported from the Select National Committee on National Expenditure; Fourth Report.
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Sir James Terence O'Connor, K.C., late Member for the Borough of Nottingham (Central Division);

and desire to express our sense of the loss we have sustained and our sympathy with their relatives.

The Brighton Marine Palace and Pier Bill [Lords.] was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The London County Council (General Powers) Bill [Lords.], was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Christchurch Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Littlestone-on-Sea and District Water) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

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 Huddersfield Corporation Act, 1936, relating to Huddersfield Corporation trolley vehicles: And the same was read the first time.

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

Mr. Elliot presented a Bill to confirm a Ministry of Health Provisional Order of the Minister of Health relating to the county borough of Huddersfield: 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 Ministry of Health Provisional Order of the Minister of Health relating to the city of Norwich: And the same was read the first time.

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

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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 made by the Minister of Transport under the Newcastle-upon-Tyne (General Powers) Act, 1905, relating to Newcastle-upon-Tyne trolley vehicles: And the same was read the first time.

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

Secretary Sir John Anderson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order in Council made under the Emergency Powers (Defence) Act, 1899, dated 30th April 1940, amending Regulation 1 of the Defence (Finance) Regulations (Isle of Man), 1899.

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

Mr. Lloyd presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Reports of the Coal Commission to the Board of Trade for 1938 and 1939, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General on the Accounts of the Commission.

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

Mr. Churchill presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Statement of the estimated Income and Expenditure of Greenwich Hospital and of Travers’ Foundation for the year ending 31st March 1941.

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

Sir Reginald Dorman-Smith presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order made under the Destructive Insects and Pests Acts, 1877 to 1927, dated 3rd May 1940, entitled the Importation of Raw Cherries Order of 1940.

Ordered, That the said Paper 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 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 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.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills: That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Coventry 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.

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.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to request that their Lordships will be pleased to give leave to the Earl of Rothes to attend to be examined, as a witness, before the Select Committee on Supply Services, appointed by the Select Committee on National Expenditure.—(Sir Herbert Williams.)

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the said Message.

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

The Lords give leave to the Earl of Rothes National Expenditure, to attend in order to his being examined, as a witness, before the Sub-Committee on Supply Services, appointed by the Select Committee appointed by this House on National Expenditure, if his Lordship think fit.
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.)

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

Civil Estimates, 1940.

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Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £319,655 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 1941, for the salaries and expenses of the House of Commons, including a grant in aid to the Kitchen Committee.

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, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Adjournment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being 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, Captain Margesson, 281.

Tellers for the Noes, Sir Charles Edwards, 200.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

[No. 64.]

Thursday, 9th May 1940.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Secretary Stanley presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, —Copy of Regulations made under the Army Act, dated 3rd May 1940, entitled the Army Billeting in Emergency Regulations, 1940.

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

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

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, supported by Sir Andrew Duncan and Captain Crockshank, presented a Bill to limit the dividends of certain companies and to impose certain restrictions as respects their share capital, and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 21st day of this instant May; and to be printed.

Secretary Sir John Anderson, supported by Mr. Secretary Colville, Mr. Secretary Stanley, Mr. Attorney-General and the Lord Advocate, presented a Bill to make further provision for the trial and punishment of treachery: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 21st day of this instant May; and to be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn till Tuesday the 21st day of this instant May—(The Prime Minister):

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out "21st," and inserting "14th,"—(Mr. Clement Davies)—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That "21st" stand part of the Question.—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the Main Question being put:

Resolved, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn till Tuesday the 21st day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 1st day of this instant May, 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, 1940, 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 by such Members of this House as are of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council or of His Majesty's Household.

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 do now adjourn.—(Captain Margesson.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till one minute before Four of the clock, adjourned till Tuesday the 21st day of this instant May, pursuant to the Resolution of the House this day.

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Notice given by Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of the 30th day of November last.

I, 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 21st day of May.

By virtue, therefore, of the Resolution of the House of Commons of the 30th day of November, I now give notice that the House shall meet on Monday, the 18th day of May.

Given under my hand this the 11th day of May 1940.

E. A. FitzRoy,
Speaker.

[No. 65.]

Monday, 13th May 1940.

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

PRAYERS.

Mr. Secretary MacDonald presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Statement of Pensions granted under the Pensions (Governors of Dominions, &c.) Acts, 1911 to 1936, during the year ended 31st March 1940.

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

Sir Andrew Duncan presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament:—Copy of Regulations made under the Food and Drugs Act, 1938, dated 30th April 1940, entitled the Public Health (Preservatives, &c., in Food) Amendment Regulations (Scotland), 1940.

Copy of an Order made under the Destructive Insects and Pests Acts, 1877 to 1927, dated 8th May 1940, entitled the Importation of Raw Cherries (Scotland) Order of 1940.

Copy of University Court Ordinance No. 200 Universities (Scotland) Act, 1938.—Regulations for the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1938, dated 30th April 1940, entitled the Importation of Raw Cherries (Scotland) Order of 1940.

Copy of University Court Ordinance No. 201 Universities (Scotland) Act, 1938.—Composition of the University Faculties: Amendment of University Court Ordinance No. 191 (Aberdeen, No. 34).

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.
Captain Wallace presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations made under the Road Traffic Act, 1930, dated 4th March 1940, entitled the Motor Vehicles (Gas-propelled Vehicles) (Variation of Speed Limit) Regulations, 1940.

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

Sir John Francis Ashley Erskine, G.C.I.E., commonly called Lord Erskine, Member for the Borough of Brighton, was sworn.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House welcomes the formation of a Government representing the united and flexible resolve of the nation to prosecute the war with Germany to a victorious conclusion.

—(The Prime Minister):

The House divided.

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

Tellers for the Captains Margesson,

Yes, {Sir Charles Edwards :} 381,

Tellers for the Mr. Manton,

Noes, {Mr. Stephen :} 0.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That this House do now adjourn till Tuesday the 21st day of this instant May.

—(The Prime Minister.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-four minutes before Five of the clock, adjourned till Tuesday, the 21st day of this instant May.

[dated 21st May 1940]

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

PRAYERS.

THE Vice-Chairman of the House called the House to order, That their Address of the 9th day of this instant May relative to the Government of India (Adaptation of Acts of Parliament) (Amendment) Order, 1940, 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 Government of India (Adaptation of Acts of Parliament) (Amendment) Order, 1940, be made in the form of the draft laid before Parliament.

I will comply with your request.

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 Newcastle upon - Tyne (North Division), in the room of Sir Nicholas Grattan-Doyle, who, since his election for the said Borough, hath accepted the Office of Steward for Ballif of His Majesty's Three Chiltern Hundreds of Stoke, Desborough and Burnham, in the County of Buckingham.—(Captain Margesson.)

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) (Spenn Valley Division), in the room of the Right Honourable Sir John Simon, G.C.S.I., G.C.V.O., O.B.E., who, since his election for the said County, hath accepted the Office of Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain.—(Captain Margesson.)

A Motion being made, That the Christchurch 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 Newcastle-upon-Tyne and Gateshead Gas Bill was read the third time and passed.

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

The Northallerton Urban District Council Bill Northallerton Urban District Council Bill [Lords] was read the third time and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Cornwall Electric Power Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The South Suburban Gas Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

Mr. Ramsbotham presented, pursuant to the Education directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of the Rules made under the Education Act, 1921, dated 7th May 1940, entitled the Elementary Education Grant Regulations, 1940.

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

Mr. George Hall presented, pursuant to the Windward Islands (Saint Lucia) Rules made under the West Indian Prisons (Prisons) Act, 1888, by the Governor of the Windward Islands in Council on the 23rd day of February 1940, relating to the pay of prison officers in Saint Lucia.

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

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Mr. Robert Hudson presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of a Scheme made under the Agriculture Act, 1937, dated 17th April 1940, varying the Land Fertility Scheme, 1937.

Copies of Orders made under the Agriculture (Miscellaneous War Provisions) Act, 1940,—

(1) dated 23rd April 1940, entitled the Wheat Commission (Delegation of Powers) Order, 1940; and

(2) dated 28th April 1940, entitled the Wheat (Commencement of the Period of Suspension) Order, 1940.

Copy of an Order made under the Wheat Acts, 1932 to 1940, dated 4th May 1940, entitled the Wheat Commission (Approval of Byelaws) No. 20 Order, 1940.

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

Captain Crooksman presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Statement of Guarantee by the Treasury in pursuance of Section 1 (3) of the Austrian Loan Guarantee Act, 1933, with account up to 31st March 1940, of Sums issued out of the Consolidated Fund in fulfilment of such Guarantee.

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 1940, in respect of the Old Sinking Fund and of the new Sinking Fund (1928).

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

Secretary Sir John Anderson also presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Statistics of Compensation and Proceedings under the Workmen’s Compensation Acts and the Employers’ Liability Act, 1889, in Great Britain during 1938.

Secretary Sir John Anderson also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Orders in Council made under the Emergency Powers (Defence) Act, 1939,—

(1) dated 9th May 1940, adding Regulation 4A to the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939;

(2) dated 9th May 1940, adding Regulation 5A to the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939;

(3) dated 9th May 1940, adding Regulation 60C to the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939;

(4) dated 9th May 1940, amending Regulations 2A (2), 2a (3), 17 (2), 92 and 93 (2) of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939;

(5) dated 9th May 1940, substituting new Regulations for Regulations 5A and 8 of the Defence (Finance) Regulations, 1939;

(6) dated 11th May 1940, making Regulations entitled the Defence (Whitsun Bank Holiday) Regulations, 1940;

(7) dated 11th May 1940, amending the Defence (Finance) Regulations (Isle of Man), 1939; and

(8) dated 12th May 1940, amending the Defence (Finance) Regulations (Isle of Man), 1939.

Copy of Regulations made under the Factories Act, 1937, dated 10th May 1940, entitled the Bottling of Beer, Wines and Spirits (Overtime) Regulations, 1940.

Secretary Sir John Anderson also presented, pursuant to paragraph (6) of Regulation 18b of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939,—Report of action taken under the said Regulation during the period 1st April 1940 to 30th April 1940.

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

Mr. Malcolm MacDonald presented, pursuant Local to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, Account of action taken under the said Regulation during the period 1st April 1940 to 30th April 1940.

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


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Sir Andrew Duncan presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order made under the War Risks Insurance Act, 1939, dated 14th May 1940, entitled the War Risks (Commodity Insurance) (No. 4) Order, 1940.

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

Mr. Cross presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account of the Receipts and Expenditure under the Seamen’s Fund Winding-up Act, 1851, from 1st January to 31st December 1899.

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 a Report to the Lord Chancellor of Lunacy, Number of Visits made, the Number of Patients seen, and the Number of Miles travelled by the Visitors of Lunaticks between 1st October 1939 and 31st March 1940.
4 GEO. VI.

21st May.

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

Commercial
Gas Bill
[Lords.]

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Commercial Gas Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

Evidence and
Powers of
Attorney
Bill [Lords.]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to empower certain officers and other persons to administer oaths and take affidavits, to facilitate the proof in criminal proceedings of documents intercepted in the post, and to make further provision as respects powers of attorney; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

New Member
sworn.

Major Ernest Guy Richard Lloyd, p.s.o., Member for the County of Renfrew (Eastern Division), was sworn.

Colonial
Development and Welfare
Bill.

The Colonial Development and Welfare 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.—(Mr. Buchan-Hepburn.)

Colonial
Development and Welfare
[Money and
Remission of
Debt.]

Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of the Motion relating to Colonial Development and Welfare [Money and Remission of Debt], 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 (hereafter in this Resolution referred to as "the new Act") to make provision for promoting the development of the resources of colonies, protectorates, protected states and mandated territories and the welfare of their peoples, and for relieving colonial and other Governments from liability in respect of certain loans, it is expedient to authorise—

(1) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any sums required for the purpose of schemes made under the new Act for any purpose likely to promote the development of the resources of any colony, protectorate, protected state or mandated territory or the welfare of its people, so however that, unless Parliament otherwise determines—

(a) the sums so paid for the purposes of schemes for promoting research or inquiry shall not in the aggregate exceed five hundred thousand pounds in any financial year; and

(b) the sums so paid for the purposes of any other schemes shall not in the aggregate exceed five million pounds in any financial year and no such other scheme shall continue in force after the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and fifty-one;

(2) the payment into the Exchequer of—

(a) any sums received by way of interest on or repayment of the principal of any loan made in pursuance of any such scheme as aforesaid; and

(b) such moneys as may be in the Colonial Development Fund on a day appointed by the Treasury;

(3) the remission of sums amounting in the aggregate to nine million, eight hundred and fifty-five thousand, six hundred and forty-three pounds, nine shillings and ninepence, being the outstanding balance of the principal of certain loans made out of moneys provided by Parliament, and of all arrears of interest in respect of the said loans;

(4) the amendment of certain schemes made under the Colonial Development Act, 1929, providing for advancing by way of loan sums amounting in the aggregate to one million, one hundred and five thousand, four hundred and thirty-one pounds, six shillings and sevenpence, so as to provide—

(a) that so much of the said sums as has not been advanced before the commencement of the new Act may be advanced by way of grant instead of by way of loan; and

(b) that the outstanding balance of the principal of the remainder of the said sums and all arrears of interest in respect thereof shall be remitted;

(5) the amendment of certain other schemes made as aforesaid, providing for advancing by way of loan sums amounting in the aggregate to two hundred and seventy-nine thousand, eight hundred and ten pounds, three shillings and three pence, so as to provide—

(a) that one-half of so much of the said sums as has not been advanced before the commencement of the new Act may be advanced by way of grant instead of by way of loan; and

(b) that one-half of the principal of the remainder of the said sums and all arrears of interest in respect of that half shall be remitted;

(6) the grant out of moneys provided by Parliament of so much of certain sums proposed by the current estimates to be lent out of moneys so provided, amounting in the aggregate to one hundred and sixty-three thousand, five hundred and nine pounds, as has not been advanced before the commencement of the new Act, and the remission of the principal of the remainder of the said sums and all arrears of interest in respect thereof.

—(Mr. Malcolm MacDonald.)

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 Committee of Ways and Means:

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

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Wednesday, 22nd May 1940.

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

P R A Y E R S.

Mr. Speaker made the following communication to the House:

I regret to have to inform the House of the death of Sir John Haslam, late Member for the Borough of Bolton, 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 Bournemouth Gas and Water Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. Chamberlain presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Six Orders in Council, dated 9th May 1940, approving Admiralty Memorials under the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1885. Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Sir Victor Warrender presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Further Regulations made by the Board of Admiralty, with the consent of the Treasury, regarding the Prices to be paid for Billeting in Emergency under the Army Act, as modified for the purposes of Naval billeting by the Naval Billeting, &c., Act, 1914, and the Reserve and Auxiliary Forces (Consequential Provisions) Order, 1938. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Malcolm MacDonald presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Special Report by the Minister of Health, under the Gas and Water Works Facilities Act, 1870, on the Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Littlestone-on-Sea and District Water) Bill. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Captain Crookshank presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order made under Sections 1 and 19 of the Import Duties Act, 1932, and Section 1 of the Import Duties Act, 1936, entitled the Import Duties (Exemptions) (No. 2) Order, 1940. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords National Expenditure, to request that their Lordships will be pleased to give leave to the Lord Hynsley to attend to be examined, as a witness, before the Sub-Committee on Transport Services, appointed by the Select Committee on National Expenditure.—(Sir Geoffrey Ellis.) Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the said Message.

The Evidence and Powers of Attorney Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

A Motion being made, That the following Business of provisions shall have effect with respect to the Business of this day's Sitting:—

A Bill to extend the powers which may be exercised by His Majesty under the Emergency Powers (Defence) Act, 1939, may without notice be presented by a Minister of the Crown and forthwith considered and passed through all its stages on the same day, and the requirements of Standing Orders No. 64 and No. 69 and
of the practice of the House relating to the imposition of charges upon the people shall be deemed to have been complied with in respect of any provisions of the Bill or of any Amendment thereto moved by a Minister of the Crown which authorize expenditure or the imposition of any such charge.

Immediately after the Bill to which this Order applies has been read a second time, it shall be considered in Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. Attlee.)

Mr. Attlee, 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.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Prime Minister, supported by Mr. Chamberlain, Mr. Attlee, and Mr. Greenwood, presented, pursuant to the Order of the House this day, a Bill to extend the powers which may be exercised by His Majesty under the Emergency Powers (Defence) Act, 1939: And the same was ordered to be printed.

The Bill was read a second time.

The House immediately resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 and No. 2 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 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 Treachery Bill;

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

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

The Lords have agreed to the Emergency Powers (Defence) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Northallerton Urban District Council Bill [Lords’], without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to authorise the Farnham Gas and Electricity Company to raise additional capital; to confer further powers upon that Company; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

A Message was delivered by Lieutenant-Royal Assent.


Mr. Speaker,

The Lords, authorised by virtue of His Majesty’s Commission, for declaring His Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers:—And having returned;

Mr. Speaker reported, That the House, at the desire of the Lords, authorised by virtue of His Majesty’s Commission, had been at the House of Peers, where a Commission under the Great Seal was read, giving, declaring and notifying the Royal Assent to the several Acts therein mentioned; and that the Lords, thereby authorised, had declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts, as follow:

1. Emergency Powers (Defence) Act, 1940.
2. Torquay Cemetery Act, 1940.
3. Staffordshire and Worcestershire Canal Act, 1940.
4. Wessex Electricity Act, 1940.
5. Commercial Gas Act, 1940.
7. London County Council (General Powers) Act, 1940.

And the Question being again proposed, Treachery that the Treachery Bill be now read a second Bill time;

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into the Committee on the Bill.—(Mr. Boulton.)

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Death penalty for treachery).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 12, at the end, to add the words “or imprisonment for a period not exceeding twenty years.”—(Mr. Harvey.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clauses No. 2 to No. 8 agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

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

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

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

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide that persons shall not be exempted from liability under the National Service (Armed Forces) Act, 1939, by reason of their being members of the Local Defence Volunteers; and that Mr. Secretary Eden, Sir Edward Grigg, and Mr. Asheton do prepare and bring it in.

Sir, Edward Grigg accordingly presented a Bill to provide that persons shall not be exempted from liability under the National Service (Armed Forces) Act, 1939, by reason of their being members of the Local Defence Volunteers; and the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time:—The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into the Committee on the Bill. —(Mr. Boulton.)

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(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 Committee of Supply:

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

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee on Colonial Development and Welfare [Money and Remission of Debt]:

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

Ordered, That Mr. Ede, Sir William Joynit and Miss Wilkinson be discharged from the Select Committee on National Expenditure; and that Mr. Leach, Mr. Roberts, Morrison and Mr. Ridley be added to the Committee.—(Mr. Boulton.)

The Farnham Gas and Electricity 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 Adjournment. Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Boulton):

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.—(Mr. Thomas.)

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

[No. 68.]

Thursday, 23rd May 1940.

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

P R A Y E R S.

Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received the following letter from the a Member. Secretary of State for the Home Department:—

23rd May, 1940.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that I have found it my duty, in the exercise of my powers under Regulation 186 of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939, to direct that Captain Archibald Henry Maule Ramsay, Member of Parliament, be detained. Captain Ramsay was accordingly taken into custody this morning, and is at present lodged in Brixton Prison.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

JOHN ANDERSON.

The Speaker,

House of Commons.

Mr. Malcolm MacDonald presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—

Copy of a Scheme made under the Town and Country Planning Act, 1932, entitled the East Suffolk (Samford) Planning Scheme.

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

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

The Lords have agreed to the Treachery Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the National Service (Armed Forces) Bill, without any Amendment.
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The Lords give leave to the Lord Hyndley to attend in order to his being examined, as a witness, before the Sub-Committee on Transport Services, appointed by the Select Committee appointed by this House on National Expenditure, if he think fit.

Adjournment.

Resolved, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn till Tuesday next.—(The Prime Minister.)

Limitation of Dividends Bill

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Limitation of Dividends Bill:

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

Royal Assent.

A Message was delivered by Lieutenant-General Sir William Pulleiney, 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 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. Treachery Act, 1940.

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.

The Question being again proposed, That the Limitation of Dividends Bill be now read a second time;

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

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

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 Limitation of Dividends [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 limit the dividends of certain companies and to impose certain restrictions as respects their share capital, and for purposes connected therewith, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of the expenses incurred by the Treasury for the purposes of the said Act.—(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 Tuesday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

National Loans (No. 2).

Resolved, That,

(1) the power of the Treasury to raise money under section one of the National Loans Act, 1939, shall include power to raise any money required for raising any supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year ending the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and forty-one, and in addition a sum not exceeding two hundred and fifty million pounds;

(2) the Treasury shall be released from any contractual obligations to issue securities under the said Act in the form of bearer bonds or bond certificates.—(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 Tuesday next.

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

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

Resolved, That the Land Drainage Grants Agriculture (Postponement of Prescribed Date) Order, Act, 1937, 1940, postponing the prescribed date provided for in subsection (3) of section 15 of the Agriculture Act, 1937, a copy of which was presented to this House on the 30th day of April last, be approved.—(Mr. Robert Hudson.)

Resolved, That the Land Fertility Scheme Agriculture (Postponement of Prescribed Date) Order, Act, 1957, 1940, postponing the prescribed date provided for in subsection (3) of section 1 of the Agriculture Act, 1937, a copy of which was presented to this House on the 30th day of April last, be approved.—(Mr. Robert Hudson.)

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

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Colonial Development and Welfare Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Workmen's Compensation (Supplementary Allowances) Bill;

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

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Purchase Tax 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 Finance Bill;

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Mr. Buchan-Hepburn reported from the Committee on Colonial Development and Welfare [Money and Remission of Debt], a Resolution; which was read as followeth:

That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session (hereafter in this Resolution referred to as "the new Act") to make provision for promoting the development of the resources of colonies, protectorates, protected states and mandated territories and the welfare of their peoples, and for relieving colonial and other Governments from liability in respect of certain loans, it is expedient to authorize—

(1) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any loan made in pursuance of any such scheme as aforesaid; and

(b) such moneys as may be in the Colonial Development Fund on a day appointed by the Treasury;

(3) the remission of sums amounting in the aggregate to nine million, eight hundred and fifty-five thousand, six hundred and forty-three pounds, nine shillings and ninepence, being the outstanding balance of the principal of certain loans made out of moneys provided by Parliament, and of all arrears of interest in respect of the said loans;

(4) the amendment of certain schemes made under the Colonial Development Act, 1929, providing for advancing by way of loan sums amounting in the aggregate to one million, one hundred and five thousand, four hundred and thirty-one pounds, six shillings and sevenpence, so as to provide—

(a) that so much of the said sums as has not been advanced before the commencement of the new Act may be advanced by way of grant instead of by way of loan; and

(b) that the outstanding balance of the principal of the remainder of the said sums and all arrears of interest in respect thereof shall be remitted;

(5) the amendment of certain other schemes made under the Colonial Development Act, 1930, providing for advancing by way of loan sums amounting in the aggregate to two hundred and seventy-nine thousand, eight hundred and ten pounds, four shillings and halfpence, so as to provide—

(a) that one-half of so much of the said sums as has not been advanced before the commencement of the new Act may be advanced by way of grant instead of by way of loan; and

(b) that one-half of the principal of the remainder of the said sums and all arrears of interest in respect of that half shall be remitted;

(6) the grant out of moneys provided by Parliament of so much of certain sums proposed by the current estimates to be lent out of moneys so provided, amounting in the aggregate to one hundred and sixty-three thousand, five hundred and nine pounds, as has not been advanced before the commencement of the new Act, and the remission of the principal of the remainder of the said sums and all arrears of interest in respect thereof.

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

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

(Mr. Buchan-Hepburn.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-eight minutes after Seven of the clock, adjourned till Tuesday next, pursuant to the Resolution of the House this day.
Tuesday, 28th May 1940.

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

PRAYERS.

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

Farnham Gas and Electricity 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.:

Cardiff Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill.

Newcastle-upon-Tyne Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill.

Huddersfield 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.:

Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Huddersfield) Bill.

Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Norwich) Bill.

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

The Bournemouth Gas and Water Bill was read the third time and passed.

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

Mr. Secretary Amery presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Return of all Loans raised in England, under the provisions of any Acts of Parliament, chargeable on the Revenues of India, outstanding at the commencement of the half-year ended on 31st March 1940, with the Rates of Interest and total Amount payable thereon, and the date of the termination of each Loan, the Debt incurred during the half-year, the Moneys raised thereby during the half-year, the Loans paid off or discharged during the half-year, and the Loans outstanding at the close of the half-year:

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

Mr. Malcolm MacDonald presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of a Memorandum explanatory of the Draft Supplementary Pensions (Determination of Need and Assessment of Need) Regulations, 1940.

Mr. Malcolm MacDonald also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Draft Regulations made under the Old Age and Widows’ Pensions Act, 1939, dated 27th May 1940, entitled the Supplementary Pensions (Determination of Need and Assessment of Needs) Regulations, 1940.

Copy of a Scheme made under the Town and Country Planning Act, 1932, entitled the Frinton and Walton Planning Scheme.

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

Secretary Sir John Anderson presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Orders in Council Act, 1899, made under the Emergency Powers (Defence) Act, 1899—

(1) dated 17th May 1940, making Regulations, entitled the Defence (Petroleum) Regulations, 1940;

(2) dated 17th May 1940, making Regulations, entitled the Defence (Local Defence Volunteers) Regulations 1940;

(3) dated 29th May 1940, making Regulations, entitled the Defence (Parliamentary Under Secretaries) Regulations, 1940;

(4) dated 29th May 1940, amending Regulations 6, 16, 35, 36, 49, 53 and 55 of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939;

(5) dated 22nd May 1940, amending Regulation 23 of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939;
Sir John Wardlaw-Milne reported from the Select Committee on National Expenditure: That they had made further 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.

Sir John Wardlaw-Milne reported from the Select Committee on National Expenditure: That they had made further 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 from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An War Charities Bill [Lords.] Act to provide for the registration and control of war charities, and for the extension of the objects of certain war charities; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The War Charities Bill [Lords.] was read the War first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Lieutenant Ernest Everard Gates, Member for the County of Lancaster (Middleton and Prestwich Division), was sworn.

Mr. William Morrison, supported by Captain Crookshank and Captain Waterhouse, presented a Bill to amend the law with respect to the rates to be prescribed for certain telegraphs, and charges under telegraph contracts, to enable special terms, conditions and rates to be prescribed for certain telegraphs, and to enable certain contracts for publications at rates including postage to be determined: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Mr. Lewis Jones presented a Bill to confirm Poor's Allotments in Hornsey Bill. as the Charity Commissioners for the application or management of the charity called the Poor's Allotments, in the ancient parish of Hornsey, in the county of Middlesex: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Ordered, That this day, notwithstanding Business of anything in Standing Order No. 14, Business of other than the Business of Supply may be taken before Eleven of the clock.—(The Prime Minister.)

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

Vote 8. Ministry of Information.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £100 be granted to His Majesty to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending

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The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Colonial Development and Welfare Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Workmen’s Compensation (Supplementary Allowances) 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 War Risks Insurance Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Purchase Tax 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 Evidence and Powers of Attorney Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-four minutes before Nine of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

Wednesday, 29th May 1940.

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

P R A Y E R S.

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 Poplar (Bow and Bromley Division), in the room of the Right Honourable George Lansbury, deceased.—(Sir Charles Edwards.)

The Cardiff Corporation (Trolley Vehiches) Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The Huddersfield Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Huddersfield) Bill:

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.
Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Norwich) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

Sir John Reith presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of the Reports and Abstracts of the Accounts of the Receipts and Expenditure of the Harwich Harbour Conservancy Board for the years ended 31st March 1937, 1938 and 1939:

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

Mr. Malcolm MacDonald presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations made under the National Health Insurance Act, 1939, dated 21st May 1940, entitled the National Health Insurance (Arrears) Amendment Regulations, 1940.

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

Mr. Cross presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Agreement made under the War Risks Insurance Act, 1939, on the 3rd day of May 1940 between the War Risks Cargo Pool and others and the Board of Trade and the Minister of Shipping.

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

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

First Schedule containing a List and Particulars of certain Classes of Documents, existing or accruing in the Offices of the Assistance Board, which are not considered of sufficient public value to justify their preservation in the Public Record Office.

Schedule containing a List and Particulars of certain Classes of Documents existing or accruing in the Finance Department of the Ministry of Labour and National Service, which are not considered of sufficient public value to justify their preservation in the Public Record Office.

Mr. Askeaton, supported by Sir Andrew Duncan, Mr. Attorney General and Captain Cross, presented a Bill to enable provision to be made for preventing loss of benefits under certain superannuation schemes by persons undertaking service in the forces or employment for war purposes: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That all the remaining stages of the Business of National Loans (No. 2) Bill may be taken at this day's sitting, notwithstanding the practice of the House relating to the interval between the various stages of such a Bill, and that immediately after the Bill has been read a second time, it shall be considered in Committee of the whole House.—(The Prime Minister.)

The Finance Bill was, according to Order, Finance Bill, read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House for Tuesday next.

The National Loans (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

The House, pursuant to the Order of the House this day, immediately resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Classes No. 1 to No. 3 agreed to.
Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Sir John Wardlaw-Milne reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

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

The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

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

I hereby certify that this Bill is a Money Bill within the meaning of the Parliament Act, 1911.

E. A. FitzRoy, Speaker).

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

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

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

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

Ordered, That the Special Report from the National Select Committee on National Expenditure be Expenditure, now taken into consideration.—(Sir John Wardlaw-Milne.)

The House accordingly proceeded to take the said Special Report into consideration.

Ordered, That the Co-ordinating Sub-Committee of the Select Committee on National Expenditure have power, in cases where considerations of national security preclude the publishing of certain recommendations and of the arguments upon which they are based, to address a memorandum to the Prime Minister for the consideration of the War Cabinet, provided that the Committee do report to the House on every occasion when this power shall have been exercised.—(Sir John Wardlaw-Milne.)
4 GEO. VI.  29th—30th May.

Ordered, That Sir Charles Edwards and Selection. Mr. Paling be discharged from the Committee of Selection, and that Mr. Charleton and Mr. Mathers be added to the Committee.—(Mr. James Stuart.)

Captain Crookshank presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order made under Sections 1 and 19 of the Import Duties Act, 1932, Section 10 of the Finance Act, 1934, Section 7 of the Finance Act, 1936, and Section 1 of the Import Duties (Emergency Provisions) Act, 1919, dated 28th May 1949, entitled the Import Duties (Exemptions) (No. 3) Order, 1940.

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

Mr. Chamberlain presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 20th May 1940, Act, 1863, approving an Admiralty Memorial under the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865, relating to the grant of full pay sick leave to certain retired and other officers not holding permanent commissions, when employed in time of war or emergency.

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

Mr. Cross presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Draft of an Order in Council proposed to be made under the Merchant Shipping (Mercantile Marine Fund) Act, 1898, entitled the Merchant Shipping (Light Dues) Order, 1940.

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

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Ministry of Health Committee on Unopposed Bills: That they had considered the Order contained in the Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Littlestone-on-Sea and District Water) 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 upon Tuesday next.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Ministry of Health Committee on Unopposed Bills: That they had considered the Order contained in the Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Norwich District Water) 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 upon Tuesday next.

[No. 71.]

Thursday, 30th May 1940.

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

PRAYERS.

THE House proceeded to take into consideration the Coventry Corporation Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time. Vol. 195.
The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills: That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the South Suburban Gas 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.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills: That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Taunton 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.

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, 1878, in its application to persons engaged in the armed forces of the Crown; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to amend the Marriage Notice (Scotland) Act, 1878, in its application to persons engaged in war service; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to amend the National Service (Channel Islands) Bill [Lords], was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next; and to be printed:

Sir John Wardlaw-Milne reported from the Select Committee on National Expenditure, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 29th day of this instant May, That the Co-ordinating Sub-Committee of the Committee had addressed a memorandum to the Prime Minister for the consideration of the War Cabinet.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Adjournment. Resolved, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn till Tuesday next.—(Mr. Atlee.)

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

(In the Committee.)

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Vote 1. Board of Trade.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £297,034 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 1941, for the salaries and expenses of the office of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade, and subordinate departments.

Whereupon the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod being come with a Message, the Chairman left the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

A Message was delivered by Lieutenant-General Sir William Pulteney, 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 an Act agreed upon by both Houses, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers:—And having returned;

Mr. Speaker reported, That the House, at the desire of the Lords, authorised by virtue of His Majesty's Commission, had been at the House of Peers, where a Commission under the Great Seal was read, giving, declaring and notifying the Royal Assent to the Act therein mentioned; and that the Lords, thereby authorised, had declared the Royal Assent to the said Act, as followeth:

National Loans (No. 2) Act, 1940.

Then the House again resolved itself into the Supply Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Question again proposed, That a sum not exceeding £297,034 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 1941, for the salaries and expenses of the office of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade, and subordinate departments.

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

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 Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the War Charities 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 Purchase Tax 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 Evidence and Powers of Attorney Bill [Lords];

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

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Buchan-Hepburn.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-seven minutes before Eight of the clock, adjourned till Tuesday next, pursuant to the Resolution of this House this day.

Tuesday, 4th June 1940.

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 Sir Joseph William Leech, late Member for the Borough of Newcastle-upon-Tyne (West Division), and of the death in action of Captain Richard Whitaker Perritt, late Member for the County of Lancaster (Heywood and Radcliffe Division), and desire to express our sense of the loss we have sustained and our sympathy with their relatives.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to make out a new Writ for the election of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough of Croydon (North Division), in the room of Lieutenant-Colonel Glyn Keith Murray Mason, D.S.O., commonly called the Honourable Glyn Keith Murray Mason, who, since his election for the said borough, hath accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of His Majesty's Manor of Northstead in the County of York.—(Captain Margesson.)

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Copy of an Order in Council made under the Special Constables Acts, 1914 and 1928, dated 29th May 1940, entitled the Special Constables (Scotland) Order, 1940.

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

Sir Andrew Duncan presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Draft of a Special Order proposed to be made under the Gas Undertakings Acts, 1920 to 1934, on the application of the Leamington Priors Gas Company and the Warwick Gas Company.

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

Sir John Reith presented pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Provisional Regulations, made under the Road Traffic Acts, 1930 to 1934, entitled the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) Provisional Regulations, 1940.

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 the Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Blackburn) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to authorise the Gosport Waterworks Company to construct additional works; to authorise the transfer to the Company of part of the water undertaking of the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the borough of Southampton; to extend the limits of supply of the Company; to confer upon the Company further capital and borrowing powers; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to enable The Monmouthshire and South Wales Employers' Mutual Indemnity Society Limited to make special calls upon its members; to confer upon it preferential rights in certain events and to empower it to make certain agreements with its members; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Gosport Water Bill [Lords:] was read the first time.

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

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Sir Francis Fremantle reported from the Select Committee on Publications and Debates Reports: That they had made further Progress in the matters to them referred, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them: And the Report was brought up and read.

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

William Edward Woolley, Esquire, Member New Member for the County of York (West Riding) (Spen Valley Division), was sworn.

The Post Office and Telegraph Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

—(Sir James Edmondson.)

The Superannuation Schemes (War Service) 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. Whiteley.)

The National Service (Channel Islands) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

—(Mr. Whiteley.)

The Evidence and Powers of Attorney Bill Evidence and Powers of Attorney Bill [Lords:] was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

—(Mr. Whiteley.)

The Evidence and Powers of Attorney Bill Evidence and Powers of Attorney Bill [Lords:] was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

—(Mr. Whiteley.)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee on Limitation of Dividends [Money];

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Colonial Development and Welfare Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.
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The Coventry Corporation Bill [Lords]—The Coventry—
was read the third time and passed, with Amendment.

Ordered. That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the South Suburban Gas Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Taunton Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Littlestone-on-Sea 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 (Thirsk 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.

Mr. Secretary Brown presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1936, relating to the Lochaber Power Company: And the same was ordered under Section 7 of the Act, to be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Bill be printed.

Secretary, Sir John Anderson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order in Council made under the Emergency Powers (Defence) Acts, 1939 and 1940, dated 31st May 1940, adding Regulations 19a and 19b to the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939.

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

Mr. Cross presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Reports to the Board of Trade by the Corporation of Trinity House and the 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 1899.

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

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

The Lords have agreed to the Birmingham Corporation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Workmen's Compensation (Supplementary Allowances) Bill;

Resolved. That this House will proceed to the Committee, and beg that you will convey this my appeal to the House of Commons.

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

[No. 73.]

Wednesday, 5th June 1940.

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

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received the following letter, from Captain Ramsay, a Member of the House:

Dear Mr. Speaker,

I have now been for nearly a fortnight under preventive arrest with no charge whatever preferred against me.

I claim, Sir, that this preventive arrest constitutes a grave violation of the privileges and vital rights of Members of this Honourable House, and beg that you will convey this my appeal to the House of Commons.

Yours sincerely,

ARCHIBALD RAMSAY.

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Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, supported by Mr. Attorney General and Miss Harmsworth, presented a Bill to extend to London the power of rating authorities under the Rating and Valuation Act, 1925, to reduce or remit rates: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Resolved, That the Draft Supplementary Pensions (Determination of Need and Assessment of Needs) Regulations, 1940, made by the Minister of Health and the Secretary of State for Scotland, acting in conjunction, under Part II of the Old Age and Widows' Pensions Act, 1940, a copy of which was presented to this House on the 28th day of May last, be approved.—(Mr. Malcolm MacDonald.)

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

Excess profits tax (Increase of rate).

Resolved, That the rate of excess profits tax shall in relation to profits arising after the end of March, nineteen hundred and forty, be raised from sixty per cent. to one hundred per cent.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

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

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the National Service (Channel Islands) 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 desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Post Office and Telegraph Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 amended, and agreed to.

Clauses No. 2 to 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 an Amendment thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be now taken into consideration.

The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

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 Evidence and Committee on the Evidence and Powers of Attorney Bill [Lords.]

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

The Poor's Allotments in Hornsey Bill was, Poor's Allotments in Hornsey 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 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 on the Limitation of Dividends Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee on Limitation of Dividends [Money];

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

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

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the War Charities Bill [Lords];

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

Adjournment.

Resolved, That this House, do now adjourn.

—(Mr. Munro.)

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

—(2) the City of Durham Gas Company.

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

Clause agreed to.

—Sir Thomas Moore.)

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Finance Bill that they have power to make provision therein pursuant to the said Resolution.

The House, according to Order, resolved Finance Bill, itself into a Committee on the Finance Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 to No. 7 agreed to.

Clause No. 8 (Excise licences for vehicles belonging to members of forces on leave).

Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 37, to leave out paragraph (a).—(Sir Thomas Moore.)

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

Clause agreed to.
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Clauses No. 9 to No. 12 agreed to.
Clause No. 13 amended, and agreed to.
Clause No. 14 (Modifications of relief from Schedule A in case of unoccupied houses).
Amendment proposed, in p. 11, l. 40, after the word "payable," to insert the words "and paid."—(Sir William Brass.)
Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 12, l. 9, after the word "Where," to insert the word "such."—(Sir William Brass.)
Question proposed, That the word "such" be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Clause agreed to.
Clauses No. 15 to No. 18 agreed to.
Clause No. 19 (Extension of classes of income from foreign possessions taxable though not received in the United Kingdom).
Amendment proposed, in p. 16, l. 24, at the end, to insert the words,—
"Provided that this subsection shall not apply in respect of income arising from an irrevocable trust made by a person other than a British subject, and under the laws of a foreign country."—(Sir Herbert Williams.)
Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.
Clause agreed to.
Clauses No. 20 to No. 25 agreed to.
Clause No. 26 (Provisions to replace s. 13 (7) of Finance (No. 2) Act, 1939).
Amendment proposed in p. 25, l. 14, to leave out subsection (8).—(Mr. Levy.)
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.
Clauses No. 27 to No. 61 agreed to.
Clause No. 62 amended, and agreed to.
Clause No. 63 agreed to.
A Clause (Raising of rate of excess profits tax).—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer), brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.
Another Clause (Disallowance in computing profits of certain expenses).—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer),—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.
Another Clause (Reduction of duty on gas propelled vehicles).—(Captain Strickland),—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 (Income tax reduction in respect of refugees).—(Sir Herbert Williams),—brought up, and read the first time.
Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put, and negatived.
Another Clause (Allowance for undue wear and tear in relation to assessment for excess profits tax).—(Sir 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.
First to Fourth Schedules agreed to.
Fifth Schedule amended, and agreed to.
Sixth to Eighth Schedules agreed to.
Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Sir Lambert Ward 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 Tuesday next; and be printed.

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Colonial Development and Welfare Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Workmen's Compensation (Supplementary Allowances) Bill;

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

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Remission of Rates of Duty (London) 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 Evidence and Powers of Attorney Bill [Lords];

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

The Order of the day being read, for the War Charities Bill [Lords];

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

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-six minutes before Nine of the clock, adjourned till Tuesday next, pursuant to the Resolution of the House this day.
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11th June.

[No. 75.]

Tuesday, 11th June 1940.

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 compiled with, viz.:

- Gosport Water Bill [Lords].
- The Monmouthshire and South Wales Employers’ Mutual Indemnity Society Limited Bill [Lords].

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

The South Suburban Gas Bill [Lords] was read the third time and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Mr. George Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Scheme made under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937, by the Bedford Borough Council.

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

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords to the Agricultural Wages (Regulation) (Scotland) Bill, with Amendments, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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

Mr. Malcolm MacDonald presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Scheme made under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937, by the London County Council (Money) Bill without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Agricultural Wages (Regulation) (Scotland) Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

VoL. 195.
Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Cuthbert Morley Headlam, baronet, D.S.O., O.B.E., T.D., member for the Borough of Newcastle-upon-Tyne (North Division), was sworn.

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.

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 Marriage (Scotland) (Emergency Provisions) 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—(Sir James Edmondson.)

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 Thursday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Colonial Development and Welfare Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Schemes for Colonial Development and Welfare).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 7, after the word "Treasury," to insert the words "and after consultation with Advisory Committees to be appointed by him."—(Mr. Riley.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 7, after the word "that," to insert the words "there is no embargo upon the establishment of effective trade unions and that."—(Mr. Creech Jones.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 13, to leave out the words "standard rates," and insert the words "rates recognised by trade unions in the area where the work is being executed, or where no such rates exist in the district, the trade union rates recognised in the nearest comparable area."—(Mr. Creech Jones.)

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. 17, to leave out from the word "works," to the end of l. 22, and insert the words:—

"(3) Any scheme made under this section shall provide that any increase in values directly attributable to the scheme shall inure to the colony in respect of which the scheme is made.—(Mr. Riley.)

The Remission of Rates (London) 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—(Mr. Buchan-Hepburn.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Evidence and Powers of Attorney Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 and No. 2 agreed to.

Clause No. 3 amended, and agreed to.

Clauses No. 4 to No. 8 agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the 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 Workmen's Compensation (Supplementary Allowances) Bill;

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

The order of the day being read, for the Purchase Tax Bill;

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

The Remission of Rates (London) 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—(Mr. Buchan-Hepburn.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Evidence and Powers of Attorney Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 and No. 2 agreed to.

Clause No. 3 amended, and agreed to.

Clauses No. 4 to No. 8 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 War Charities 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.—(Mr. Buchan-Hepburn.)

Adjournment. Resolved, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Buchan-Hepburn.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour before Nine of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 76.]

Wednesday, 12th June 1940.

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

PRAYERS.

Treaty Series [No. 12, 1940.] Mr. Butler presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Convention between His Majesty in respect of the United Kingdom and the President of the French Republic supplementary to the Convention of 2nd February 1922 to facilitate the conduct of Legal Proceedings. [With Protocol of Signature.] Paris, 15th April 1936; [Ratifications exchanged at London, 4th April 1940.]

Treaty Series [No. 13, 1940.] Copy of a Convention between His Majesty in respect of the United Kingdom and His Majesty the King of the Hellenes regarding Air Transport Services. [With Protocol of Signature and Notes exchanged.] Athens, 30th May 1939; [Ratifications exchanged at London, 27th May 1940.]

Treaty Series [No. 14, 1940.] Copy of Notes exchanged relating to Commercial Relations between Newfoundland and the Dominican Republic. Ciudad Trujillo, 16th March 1940.


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


Secretary Sir John Anderson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order in Council made under the Emergency Powers (Defence) Acts, 1939 and 1940 dated 7th June 1940, amending Vol. 185.

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

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Cardiff Corporation on Unopposed Bills: That they had considered the Order contained in the Cardiff 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.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Huddersfield Corporation on Unopposed Bills: That they had considered the Order contained in the Huddersfield 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.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Newcastle-upon-Tyne Corporation on Unopposed Bills: That they had considered the Order contained in the Newcastle-upon-Tyne 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.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Farnham Gas and Electricity Bill [Lords.] that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Farnham Gas and Electricity 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 thereto.

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

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments Coventry made by the House to the Coventry Corporation Bill [Lords.], without any Amendment.

Ordered, That this day, notwithstanding any thing in Standing Order No. 14, Business other than the Business of Supply may be taken before Eleven of the clock.—(Mr. Attlee.)
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates, 1940.

Unclassified Services.


Motion made, and Question proposed, That a 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 1941, for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Home Security.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again.—(Vice-Admiral Taylor):—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question again proposed.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do now leave the Chair.—(Mr. Attlee):—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question again proposed.

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

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, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Agricultural Wages (Regulation) (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.

Resolved, That the Motor Vehicles (Gas-propelled Vehicles) (Variation of Speed Limit) Regulations, 1940, a copy of which was presented to this House on the 13th day of May last, be approved.—(Mr. Montague.)

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.—(Mr. Thomas.)

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

THE Cardiff Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read the third time and passed.

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

The Huddersfield Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read the third time and passed.

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

The Newcastle-upon-Tyne Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read the third time and passed.

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

Captain Crookshank presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Copies of a Treasury Minute, dated 10th June 1940, relative to the fiduciary note issue.

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

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords, by the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Lords have agreed to the Post Office and Post Office Telegraph Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments South Suburban Provisional Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Poor's Allotments in Horsey Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments Evidence and Powers of Attorney Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

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The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to amend the Courts (Emergency Powers) Act, 1899; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to provide for the closing for all purposes Deeds Bill [Lords].
The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to confer further powers upon the Ascot District Gas and Electricity Company and other Companies authorised to supply gas; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The South-Eastern Gas Corporation Limited (Associated Companies) Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

Adjournment. Resolved, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn till Tuesday next.—(Mr. Attlee.)

Supply [15th allotted Day.]

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

(In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates, 1940.

Unclassified Services.

Vote 5. Ministry of Health (War Services).

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a 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 1941, for measures in England and Wales to deal with casualties and disease, for expenses connected with evacuation, for repair of war damage and for other services arising out of the war.

Whereupon the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod being come with a Message, the Chairman left the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

A Message was delivered by Lieutenant-General Sir William Pulteney, 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 agreed upon by both Houses, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers:—And having returned;

' Mr. Speaker reported, That the House, at the desire of the Lords, authorised by virtue of His Majesty’s Commission, had been at the House of Peers, where a Commission under the Great Seal was read, giving, declaring and notifying the Royal Assent to the several Acts therein mentioned; and that the Lords, thereby authorised, had declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts, as follow:

1. National Service (Channel Islands) Act, 1940.
2. Post Office and Telegraph Act, 1940.
3. Superannuation Schemes (War Service) Act, 1940.
4. Agricultural Wages (Regulation) (Scotland) Act, 1940.
5. Evidence and Powers of Attorney Act, 1940.

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6. Poor’s Allotments in Hornsey Charity Scheme Confirmation Act, 1940.
7. Ministry of Health Provisional Order Confirmation (Blackburn) Act, 1940.
9. Coventry Corporation Act, 1940.
10. Cornwall Electric Power Act, 1940.
11. London County Council (Money) Act, 1940.
12. South Suburban Gas Act, 1940.

Then the House again resolved itself into the Supply Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Question again proposed, That a 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 1941, for measures in England and Wales to deal with casualties and disease, for expenses connected with evacuation, for repair of war damage and for other services arising out of the war.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again.—(Sir James Edmondson),—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 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 Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Marriage Committee on the Marriage (Scotland) (Emergency Provisions) Bill [Lords];—

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking Finance Bill, into consideration the Finance Bill, as amended in the Committee.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Workmen’s Compensation (Supplementary Allowances) Bill;—

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

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Remission Committee on the Remission of Rates (London) Bill.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the War Charities Bill [Lords];

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

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

(Sir James Edmondson.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-four minutes before Ten of the clock, adjourned till Tuesday next, pursuant to the Resolution of the House this day.


E. A. Fitzroy,
Speaker.

13th June, 1940.

Ordered, That the paper presented, pursuant to the Access to Mountains Regulations made under the Access to Mountains Act, 1939, entitled—

(1) the Cinematograph Films Council (Extension of Term of Office) Order, 1940; and
(2) the Shoreham and Lancing Sea Defence Commissioners (Extension of Term of Office) Order, 1940; and
(3) the Weaver Navigation Trustees (Extension of Term of Office) Order, 1940.

Copy of an Order in Council made under the War Office Act, 1870, dated 7th June, 1940, relating to the constitution of the Army Council.

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

Mr. Robert Hudson presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations made under the Access to Mountains Act, 1939, dated 13th May, 1940, entitled the Access to Mountains Regulations, 1940.

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

Mr. Malcolm MacDonald presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, and the Access to Mountains Regulations, 1940, entitled—

(1) the Supplementary Pensions (Determinations) Rules, 1940; and
(2) the Supplementary Pensions (Appeal Tribunals) Rules, 1940.

Copy of a Scheme made under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937, by the Council of the Crayford Urban District Council.
Copy of Seventy-sixth Annual Report by the Chief Inspectors under the Alkali, &c., Works Regulation Act, 1906, being a Report for 1939.

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

Mr. Secretary Amery presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Amendment to the Reserved Posts to the Chief Inspectors under the Alkali, &c., Works Acts, 1939 and 1940, dated 11th June 1940—

(1) amending Regulations 18, 18A and 18B of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939;
(2) adding Regulation 79A to the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939;
(3) amending Regulations 54C, 88D and 100 of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939;
(4) adding Regulation 39BA to the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939;
(5) amending Regulations 12 and 88A of, and adding Regulation 14A to, the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939;
(6) amending Regulation 55 of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939; and
(7) amending Regulation 9 of the Defence (Finance) Regulations, 1939.

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 made under the Administration of Justice (Emergency Provisions) Act, 1939, dated 6th June 1940, entitled the Rules of the Supreme Court (No. 2), 1940.

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by John Anderson, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders in Council made under the Emergency Powers (Defence) Acts, 1939 and 1940, dated 11th June 1940—

(1) adding Regulation 79A to the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939;
(2) amending Regulation 79A to the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939;
(3) amending Regulations 54C, 88D and 100 of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939;
(4) adding Regulation 39BA to the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939;
(5) amending Regulations 12 and 88A of, and adding Regulation 14A to, the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939;
(6) amending Regulation 55 of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939; and
(7) amending Regulation 9 of the Defence (Finance) Regulations, 1939.

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 Christchurch Corporation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to explain and amend the Indian and Colonial Divorce Jurisdiction Act, 1926; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to amend the Act 30 & 31 Vict. c. vii; to confer upon the Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of the city and county of Newcastle-upon-Tyne further powers and to make further provisions with respect to the Hospital of Saint Mary Magdalen in the said city and county; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply, [12th allotted Day.]

(In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates, 1940.
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Vote 15. Department of Health, Scotland.
Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £2,785,510 be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1941, 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 widows', orphans' and old age contributory pensions; a grant in aid of camps; and other services.

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

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Marriage (Scotland) (Emergency Provisions) Bill [Lords.]

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 to No. 3 agreed to.

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

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

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

**Finance Bill.**

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Finance Bill, as amended in the Committee:

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

**Ways and Means.**

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Remission of Rates (London) Bill:

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

**Workmen's Compensation (Supplementary Allowances) Bill.**

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Workmen's Compensation (Supplementary Allowances) Bill:

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

**Purchase Tax Bill.**

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Purchase Tax Bill:

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

**Remission of Rates (London) Bill.**

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Remission of Rates (London) Bill:

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

**War Charities Bill [Lords].**

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the War Charities Bill [Lords]:

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

Ordered, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Thomas.)

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

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**Wednesday, 19th June 1940.**

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 election of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough of Wandsworth (Central Division), in the room of Colonel Harry Louis Nathan, who, since his election for the said Borough, hath accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of His Majesty's Three Chilireyn Hundreds of Stoke, Desborough and Burnham, in the County of Buckingham.—Sir Charles Edwards.)

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Farnham Gas and Electricity Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. Butler presented, by His Majesty's Thaïland Command.—Copy of a Treaty of Non-Aggression between His Majesty in respect of the United Kingdom and the King of Thaïland, Bangkok, 12th June 1940. [This Treaty has not been ratified by His Majesty.] Copy of Notes exchanged between the Treaty Series Governments of Canada and the United States of America relating to Air Transport Services. Ottawa, 18th August 1939.

Copy of the Terms of an Arrangement China between His Majesty's Government in the (No. 1, 1940.) United Kingdom and the Japanese Government relating to Local Issues at Tientsin. 19th June 1940.

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

Captain Crookshank presented, pursuant to Income Tax, the directions of several Acts of Parliament.—

Copy of a Treasury Warrant, dated 19th June 1940, appointing John William Barker, Esquire, to be a Special Commissioner of Income Tax.

Copy of an Order made under the Debts Clearing Offices and Imports Restrictions Act, 1934; dated 15th June 1940, entitled the Clearing Office (Roumania) Amendment Order, 1940.

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

Mr. Secretary Brown presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—

Copy of the First Annual Report of the Scottish Special Housing Association, Limited, on Scottish Camps.

Copy of a Report by the Chairman of Private 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 that the Provisional Order for which a Petition was presented to one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State on the 27th day of March last, namely, the Ayr Burgh Provisional Order, be allowed to proceed, subject to such recommendations as they may hereafter make with respect to the Order.

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

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

The Lords have agreed to the Bournemouth Bournemouth Gas and Water Bill, with Amendments; to Gas and Water Bill.
The Chairman of Ways and Means, pursuant to Standing Order 88, called the attention of the House to certain points in connection with the South-Eastern Gas Corporation Limited (Associated Companies) Bill [Lords], as follow:

The South-Eastern Gas Corporation Limited which is promoting this Bill is a Company registered under the Companies Acts. It has no statutory power to supply gas, but it holds a controlling interest in a number of subsidiary companies which are gas companies having such statutory powers and carrying on the ordinary business of supplying and distributing gas.

The Bill seeks to give to these subsidiary companies certain additional powers of a kind frequently applied for by and granted to gas companies by private Bills promoted by such companies. A Bill promoted by a parent or holding company to confer such additional powers upon a number of other controlled or subsidiary companies would seem to be a form of private Bill legislation which is novel and outside the types of private Bills provided for or contemplated in the Standing Orders of the House. The cases dealt with by Standing Orders 73 and 74, which do require what are usually called Wharncliffe meetings of a company other than the promoting company, are not analogous: those Standing Orders apply only where the powers sought to be conferred on the post-promoting company are powers such as those of amalgamation, sale or abandonment of their undertaking, or the purchase of another undertaking.

In the case of this Bill, the most important point would appear to be that under its provisions the subsidiary companies would be granted the proposed additional powers without its being necessary for each of those companies to comply with the Standing Orders relating to the submission of the Bill to the shareholders of the company, and obtaining a three-fourths majority in value of the shareholders present at the meeting, as would be necessary if each of such companies had promoted such a Bill to obtain such powers for itself.

In so far as the present Bill is concerned, the promoting company holds more than 75 per cent. of the issued share capital in all but three of the subsidiary companies; and a little less than 75 per cent. (viz., 72 per cent., 68 per cent. and 63 per cent.) in the remaining three companies. Moreover, the promoters expressed their readiness to submit the Bill to special meetings of all the subsidiary companies in the same way as would be required under Standing Orders if separate Bills were to be promoted by the several companies. All such meetings have now been held, and resolutions passed by the requisite majority.

But if the principle were established that Bills of this kind are legitimate it would cover cases where only 51 per cent. of the capital was so held, unless Standing Orders were altered requiring what are usually called "Wharncliffe meetings" of all the subsidiary companies in such cases.

The most important of the additional powers sought under this Bill to be conferred upon the subsidiary companies are financial powers, such as powers of raising additional share capital, and powers of raising additional loan capital by increasing the percentage which the loan capital may bear to the share capital. The other powers proposed to be conferred on the subsidiary companies are for the most part of an administrative nature, mainly affecting the internal economy of the companies. But attention should be called to Clause 31 of this Bill which proposes to alter the voting rights of shareholders in the subsidiary companies.

In this Bill the effect of the alteration proposed would be to give one vote for every £1 in nominal value of the shares or stock held, which is much more favourable to the large shareholders than the scales of voting laid down by the Companies Clauses Acts and Special Acts which would be superseded.

The advantage of permitting this type of legislation is that it would effect very substantial saving of expense, and thus facilitate the business of the companies concerned; to take this Bill as an example, it would save the promoters of separate Bills in respect of all the twenty-four subsidiary companies concerned, and several of the companies are so small that the cost of promoting Bills would be prohibitive. It would thus not only save expense, but save time and a certain amount of trouble. On the other hand the Committee dealing with such a Bill would have to consider carefully the position and effect of the Bill in regard to every one of the subsidiary companies concerned.

Though the present Bill may of itself be innocuous, the precedent which it would create is one to which I think it my duty under Standing Order 88 to call the attention of the House before a Second Reading of the Bill is allowed to pass.

The Bill was introduced in the House of Lords, where a Report similar to the foregoing was made by the Lord Chairman; the Bill, though unopposed, was then referred with the Report to an Opposed Bill Committee: that Committee reported that having regard to the present national emergency and to the statement made on behalf of the Promoters, that before the Bill became law Wharncliffe meetings of all the subsidiary companies would be held, and having regard also to the special financial position of the promoting company relatively to the subsidiary companies, the Bill in their opinion should be allowed to proceed.

The Bill was then in due course passed by the House of Lords.

Ordered. That the Third Reading of the Business of Finance Bill may be taken immediately after the consideration of the Bill, as amended, notwithstanding the practice of the House as to the interval between the various stages of such a Bill.—(Mr. Attlee.)

The House, according to Order, proceeded Finance Bill to take into consideration the Finance Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Special provisions as to mines, oilwells, &c.)—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)—And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the said Clause be read a second time;
of Rates (London) Bill. Mr. Speaker’s Certificate.

Remission of Rates (London) Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Remission of Rates (London) 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 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).

War Charities Bill (Lords.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the War Charities Bill [Lords];

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

Supply.

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

Resolved, That this House will, 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.

Courts (Emergency Powers) Amendment Bill (Lords.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Courts (Emergency Powers) Amendment Bill [Lords];

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

Middlesex Deeds Bill (Lords.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Middlesex Deeds Bill [Lords];

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

Workmen’s Compensation (Supplementary Allowances) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Workmen’s Compensation (Supplementary Allowances) Bill;

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

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 Bill having been endorsed by Mr. Speaker with the following Certificate:—

I hereby certify that this Bill is a Money Bill within the meaning of the Parliament Act, 1911.

E. A. FitzRoy, Speaker).

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

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

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment. (Mr. Grimston.)

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

[No. 80.]

Thursday, 20th June 1940.

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

P R A Y E R S.

SECRETARY Sir John Anderson presented, Shops Acts, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order made under the Shops Acts, 1912 to 1936, by the Council of the Borough of Orsett, and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department.

Copy of an Order in Council made under the Emergency Powers (Defence) Act, 1939, dated 11th June 1940, amending Regulation 9 of the Defence (Finance) Regulations (Ile of Man), 1939.

Secretary Sir John Anderson also presented, Defence pursuant to paragraph (6) of Regulation 18s of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939—1939. Report of action taken under the said Regulation No. 136, during the period 1st May 1940 to 31st May 1940.

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

The Indian and Colonial Divorce Jurisdiction Bill [Lords] was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next; and to be printed.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills: That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of The Monmouthshire and South Wales Employers’ Mutual Indemnity Society Limited Bill [Lords], and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

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 Gosport Water Bill [Lords], and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

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.

Secretary Sir John Anderson, supported by Mr. Attorney-General, the Lord Advocate, and Mr. Peake, presented a Bill to restrain legal proceedings under the Truck Acts, 1831 to 1896, in respect of certain transactions heretofore effected which might lawfully have been effected in another form, and to remove doubts as to whether persons employed under contracts rendered illegal by those Acts are or were to be regarded for purposes other than those of the said Acts as employed under contracts of service: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next; and to be printed.

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

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £100 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Expense of the War Office which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1941.

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 Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Notice being taken that strangers were present, Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 89, put forthwith the Question: That strangers be ordered to withdraw:—it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That the remainder of this day's Sitting be a Secret Session.—(Mr. Attlee.)

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

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

I regret to have to inform the House of the death of Sir Richard James Meller, late Member for the County of Surrey (Mitcham 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 Monrose 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 Montrose District of Burghs, in the room of Colonel Charles Ian Kerr, D.S.O., M.C., who, since his election for the said Burghs, hath accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of His Majesty's Manor of Northstead, in the County of York.—(Mr. Munro.)

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

Saint Mary Magdalene Hospital (Newcastle-upon-Tyne) Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Bournemouth 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 Farnham Gas and Electricity Bill [Lords] was read the third time and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.
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1940.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, that the South-Eastern Gas Corporation Limited (Associated Companies) Bill [Lords] be now read a second time:—And a Debate arising thereupon:

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

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

Mr. Secretary Brown presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations made under the Births, Deaths and Marriages (Scotland) Act, 1854—

(1) dated 1st June 1940, entitled the Marriage (Duties of Registrars) Regulations (Scotland), 1940; and

(2) dated 4th June 1940, entitled the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Information affecting Contributory Pensions) Regulations (Scotland), 1940.

Copy of an Order made under the National Health Insurance Act, 1936, dated 4th June 1940, entitled the National Health Insurance Employments (Exclusion and Inclusion) Amendment Order (Scotland), 1940:

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

Captain Crookshank presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Estimate of a further Sum required to be voted for the service of the year ending 31st March 1941, for Civil Departments.

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

Mr. Secretary Crookshank also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order made under the Second Schedule to, and Section 19 of, the Import Duties Act, 1932, and Section 1 of the Import Duties (Emergency Provisions) Act, 1939, dated 18th June 1940, entitled the Import Duties (Drawback) (No. 6) Order, 1940.

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

Mr. Secretary Brown presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders made under the Diseases of Animals Acts, 1894 to 1937,—

(1) dated 15th June 1940, authorising the prohibition of landing of animals from the Channel Islands (Order No. 5,949); and

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

Mr. Secretary Crookshank also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Scheme made under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937, by the Dagenham Borough Council.

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

Mr. Robert Hudson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders made under the Diseases of Animals Acts, 1894 to 1937,—

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 Lochaber Water Power Order Confirmation Bill without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

Mr. Secretary Crookshank presented, Emergency pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Orders in Council made under the Emergency Powers (Defence) Acts, 1939 and 1940, dated 19th June 1940—

(1) amending Regulations 9, 18 and 62 of, and adding Regulations 23c, 23b, 40A, 57A and 62b to, the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939;

(2) adding Regulation 54A to the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939; and

(3) amending the Defence (Armed Forces) Regulations, 1939.

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

Copy of an Order made under the Shops Acts, Acts, 1912 to 1938, by the Council of the County Borough of Preston, and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department.

Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

Copy of an Order made under the Sunday Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Act, to—

(1) the urban district of Baldock;

(2) the city and county of Bristol;

(3) the city and county of Chester;

(4) the borough of Colchester;

(5) the urban district of East Barnet;

(6) the city of Leicester;

(7) the city and county of Lichfield;

(8) the borough of Taunton;

(9) the county borough of Walsall; and

(10) the borough of Wokingham.

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

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

Account showing the Nature and Amount of Unemployment the Securities held by the Commissioners for Investments 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, 1938.

Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

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

The Lords have agreed to the Lochaber Water Power Order Confirmation Bill without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.
Wey Valley Water Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Wey Valley Water Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Mid-Wessex Water Bill [Lords.]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to authorise the Mid-Wessex Water Company to execute works and acquire lands, and easements; to confer upon the Company further capital and borrowing powers; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Mid-Wessex Water Bill [Lords.]

The Mid-Wessex Water Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

National Expenditure, Seventh Report.

No. 139.

Sir John Wardlaw-Milne reported from the Select Committee on National Expenditure: That they had made further 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.

National Expenditure, Eighth Report.

No. 140.

Sir John Wardlaw-Milne reported from the Select Committee on National Expenditure: That they had made further 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.

New Members sworn.

Henry Ursmston Willink, Esquire, Member for the Borough of Croydon (North Division), was sworn.

The Right Honourable Ernest Bevin, Member for the Borough of Wandsworth (Central Division), was sworn.

Mr. Secretary Amery, supported by Mr. Attorney-General, presented a Bill to make emergency provision with respect to the government of India and Burma: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the surpluses and deficits upon Army and Air Grants for the year ended 31st March 1939, and the application of surpluses to meet Expenditure not provided for in the Grants for that year.—(Captain Margesson.)

Resolved, That the Appropriation Accounts for the Army and Air Departments, which were presented upon the 24th day of January last, be referred to the Committee.—(Captain Margesson.) Vol. 195.

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

(In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates, 1940.

Class VIII.


Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £23,120,000 be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1941, for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Pensions, payments in respect of war pensions, gratuities and allowances, sundry contributions in respect thereof and other services.

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

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, 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 War Charities Committee on the War Charities Bill [Lords]; 

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Courts Second Reading of the Courts (Emergency Powers) Amendment Bill [Lords]; 

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Middlesex Second Reading of the Middlesex Deeds Bill [Lords]; 

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Workmen's Compensation (Supplementary Allowances) Bill; 

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

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Indian and Colonial Divorce Jurisdiction 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 Truck Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

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

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

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[No. 82.]

Wednesday, 26th June 1940.

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 Newcastle - upon - Tyne (West Division), in the room of Sir Joseph William Leech, deceased.—(Captain Margesson.)

The House proceeded to take into consideration The Monmouthshire and South Wales Employers’ Mutual Indemnity Society Limited Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

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

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 25th day of this instant June, That the South-Eastern Gas Corporation Limited (Associated Companies) Bill [Lords] be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Tuesday next, at half an hour after Seven of the clock.

Secretary Sir John Anderson presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order made by the Electricity Commissioners and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under Section 7 of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, amending the South West Midlands Electricity District Order, 1929.

Report by the Minister of Transport respecting the applications to, and proceedings of, the Minister under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1936, from 1st April 1939 to 31st March 1940.

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

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Sir John Reith presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order made by the Electricity Commissioners and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under Section 7 of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, amending the South West Midlands Electricity District Order, 1929.

Report by the Minister of Transport respecting the applications to, and proceedings of, the Minister under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1936, from 1st April 1939 to 31st March 1940.

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

Sir Victor Warrender, supported by Mr. Cross, Merchant Captain Austin Hudson, and Mr. Shakespeare, Shipping (Salvage) Bill, presented a Bill to amend the law with respect to the right of the Crown to claim salvage: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.
Mr. Bevin, supported by Mr. Solicitor-General, Captain-Crookshank, and Mr. Askeaton, presented a Bill to increase the rates of benefit and contributions payable under the Unemployment Insurance Acts, 1935 to 1939, to amend section thirty-five of the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1935, Part II of the First Schedule thereto, and section thirty-six of the Unemployment Assistance Act, 1934, 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. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Tuesday next.

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

Second Reading of the Truck Bill;

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

The House, according to Order, resolved War Charities Bill [Lords.] into a Committee on the War Charities Bill [Lords.]

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 agreed to.

Clauses No. 2 and No. 3 amended, and agreed to.

Clauses No. 4 to No. 9 amended, and agreed to.

A Clause (Provision as to Northern Ireland),—(Mr. Peake),—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

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 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 desire their concurrence.

The Courts (Emergency Powers) Amendment Bill [Lords.] was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

The Middlesex Deeds Bill [Lords.] was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

Mr. Secretary Amery, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House that His Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of the Motion relating to Middlesex Deeds [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 it is expedient, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session providing for the closing for all purposes of the Middlesex Deeds Register, to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of indemnities to persons suffering loss by reason of the provisions of that Act.—(Captain Crookshank.)

Resolution to be reported.
| Schedule. |
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|Army Services, 1938, Votes. | |Army Services, 1938, Votes. | |
| | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. |
| Pay, &c., of the Royal Air Force | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Technical and Reserve Forces | 391,402 17 6 | - | 4 | 220 1 3 | - | - | 17,726 8 4 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Medical Services | - | 1,032 11 10 | - | - | - | - | 7,426 0 6 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Educational Establishments | - | - | - | - | - | - | 237,869 13 3 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Quartering and Movements | 260,334 1 10 | - | - | - | - | - | 21,637 11 1 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Supplies, Road Transport and Remounts | - | 5,000,794 1 7 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Clothing | - | - | - | - | - | - | 21,537 11 11 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Wool | 4,774,10 3 | - | - | - | - | - | 21,537 11 11 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Wages, Frings and Lands | - | - | - | - | - | - | 21,537 11 11 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Miscellaneous Services - | 1,261,200 17 8 | - | 1,261,200 17 8 | - | - | - | 1,261,200 17 8 | - | - | - | - | - |
| War Office | - | 1,275,497 15 3 | - | - | - | - | 1,275,497 15 3 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Half-Pay, Retired Pay and Other Non-effective Forces | 3,478 1 7 | - | 3,478 1 7 | - | - | - | 3,478 1 7 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Charges for Office Business | - | 489,919 15 4 | - | - | - | - | 489,919 15 4 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Pay, &c., of the Civil Services, and Employment of Warrant Officers, Non-commissioned Officers, Men and Others | 1,005,621 15 7 | - | 1,005,621 15 7 | - | - | - | 1,005,621 15 7 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Civil Servants, and Employment of Warrant Officers, Non-commissioned Officers, Men and Others | - | 930,440 5 6 | - | - | - | - | 930,440 5 6 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Civil Servants, and Employment of Warrant Officers, Non-commissioned Officers, Men and Others | - | 87,681 10 1 | - | - | - | - | 87,681 10 1 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Civil Servants, and Employment of Warrant Officers, Non-commissioned Officers, Men and Others | - | 87,681 10 1 | - | - | - | - | 87,681 10 1 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total Surpluses | 1,005,621 15 7 | - | 1,005,621 15 7 | - | - | - | 1,005,621 15 7 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total Deficits | 930,440 5 6 | - | 930,440 5 6 | - | - | - | 930,440 5 6 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Net Surplus | £72,181 10 1 | - | £72,181 10 1 | - | - | - | £72,181 10 1 | - | - | - | - | - |

II. Whereas it appears by the Air Appropriation Account for the year ended the 31st day of March 1939 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 £72,181 10 1. viz.:—

£ s. d.
Total Surpluses - 1,005,621 15 7
Total Deficits - 930,440 5 6
Net Surplus - £72,181 10 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.

2. Resolved, That the application of such sums be sanctioned.—(Captain Crookshank.)

Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman proposed, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions. Ordered. That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply. Committee of Supply: Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Committee of Ways and Means: Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Resolved, That the draft of a Special Order Gas Undertakings, 1938, approved.-(Major Lloyd George.)

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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 Leamington Priors Gas Company and the Warwick Gas Company, which was presented to this House on the 4th day of this instant June and published, be approved.—(Mr. Lloyd George.)

Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State under the Sunday Entertainment Acts, 1932, for extending Section 1 of that Act to the urban district of Baldock, a copy of which was presented to this House on the 25th day of this instant June, be approved.—(Mr. Peake.)

Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State under the Sunday Entertainment Acts, 1932, for extending Section 1 of that Act to the borough of Taunton, a copy of which was presented to this House on the 25th day of this instant June, be approved.—(Mr. Peake.)

Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State under the Sunday Entertainment Acts, 1932, for extending Section 1 of that Act to the county borough of Wakefield, a copy of which was presented to this House on the 25th day of this instant June, be approved.—(Mr. Peake.)

Adjourned. Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Boulton.)

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

[No. 83.]

Thursday, 27th June 1940.

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

PRAYERS.

Christchurch Corporation Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Christchurch Corporation Bill.

The Lords' Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 47, l. 22, being read a second time, were agreed to.

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The Lords' Amendment, in p. 47, l. 22, leave out ('"registered"'), the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

A consequential Amendment was made to the Bill, in p. 46, l. 23, by inserting, after the words '"slaughter house," the words '"being a slaughter house which immediately before the commencement of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938, was a registered slaughter house."'—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

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; and hath made a consequential Amendment to the Bill, to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Gosport Water Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

And Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House was moved, That the Resolution of the House of the 27th day of July 1937, relative to the Regents Canal and Dock Company (Grand Junction Canal Purchase) Act, 1928, might be read; and the same was read as followeth:—

That it shall not be incumbent on the Grand Union Canal Company to promote a Bill to consolidate the Acts relating to the several parts of their undertaking before the Session of 1944, provided that not later than the Session of 1941 they promote an amending Bill with a view to facilitating the task of consolidation.

Resolved, That the said Resolution be amended by the substitution therein of the words '"the Session of 1946"' for the words '"the Session of 1944"' and of the words '"the Session of 1944"' for the words '"the Session of 1941"'.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Captain Crookshank presented, pursuant to Post Office the directions of several Acts of Parliament, Account of all Deposits Received and Paid during 1939, with a Statement showing the aggregate Amount of the Liabilities of the Government to Depositors in the Post Office Savings Banks on 31st December 1939, 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.

Copy of the Sixty-fifth Annual Report, with Public Works Appendices, of the Public Works Loan Board, Loan Board, being a Report for 1939-40.

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


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

Diseases of Animals Acts. Copy of an Order made under the Diseases of Animals Acts, 1894 to 1937, dated 24th June 1940, authorising the withdrawal of the prohibition of the landing in Great Britain of animals brought from Alderney (Order No. 8,954).

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

Mental Treatment Act, 1930. Mr. Malcolm MacDonald presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Rules made under Section 338 of the Lunacy Act, 1890, as extended by Section 15 of the Mental Treatment Act, 1930, dated 10th June 1940, entitled the Mental Treatment (Emergency Provisions) Rules, 1940.


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


(1) the Unemployment Insurance (Banking Industry Special Scheme) (Amendment) Order, 1940; and
(2) the Unemployment Insurance (Insurance Industry Special Scheme) (Amendment) Order, 1940.

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 Rules made under the Administration of Justice (Emergency Provisions) Act, 1939, dated 21st June 1940, entitled the Rules of the Supreme Court (No. 3), 1940.

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 (Thirsk District Water) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the War Charities Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Farnham Gas and Electricity Bill [Lords] without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Law Reform Act to amend the law of Scotland relating to enforcement of decrees ad factum praestandum, to solutum and damages, to contribution among joint wrongdoers, and to prorogation of the jurisdiction of the Sheriff Court; to amend and extend the Inestate Husband's Estate (Scotland) Act, 1911 and 1919; to make provision regarding the powers of the King's and Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer; to enable effect to be given to International Conventions affecting Scottish Courts; and to amend the law of Scotland relating to criminal procedure; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Bill [Lords] was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday next; and to be printed.

The Confirmation of Executors (War Service) Confirmation (Scotland) Bill [Lords] was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday next; and to be printed.

Resolved, That this House, at its rising this Adjournment day, do adjourn till Tuesday next.—(Mr. Attlee.)

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

(Vote 10. Ministry of Supply.)

Civil Estimates, 1940.

Unclassified Services.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £90 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 1941, for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Supply, including the expenses of the Royal Ordnance Factories.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again,—(Captain Mawgesson).—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 Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Captain Mawgesson);
A Message was delivered by Lieutenant-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 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 it having been read;

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, 1940.
3. War Charities Act, 1940.
5. India and Burma (Emergency Provisions) Act, 1940.
6. Lochaber Water Power Order Confirmation Act, 1940.
7. Ministry of Health Provisional Order Confirmation (Littlestone-on-Sea and District Water) Act, 1940.
8. Ministry of Health Provisional Order Confirmation (Norwich) Act, 1940.
9. Ministry of Health Provisional Order Confirmation (Think District Water) Act, 1940.
11. Farnham Gas and Electricity Act, 1940.

Adjournment. And the Question being again proposed, That this House do now adjourn;

And Notice being taken that Strangers were present, Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 89, put forthwith the Question: That Strangers be ordered to withdraw:—And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That the remainder of this day's Sitting be a Secret Session.—(Mr. Attlee.)

Adjournment. And the Question being again proposed, That this House do now adjourn;

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till one minute before Eleven of the clock, adjourned till Tuesday next, pursuant to the Resolution of the House this day.

The following Paper, presented by His Parliament's Command during the Adjournment, was delivered to the Librarian of the House of Commons during the Adjournment, pursuant to Standing Order No. 93:

Copy of Royal Warrant for the Retired Pay Pensions, &c., of Members of the Military Forces Disabled, and of the Widows, Children and Dependents of such Members Deceased, in consequence of the Present War.

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.

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, compiled Standing Orders not previously inquired into, with which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:—

Mid-Wessex Water Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Taunton 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 Wey Valley 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 Monmouthshire and South Wales Employers' Mutual Indemnity Society Limited Bill [Lords] was read the third time and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments, to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Saint Mary Magdalen Hospital (Newcastle-upon-Tyne) Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

The following Paper, presented by His Parliament's Command during the Adjournment, was delivered to the Librarian of the House of Commons during the Adjournment, pursuant to Standing Order No. 93:

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

The House was moved, That the Orders, made Sunday upon the 20th day of March last, That the Papers relative to the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, do lie upon the Table, and be printed, be read; and the same be read;

Ordered, That so much of the said Orders as relates to the printing of the said Papers be discharged.
Captain Crookshank presented, by His Majesty's Command.—Estimate of a further sum required to be voted for the service of the year ending 31st March 1941 for Civil Departments.

Captain Crookshank also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of Rules made under the Superannuation Act, 1935, dated 28th June 1940, entitled the Assistance Board (Superannuation) Rules, 1940.

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

Secretary Sir John Anderson presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament.—Copy of an Order in Council made under the Emergency Powers (Defence) Acts, 1939, as extended to the Isle of Man by the Emergency Powers (Isle of Man) Defence Order in Council, 1939, dated 19th June 1940, amending the Defence Regulations (Isle of Man), 1939.

Copy of an Order in Council made under the Emergency Powers (Defence) Acts, 1939 and 1940, dated 26th June 1940, adding Regulation 18A to the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939.

Copy of an Order made under the Shops Acts, 1912 to 1936, by the Council of the Borough of Stockton-on-Tees, and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department.

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

Mr. Malcolm MacDonald presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament.—Copy of Regulations made under the National Health Insurance Act, 1936, dated 31st May 1940, entitled the National Health Insurance (Unclaimed Proceeds of Stamp Sales) Amendment Regulations, 1939.

Copy of a Scheme made under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937, by the Rhondda Urban District Council.

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

Mr. Bevin presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of Regulations made under the National Service (Armed Forces) Act, 1939, dated 1st July 1940, entitled the National Service (Armed Forces) (Miscellaneous) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations, 1940.

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

Mr. Secretary Brown presented, by His Majesty's Command.—Copy of the Annual Report of the Scottish Education Department for 1939.

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

Mr. Robert Hudson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Report by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries on the East Norfolk Rivers Catchment Board (Appeal Against Precept) Order, 1939, made under the Land Drainage Act, 1990.

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 Report of the Chief Registrar of Friendly Societies for 1939.

Sir Charles Ernest Leonard Lyte, Baronet, New Member for the Borough of Borough, was sworn.

Ordered, That this day, notwithstanding Business of anything in Standing Order No. 14, Business other than the Business of Supply may be taken before Eleven of the clock. (Mr. Attlee.)

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

(In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates, 1940.

Class II.

Vote 4. Dominions Office.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £38,830 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 1941, for the salaries and expenses of the Department of His Majesty's Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs.

And it being half-past Seven of the clock, and there being Private Business set down by direction of the Chairman of Ways and Means, under Standing Order No. 6, further Proceeding was postponed, without Question put.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 25th day of June last, That the South-Eastern Gas Corporation Limited (Associated Companies) Bill [Lords] be now read a second time;

And the Question being again proposed:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate. And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and committed.

Postponed Proceeding on Question, That a Supply. sum not exceeding £38,830 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 1941, for the salaries and expenses of the Department of His Majesty's Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs, resumed.

Question again proposed.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress; and
ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Boullow),—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 matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

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

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

Mr. Westwood reported from the Committee on Army and Air Expenditure, 1938, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

I. Whereas it appears by the Army Appropriation Account for the year ended the 31st day of March 1939 that the aggregate Expenditure on Army 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 Army Services over the net Expenditure is £388,468 15s. 5d., viz.:

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And whereas the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty’s Treasury have temporarily authorised the application of so much of the said total surpluses on certain Grants for Air Services as is necessary to make good the said total deficits on other Grants for Air Services.

2. That the application of such sums be sanctioned.

Schedule.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Middlesex Committee on the Middlesex Deeds Bill [Lords];

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Middlesex Committee on the Middlesex Deeds Bill [Lords] Amendment Bill [Lords];

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

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee on Middlesex Deeds [Moneys];

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.
2nd—3rd July, 1940.

Mr. Chamberlain presented, pursuant to the Chartered and directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Other Bodies Copies of Orders in Council made under the Chartered and Other Bodies (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1939, dated 19th June 1940, entitled—

(1) the Leith Harbour and Docks Commissioners (Temporary Provisions) Order, 1940; and

(2) the Tees Conservancy Commissioners (Extension of Term of Office) Order, 1940.

Copy of an Order in Council made under the Forestry Acts. Forestry (Transfer of Woods) Act, 1923, dated 19th June 1940, entitled the Forestry (Transfer of Lands from the Commissioners of Crown Lands) Order, No. 4 of 1940.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 19th June 1940, approving an Admiralty Memorial under the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865, relating to ratings promoted to commissioned rank in the Air Branch of the Royal Navy.

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 made under the Telegraph Acts, 1863 to 1926, dated 22nd June 1940, entitled the Telephone Amendment (No. 3) Regulations, 1940.

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

Mr. Malcolm MacDonald presented, pursuant to Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937, by the Canterbury Borough Council.

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

Sir Andrew Duncan presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order made under the War Risks Insurance Act, 1939, dated 23rd July 1940, entitled the War Risks (Compulsory Insurance of Commodities) (No. 2) Order 1940.

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

Captain Crookshank presented, by His Vote of Credit Majesty's Command,—Estimate of the further Sum required to be voted towards defraying the Expenses which may be incurred during the year ending 31st March 1941, for general Navy, Army and Air Services and for the Ministry of Supply in so far as specific provision is not made therefor by Parliament, for securing the public safety, the defence of the realm, the maintenance of public order and the efficient prosecution of the war, for maintaining supplies and services essential to the life of the community and generally for all Expenses, beyond those provided for in the ordinary Grants of Parliament, arising out of the existence of a state of war.

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

[No. 85.]

Wednesday, 3rd July 1940.

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

PRAYERS.

THE Gosport 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.

Truck Bill.

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

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

Indian and Colonial Divorce Jurisdiction Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Indian and Colonial Divorce Jurisdiction Bill [Lords];

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

Workmen's Compensation (Supplementary Allowances) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Workmen's Compensation (Supplementary Allowances) Bill;

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

Purchase Tax Bill.

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

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

Merchant Shipping (Salvage) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Merchant Shipping (Salvage) Bill;

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

Unemployment Insurance Bill.

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

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

Adjournment.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Boulton.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes before Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Copy of the Benefice Buildings (Postponement of Inspections and Repayment of Loans) Measure, 1940, passed by the National Assembly of the Church of England.


Copy of the Ecclesiastical Dilapidations (Chancel Repairs) Measure, 1940, passed by the National Assembly of the Church of England.


Ordered, That the said Papers be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That for the remainder of the present Session the following provisions shall have effect as respects the sittings of the House notwithstanding anything in the Standing Orders or practice of the House—

(a) if, by reason of an air-raid warning being given while the House is sitting, the sitting is suspended, it shall be resumed as soon as may be after the raiders passed signal is given;

(b) if at the time appointed for the meeting of the House on any day an air-raid warning has been given and the raiders passed signal has not been given, the meeting of the House shall be postponed until as soon as may be after the raiders passed signal is given.

Provided that, where the sitting of the House on any day is suspended by virtue of the foregoing paragraph till after the time appointed for the meeting of the House on the following day, this paragraph shall not apply with respect to that following day and the ordinary practice of the House with respect to overlapping sittings shall apply;

(c) where any sitting of the House is suspended or postponed as aforesaid—

(i) the time at which any business, the consideration of which has not begun, is required by any Standing Order, order or resolution of the House to be taken; and

(ii) the time at which any such business, or any business the consideration of which has begun but has not been completed, is required as aforesaid to be concluded or interrupted;

shall be postponed by the length of the period for which the sitting has been suspended or postponed.

Provided that where at any such sitting private business, or any motion for adjournment under Standing Order No. 8 would, but for this paragraph, have been required to be considered at 7.30 p.m., and the remainder of the business of the House has been disposed of before the time substituted by this paragraph for 7.30 p.m., that private business or motion shall be considered immediately after the conclusion of the remainder of the business;

(d) at any sitting of the House which has been suspended or postponed as aforesaid, any motion or other business which, but for this paragraph, could not have been made or taken without notice, or would have been required to be made or taken at a particular time or at a particular stage of the proceedings, may be made by, or taken at the instance of, a Minister of the Crown without notice and at any other time or other stage of the proceedings.

—(Mr. Attlee.)

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

The Unemployment Insurance 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. Boulton.)

Mr. Bevin, 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 relating to unemployment insurance and unemployment assistance (hereafter in this Resolution referred to as "the new Act") it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of—

(a) any increase in the sums payable out of such moneys by virtue of sections twenty-one, ninety-four and ninety-five of the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1935, as amended by any subsequent enactment, order or regulation (hereafter in this Resolution referred to as "the principal Act") which is attributable to the passing of the provisions of the new Act increasing the rates of contributions and amending Part II of the First Schedule to the principal Act;

(b) any increase in the sums payable out of such moneys by virtue of section ninety-six of the principal Act which is attributable to the passing of the provisions of the new Act increasing the rates of benefit and amending section thirty-five of the principal Act;

(c) any increase in the sums payable out of such moneys by virtue of section forty-seven of the Unemployment Assistance Act, 1934 (as amended as aforesaid) which is attributable to the passing of the provisions of the new Act amending section thirty-six of that Act as so amended.

—(Mr. Bevin.)

Resolution 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.

Clause No. 1 agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (Power of court to take account of other liabilities). Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 9, to leave out the word "to," to the end of l. 11, and insert the words "the payment to the worker by the employer of the costs of the said action or legal proceeding unless the court or a judge shall for good reason otherwise determine."—(Mr. Silk.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clauses No. 2 and No. 3 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

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

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

The Bill was accordingly read the second time, and passed.

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

The Merchant Shipping (Salvage) 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. Thomas.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Courts (Emergency Powers) Amendment Bill [Lords.] (In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (Power of court to take account of other liabilities). Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 42, to leave out the word "may," and insert the words "shall unless good cause to the contrary is shown."—(Vice-Admiral Taylor.)

Question, That the word "may" stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 3 (Minor amendments). Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 3, at the end, to add the words,—

"(4) In any proceedings which the court considers have been brought unreasonably and where leave to enforce a judgment has been refused, the court shall, and in any other case may, having regard to any offer made by the defendant which has not been accepted, order the plaintiff to pay the whole costs of the proceedings from their commencement, including the defendant's taxed costs and also the costs of the application under the principal Act."—(Mr. Rhys Davies.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 3, at the end, to add the words,—

"(4) Section one of the principal Act shall apply to proceedings under the Small Tenements Recovery Act, 1838."—(Mr. Rhys Davies.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 4 agreed to.

Clause No. 5 amended, and agreed to.

A Clause (Provisions as to mortgages).—(Mr. Attorney-General),—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Restriction on delivery of goods).—(Mr. Attorney-General),—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Amendment of s. 1 (2), 2 and 3 Geo. 6. c. 67).—(Vice-Admiral Taylor),—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put, and negatived.

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 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 doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Mr. Peake reported from the Committee on Middlesex Deeds Bill [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That it is expedient, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session providing for the closing for all purposes of the Middlesex Deeds Register, to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of indemnities to persons suffering loss by reason of the provisions of that Act.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved Middlesex Deeds Bill [Money.] (In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 and No. 2 agreed to.
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Clauses No. 4 to No. 6 agreed to.

A Clause (Indemnification of persons suffering loss),—(Mr. Attorney-General),—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added. 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 an Amendment thereunto.

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

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, without Amendment.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Indian and Colonial Divorce Jurisdiction Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 to No. 8 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.

Resolved, That the Orders made by the Secretary of State under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, for extending Section 1 of that Act to the following areas, viz.:

(1) the urban district of Tavistock;
(2) the borough of Harwich;
(3) the urban district of Llandrindod Wells;
(4) the urban district of East Barnet;
(5) the city and county of Bristol;
(6) the city and county of Lichfield;
(7) the city and county of Chester;
(8) the borough of Wokingham;
(9) the city of Leicester,
copies of which were presented to this House on the 26th day of June last, be approved.

—(Mr. Peake.)

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 Second Reading of the Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Bill [Lords];

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Confirmation of Executors (War Service) (Scotland) Bill [Lords];

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

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit until four minutes before Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.


(1) adding Regulation 7A to the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939;
(2) adding Regulation 4c to the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939; and
(3) adding Part VIII (Agricultural Wages, Scotland) to the Defence (Agriculture and Fisheries) Regulations, 1939.

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

Mr. Secretary Brown presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of an Order made under the Shops Act, 1912, by the Town Council of the City and Royal Burgh of Aberdeen, and confirmed by the Secretary of State for Scotland.

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

Captain Crookshank presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order made under the Emergency Powers (Defence) Act, 1939, dated 29th June 1940, entitled the Timber (Charges) (No. 1) Order, 1940.

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 consequential Amendment made by this House to the Christchurch Corporation Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Gosport Water Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to The Monmouthshire and South Wales Employers' Mutual Indemnity Society Limited Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to include unemployment insurance among the classes of subjects enumerated in section ninety-one of the British North America Act, 1867, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The British North America Bill [Lords] was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next; and to be printed.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills: That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the South-Eastern Gas Corporation Limited (Associated Companies) 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.

Ordered, That the Report do be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, and the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Report be printed.

Mr. Pethick-Lawrence reported from the Public Committee of Public Accounts: That they had made further Progress in the matters to which they 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; and be printed.

Resolved, That this House, at its rising this Adjournment, do adjourn till Tuesday next.—(The Prime Minister.)

The House, according to Order, resolved Supply [17th allotted Day.] (In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates, 1940.

Class I.

Vote 4. Treasury and Subordinate Departments.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £289,003 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 1941 for the salaries and other expenses in the Department of His Majesty's Treasury and Subordinate Departments, the salary of a Minister for Co-ordination of Defence, and the salary of a Minister without Portfolio.
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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 Tuesday 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);

And Notice being taken that strangers were present, Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 89, put forthwith the Question: That strangers be ordered to withdraw:—And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That the remainder of this day’s Sitting be a Secret Session.—(Mr. Attlee.)

Adjournment.

And the Question being again proposed, That this House do now adjourn; And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till one minute before Eleven of the clock, adjourned till Tuesday next, pursuant to the Resolution of the House this day.

[No. 87.]

Tuesday, 9th July 1940.

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

PRAYERS.

The Mid-Wessex Water Bill [Lords.] was read a second time, and committed.

Parliamentary Papers [Adjournment.]

Copy of the Thirty-sixth Report of the Royal Patriotic Fund Corporation, being a Report for 1939.

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

Mr. Chamberlain presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Statute made under the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1923, by the University of Oxford on the 30th day of April 1940, amending the Statutes of the University.

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

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Captain Crookshank presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order made under Sections 1 and 19 of the Import Duties Act, 1932, Section 10 of the Finance Act, 1934, and Section 1 of the Import Duties (Emergency Provisions) Act, 1939, dated 3rd July 1940, entitled the Import Duties (Exemptions) (No. 7) Order, 1940. 

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

Secretary Sir John Anderson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders made under the Emergency Powers (Defence) Acts, 1939 and 1940, dated 2nd July 1940,—

(1) making Regulations entitled the Defence (Building Societies) Regulations, 1940;—
(2) adding Regulation 1800 to, and amending Regulations 180, 88a and 100 of, the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939;—
(3) adding Regulation 20a to the Defence (General) Regulations, 1899;—
(4) making Regulations entitled the Defence (August Bank Holiday) Regulations, 1940; and
(5) making Regulations entitled the Defence (Administration of Justice) (Scotland) Regulations, 1940.

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

Mr. Malcolm MacDonald presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of a Provisional Special Order made under the National Health Insurance Act, 1936, dated 6th July 1940, entitled the National Health Insurance (Subsidiary Employments) Order, 1940.

Copy of a Scheme made under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937, by the Nottingham County Borough Council.

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

Mr. Bevin presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations made under the Unemployment Insurance (Emergency Powers) Act, 1939, dated 5th July 1940, entitled the Unemployment Insurance (Emergency Powers) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations, 1940.

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

Mr. Secretary Brown presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of a Minute, dated 4th July 1940, by the Secretary of State for Scotland under Section 21 (2) (a) of the Education (Scotland) Act, 1918, amending the Education (Scotland) Miscellaneous Grants Regulations, 1936.

Copies of Reports as to the Statistics and Universities of Aberdeen, Edinburgh, Glasgow, and St. Andrews for 1898-99, made to the Secretary of State for Scotland under the provisions of the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.
Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Chairman of Ways and Means also acquainted the House, That the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

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

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.

Notice being taken that strangers were present, Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 89, put forthwith the Question: That strangers be ordered to withdraw. And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That the remainder of this day's Secret Sitting be a Secret Session. (Mr. Attlee.)

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

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

[No. 88.]

Wednesday, 10th July 1940.

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

P R A Y E R S.

The House, having continued to sit till twenty-eight minutes before Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
Debt, and for Debt Redemption, and Cash raised by Creation of Debt; (3) Transactions during each year connected with the Capital of the Deadweight Debt; together with relative Appendices.

Captain Crookshank also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order made under the Emergency Powers (Defence) Act, 1939, dated 4th July 1940, entitled the Sulphate of Ammonia Charges (No. 1) Order, 1940.

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

Mr. Secretary Brown presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order made under the National Health Insurance Acts, 1936 to 1938, and Section 27 of the Dumbarton Burgh Order Confirmation Act, 1940, dated 8th July 1940, entitled the National Health Insurance (Dumbarton Burgh Boundaries) Order, 1940.

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

Mr. Malcolm MacDonald presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations made under the National Health Insurance Acts, 1936 to 1939, and the Widows’, Orphans’ and Old Age Contributory Pensions Acts, 1936 to 1940, dated 1st July 1940, entitled the National Health Insurance and Contributory Pensions (Transitional) Regulations, 1940.

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 Regulations made under the Post Office Savings Bank Acts, 1961 to 1929, and the Telegraph Acts, 1863 to 1940, dated 28th June 1940, entitled the Post Office Savings Bank Amendment (No. 2) Regulations, 1940.

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

Post Office Savings Banks.

Copy of Regulations made under the Telegraph Acts, 1863 to 1940, dated 29th June 1940, entitled the Telegraph (Inland Written Telegrams) Amendment (No. 1) Regulations, 1940.

Post Office (Inland Written Telegrams.)

Copy of Regulations made under the Telegraph Acts, 1863 to 1940, dated 29th June 1940, entitled the Telegraph (Inland Written Press Telegrams) Amendment (No. 1) Regulations, 1940.

Post Office (Inland Post.)

Copy of a Warrant made under the Post Office Acts, 1908 to 1940, dated 29th June 1940, entitled the Inland Post Amendment (No. 2) Warrant, 1940.

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

Secretary Sir John Anderson presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Orders made under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Act to—

(1) the urban district of Benfleet (parish of Hadleigh);

(2) the rural district of Mere and Tisbury (parishes of Mere and Tisbury); and

(3) the borough of Weston-super-Mare.


(1) dated 26th June 1940, making Regulations entitled the Defence (Trading with the Enemy) Regulations, 1940;

(2) dated 26th June 1940 amending Regulation 30 of the Defence (General) Regulations 1939;

(3) dated 2nd July 1940, making Regulations entitled the Defence (Cinematograph Quotas) Regulations, 1940;

(4) dated 2nd July 1940, entitled the Defence (War Risks Insurance) (No. 2) Regulations, 1940;

(5) dated 2nd July 1940, amending Regulation 3a (5) of the Defence (Finance) Regulations, 1939; and

(6) dated 2nd July 1940, amending the Defence (Administration of Justice) Regulations, 1940.

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

John Scott Maclay, Esquire, commonly called New Member for the Honourable John Scott Maclay, Member for the Monrose District of Burghs, was sworn.

The Prime Minister, supported by Mr. Attlee, Emergency Powers (Defence) Acts, 1940—Secretary Sir John Anderson, Mr. Secretary Eden, Mr. Secretary Brown, Mr. Attorney General and the Lord Advocate, presented a Bill to extend further the powers which may be exercised by His Majesty under the Emergency Powers (Defence) Act, 1939: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

The British North America Bill [Lords] was, British North America Bill [Lords.] Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into the Committee on the Bill. —

(Sir James Edmondson.)

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 2 agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be now taken into consideration:—

The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

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.

Sir James Edmondson reported from the Committee on Unemployment Insurance (Money), a Resolution; which was read as followeth:

That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session relating to unemployment insurance and unemployment assistance (hereafter in this Resolution referred to as "the new Act") it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of—

(a) any increase in the sums payable out of such moneys by virtue of sections twenty-one, ninety-four and ninety-five of the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1935, as amended by any subsequent enactment or regulation (hereafter in this Resolution referred to as "the principal Act") which is attributable to the passing of the provisions of the new Act increasing the rates of contributions and amending Part II of the First Schedule to the principal Act;

(b) any increase in the sums payable out of such moneys by virtue of section ninety-six of the principal Act which is attributable to the passing of the provisions of the new Act amending section thirty-five of the principal Act;

(c) any increase in the sums payable out of such moneys by virtue of section forty-seven of the Unemployment Assistance Act, 1934 (as amended as aforesaid) which is attributable to the passing of the provisions of the new Act amending section thirty-six of that Act as so amended.

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

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

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 amended, and agreed to.

Clauses No. 2 and 3 agreed to.

Clause No. 4 (Amendment as to exception of non-manual employment).

Amendment proposed in p. 3, l. 18, at the beginning, to insert the word "For."—[Mr. Latham.]

Question proposed, That the word "For" be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 22, at the end, to insert the words—

"(2) Where there is in existence an agreed or accepted standard rate of wage or salary, such standard rate shall be the rate of remuneration for the purposes of this Act."—[Mr. Isaacs.]

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

Clause agreed to.

Clauses No. 5 to No. 8 agreed to.

First and Second Schedules agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be now taken into consideration:

The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

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

The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

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 (Salvage) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 to No. 4 agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be 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.

Sir James Edmondson reported from the Supply Committee of Supply of the 8th day of this instant July, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

Supplementary Vote of Credit, 1940. Supplementary Vote of Credit, 1940.

(Expenditure arising out of the War.)

That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £1,000,000,000 be granted to His Majesty, towards defraying the expenses which may be incurred during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1941, for general Navy, Army and Air Services and for the Ministry of Supply in so far as specific provision is not made therefor by Parliament, for securing the public safety, the defence of the realm, the maintenance of public order and the efficient prosecution of the war, for maintaining supplies and services essential to the life of the community and generally for all expenses, beyond those provided for in the ordinary Grants of Parliament, arising out of the existence of a state of war.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.
Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Truck Bill, Truck Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendment Middlesex America Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendment British North America Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments Courts (Emergency Powers) Amendment Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

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

(Mr. Whiteley);

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 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. Middlesex Deeds, Act, 1940.
2. Indian and Colonial Divorce Jurisdiction Act, 1940.
5. Truck Act, 1940.
6. Christchurch Corporation Act, 1940.
7. Gosport Water Act, 1940.
8. The Monmouthshire and South Wales Employers' Mutual Indemnity Society Limited Act, 1940.
9. Wey Valley Water Act, 1940.
10. Taunton Corporation Act, 1940.
11. Saint Mary Magdalene Hospital (Newcastle-upon-Tyne) Act, 1940.

And the Question being again proposed, Adjournment, That this House do now adjourn:

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 continued to sit until twenty-four minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

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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 Colonial Development and Welfare Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Newcastle-upon-Tyne and Gateshead Gas Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered. That the Amendments made by the Colonial Lords to the Colonial Development and Welfare Bill be taken into consideration upon Tuesday next; and be printed.

Bill 74.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills: That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Mid-Wessex Water Bill [Lords], and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereto.

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.

Secretary Sir John Anderson, supported by Mr. Attorney-General and Mr. Peake, presented a Bill to provide for the payment of supplementary allowances to workmen entitled to weekly payments by way of compensation under the Workmen’s Compensation Act, 1925, and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next; and to be printed.

Ordered. That this day, notwithstanding the Business of Supply No. 14, Business of other than the Business of Supply may be taken before Eleven of the clock.—(Mr. Attlee.)

Resolved. That this day, at its rising this Adjournment day, do adjourn till Tuesday next.—(Mr. Attlee.)

Ordered. That for the remainder of the present Session the following provisions shall have effect as respects the sitting of the House, notwithstanding anything in the Standing Orders or practice of the House:—

(a) if, by reason of an air-raid warning being given while the House is sitting, the sitting is suspended, it shall be resumed as soon as may be after the raiders passed signal is given;

(b) if at the time appointed for the meeting of the House on any day an air-raid warning has been given and the raiders passed signal has not been given, the meeting of the House shall be postponed until as soon as may be after the raiders passed signal is given;

Provided that, where the sitting of the House on any day is suspended by virtue of the foregoing paragraph till after the...
time appointed for the meeting of the House on the following day, this paragraph shall not apply with respect to that following day and the ordinary practice of the House with respect to overlapping sittings shall apply;

(c) where any sitting of the House is suspended or postponed as aforesaid—

(i) the time at which any business, the consideration of which has not begun, is required by any Standing Order, order or resolution of the House to be taken; and

(ii) the time at which any such business, or any business the consideration of which has begun but has not been completed, is required as aforesaid to be concluded or interrupted;

shall be postponed by the length of the period for which the sitting has been suspended or postponed:

Provided that where at any such sitting private business, or any motion for adjournment under Standing Order No. 8 would, but for this paragraph, have been required to be considered at 7.30 p.m., and the remainder of the business of the House has been disposed of before the time substituted by this paragraph for 7.30 p.m., that private business or motion shall be considered immediately after the conclusion of the remainder of the business;

(d) at any sitting of the House which has been suspended or postponed as aforesaid, any motion or other business which, but for this paragraph, could not have been made or taken without notice, or would have been required to be made or taken at a particular time or at a particular stage of the proceedings, may be made by, or taken at the instance of, a Minister of the Crown without notice and at any other time or other stage of the proceedings;

—(Mr. Attlee.)

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

(In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates. 1940.

Class VI.

Vote 7. Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £2,469,649 be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which will in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1941 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 disease of animals, and improvement of breeding, &c., of live stock, land settlement, improvement of cultivation, drainage, &c., regulation of agricultural wages, agricultural credits, and marketing; fishery organisation, research and development, control of diseases of fish, &c.; and sundry other services including certain remanet subsidy payments.

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Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again,—(Mr. Grimston),—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 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 Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House for Tuesday next.

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Emergency Powers (Defence) (No. 2) 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 Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Bill [Lords];

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Confirmation of Executors (War Service) (Scotland) Bill [Lords];

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Workmen's Compensation (Supplementary Allowances) Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

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

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

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till six minutes before Eleven of the clock, adjourned till Tuesday next, pursuant to the Resolution of the House this day.
Tuesday, 16th July 1940.

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 Adrian Charles Moreing, Esquire, late Member for the Borough of Preston, 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 fill the vacancy caused by the death of William Thomas Kelly, Esquire, who, since his election for the said Borough, hath accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of His Majesty's Manor of Northstead, in the County of York. — (Sir Charles Edwards.)

Captain Crookshank presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Treasury Minute under the Public Accounts and Charges Act, 1891, dated 11th July 1940, adding Regulations 10 to the Defence (Trading with the Enemy) Regulations, 1940; and

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

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 1939.

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

Secretary Sir John Anderson presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Orders in Council made under the Emergency Powers (Defence) Acts, 1939 and 1940,—

(1) dated 2nd July 1940, amending Regulations 11, 30 and 47A of, and adding Regulations 4A, 15A, 19C, 25A, 25B, 40A, 60A, 64, 66A and 79B to, the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939;

(2) dated 10th July 1940, amending Regulation 18A, 24, 27, 61, 63, 66 and 72 of, and adding Regulations 23A, 42A, 58A, 58A and 62A to, the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939;

(3) dated 10th July 1940, adding Regulation 84A to the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939;

(4) dated 10th July 1940, adding Regulations 1B and 38A to the Defence (General) Regulations, 1938;

(5) dated 10th July 1940, making Regulations, entitled the Defence (Evacuated Areas) Regulations, 1940;

(6) dated 10th July 1940, making Regulations, entitled the Defence (Companies) Regulations, 1940;

(7) dated 10th July 1940, adding a new Regulation 24 to the Defence (Agriculture and Fisheries) Regulations, 1939, and renumbering the existing Regulation 24 as Regulation 25;

(8) dated 10th July 1940, adding Regulation 5 to the Defence (Savings Banks) Regulations, 1939;

(9) dated 10th July 1940, amending the Defence (Encouragement of Exports) Regulations, 1940.

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

Mr. Butler presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Notes exchanged between the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia and the Brazilian Government relating to Trade and Payments, London, 16th July 1939.

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

Sir John Reith presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Draft Order made under the Chartered and Other Bodies (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1939, entitled the Chartered and Other Bodies (Traffic Commissioners) Order, 1940.

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

Mr. Cross presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Agreement, dated 6th May 1940, made under the War Risks Insurance Act, 1939, No. 148, between the Britannia Steam Ship Insurance Association, Limited, and the Minister of Shipping for the re-insurance of British ships.

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

Copies of Agreements, dated 6th May 1940, made under the War Risks Insurance Act, 1939, and between the following Associations and the Minister of Shipping for the re-insurance of British ships:

(1) the Liverpool and London War Risks Insurance Association, Limited;
War Risks Insurance Act, 1939.

Diseases of Animals Acts.

Bankruptcy (Rules.)

Supreme Court (Rules).

Message from the Lords.

Cardiff Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill.

Huddersfield Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill.

Newcastle-upon-Tyne Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill.

National Expenditure.

4 Geo. VI.

16th July.

The Emergency Powers (Defence) (No. 2) Emergency Powers (Defence) (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, 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. Thomas):—

The House divided.

The Yeas for the:

Sir James Edmondson,

Mr. Thomas: 124.

Yea, 124.

Mr. Silverman: 16.

Nees, 16.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly committed to a Committee of the whole House.

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

(No. 2) Bill.

- The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Bill.

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

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

The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

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

I hereby certify that this Bill is a Money Mr. Speaker’s Bill within the meaning of the Parliament Certificate Act, 1911

E. A. FitzRoy, Speaker.

Resolved, That the Timber (Charges) (No. 1) Order, 1940, made by the Treasury under Section 2 of the Emergency Powers (Defence) Act, 1939, a copy of which was presented to this House on the 4th day of this instant July, be approved.—(Mr. Harold Macmillan.)

Resolved, That the Sulphate of Ammonia Emergency Powers (Defence) (Charges) (No. 1) Order, 1940, made by the Treasury under Section 2 of the Emergency Powers (Defence) Act, 1939, a copy of which was presented to this House on the 19th day of this instant July, be approved.—(Mr. Harold Macmillan.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Law Reform [Miscellaneous Provisions] (Scotland) Bill [Lords.]

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 to No. 11 agreed to.

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

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

The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Confirmation of Executors (War Service) (Scotland) 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 House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Colonial Development and Welfare Bill.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 2, l. 5, after ("section") insert ("as respects any colony") the first Amendment, being read a second time.

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

Special Entry.

And it appearing that the Commons were willing to waive their Privileges, the same was agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 2, l. 7a, after ("himself") insert ("in a case where the scheme provides for the payment of the whole or part of the cost of the execution of any works, that the law, the colony provides reasonable facilities for the establishment and activities of trade unions, and ") the next Amendment, being read a second time.

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

Special Entry.

And it appearing that the Commons were willing to waive their Privileges, the same was agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 2, l. 8, leave out from ("of") to ("and") in l. 10, and insert ("the works"), the next Amendment, being read a second time;

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

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 Workmen's Second Reading of the Workmen's Compensation (Supplementary Allowances) (No. 2) Bill;

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

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

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

Resolved, That the Special Order made by Electricity the Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1936, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, amending the South West Midlands Electricity District Order, 1928, a copy of which was presented to this House on the 26th day of June last, be approved.—(Mr. Montague.)

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

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.

(Mr. Munro.)

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

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Table.

Mr. Robert Hudson, supported by Mr. Secretary Brown, Captain Crookshank, Mr. Thomas Williams, and Mr. Westwood, presented a Bill to make certain amendments in the law relating to agriculture and agricultural land in connection with the present war: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Vote 19. Department of Agriculture, Scotland.

Vote 19. Department of Agriculture, Scotland.

Accounts Rules, to make provision with respect to membership of the Law Society and with respect to the Council and Committees thereof, to amend the enactments relating to solicitors, and for purposes connected therewith; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords give leave to the Lord Beaverbrook to attend in order to his being examined, as a witness, before the Sub-Committee on Air Services, appointed by the Select Committee appointed by this House on National Expenditure, if his Lordship think fit.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.
Royal Assent.

A Message was delivered by Lieutenant-General Sir William Pilatey, 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 agreed upon by both Houses, and to Measures passed under the provisions of the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act, 1919, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers:—And having returned:

Mr. Speaker reported, That the House, at the desire of the Lords, authorised by virtue of his Majesty’s Commission, had been at the House of Peers, where a Commission under the Great Seal was read, giving, declaring, and notifying the Royal Assent to the several Acts and Measures therein mentioned; and that the Lords thereby authorised had declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts and Measures as follow:

1. Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Act, 1940.
3. Confirmation of Executors (War Service) (Scotland) Act, 1940.
4. Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Act, 1940.
5. Cardiff Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Order Confirmation Act, 1940.
6. Huddersfield Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Order Confirmation Act, 1940.
7. Newcastle-upon-Tyne Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Order Confirmation Act, 1940.
8. South-Eastern Gas Corporation Limited (Associated Companies) Act, 1940.

Benefice Buildings (Postponement of Inspections and Repayment of Loans) Measure, 1940.
Ecclesiastical Dilapidations (Chancel Repairs) Measure, 1940.

Then the House again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Question again proposed, That a sum not exceeding £204,527 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, 1941, for the salaries and expenses of the Department of Agriculture for Scotland, including grants for land improvement, agricultural education, research and marketing expenses in respect of regulation of agricultural wages, a grant in respect of agricultural credits; certain grants in aid, and remanet payments of subsidy for oats and barley.

Question put, and agreed to.

Unclassified Services.
Vote 2. Department of Agriculture, Scotland (War Services).

3. £100 for the cost of the war services of the Department of Agriculture for Scotland.

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Class VI.

Vote 21. Fisheries, Scotland.

4. £31,011 to complete the sum necessary for salaries and expenses in connection with the administration of Scottish fishery services, and a grant in aid of piers or quays.

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5. £3,450 to complete the sum necessary for grants in aid of the general administrative and other expenses of the Herring Industry Board, grants to herring fishermen for assistance in the provision of new motor-boats, and expenses of Committees.

Class V.

Vote 15. Department of Health for Scotland.

6. £2,795,518 to complete the sum necessary 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 widows’, orphans’ and old age contributory pensions; a grant in aid of camps; and other services.

Class I.

Vote 25. Scottish Home Department.

7. £118,163 to complete the sum necessary for the salaries and expenses of the Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland, salaries and expenses of the Scottish Home Department; expenses in respect of private legislation procedure in Scotland; 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.

Class III.

Vote 12. Police, Scotland.

8. £1,003,882 to complete the sum necessary for the salary and expenses of the Inspector of Constabulary; the cost of special services, grants in respect of Police expenditure and a grant in aid of the Police Federation in Scotland.

The Chairman then proceeded, pursuant to Questions put on the Order of the House this day, forthwith to put severally the Questions, That the total amounts of the Votes outstanding in the several Classes of the Civil Estimates, including Supplementary Estimates, and in the Un-classified Services of the Civil Estimates, and the total amounts of the Votes outstanding in the Estimates for the Navy, Army, Air, and Revenue Departments be granted for the Services defined in those Classes and Estimates:

Civil Estimates, 1940.

Class I.

9. That a sum not exceeding £2,166,687 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 1941 for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class I of the Civil Estimates, viz.:

$$\begin{align*}
\text{£} & \\
1. \text{House of Lords Offices} & 35,713 \\
2. \text{House of Commons} & 319,655 \\
3. \text{Registration of Electors} & 90,000 \\
4. \text{Treasury and Subordinate Departments} & 295,003 \\
5. \text{Privy Council Office} & 7,747 \\
6. \text{Privy Seal Office} & 5,700 \\
7. \text{Charity Commission} & 26,008 \\
8. \text{Civil Service Commission} & 28,340 \\
9. \text{Exchequer and Audit Department} & 103,088 \\
10. \text{Friendly Societies' Deficiency} & 4,846 \\
11. \text{Government Actuary} & 22,403 \\
12. \text{Government Chemist} & 89,572 \\
13. \text{Government Hospitalities} & 5,000 \\
14. \text{Import Duties Advisory Committee} & 41,705 \\
15. \text{The Mint} & 90 \\
16. \text{National Debt Office} & 2,093 \\
17. \text{National Savings Committee} & 75,016 \\
18. \text{Public Record Office} & 27,835 \\
19. \text{Public Works Loan Commission} & 15,584 \\
20. \text{Repayments to the Local Loans Fund} & 27,500 \\
21. \text{Royal Commissions, &c.} & 17,500 \\
22. \text{Miscellaneous Expenses} & 43,315 \\
23. \text{Secret Service} & 900,000 \\
24. \text{The Redemption Commission} & 90 \\
25. \text{Repayments to the Civil Governmental and Educational Establishments (excluding the Army and Navy) (Class IV).} & 14,584 \\
\hline
\text{Total} & \text{£2,166,687} \\
\end{align*}$$

Question put, and agreed to.

Class II.

10. That a sum not exceeding £9,708,989 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 1941 for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class II of the Civil Estimates, viz.:

$$\begin{align*}
\text{£} & \\
1. \text{Foreign Office} & 305,667 \\
2. \text{Diplomatic and Consular Services (including a Supplementary sum of £20,000)} & 1,163,030 \\
3. \text{League of Nations} & 3,000 \\
4. \text{Dominions Office} & 38,830 \\
5. \text{Dominion Services} & 528,915 \\
6. \text{Oversea Settlements} & 7,500 \\
7. \text{Colonial Office} & 138,536 \\
8. \text{Colonial and Middle Eastern Services} & 4,592,949 \\
9. \text{Colonial Development Fund} & 400,000 \\
10. \text{Development and Welfare (Colonies, &c.)} & 429,010 \\
11. \text{Development and Welfare (South African High Commission Territories, &c.)} & 50,010 \\
12. \text{India and Burma Services} & 1,541,319 \\
13. \text{Imperial War Graves Commission} & 519,223 \\
\hline
\text{Total} & \text{£9,708,989} \\
\end{align*}$$

Question put, and agreed to.

Class III.

11. That a sum not exceeding £9,774,215 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 1941 for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class III of the Civil Estimates, viz.:

$$\begin{align*}
\text{£} & \\
1. \text{Home Office (including a Supplementary sum of £150,000)} & 744,647 \\
2. \text{Broadmoor Criminal Lunatic Asylum} & 62,664 \\
\hline
\text{Total} & \text{£817,311} \\
\end{align*}$$

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3. Police, England and Wales - 6,572,650
4. Prisons, England and Wales - 726,338
5. Approved Schools, &c., England and Wales - 504,890
6. Supreme Court of Judicature, &c. - 900
7. County Courts - 135,573
8. Land Registry - 97,894
9. Public Trustee - 97,047
10. Law Charges - 20,820
11. Miscellaneous Legal Expenses - Scotland.
12. Prisons, Scotland - 104,149
13. Approved Schools, &c., Scotland - 47,526
14. Scottish Land Court - 4,577
15. Law Charges and Courts of Law - 33,555
16. Register House, Edinburgh - 11,445
17. Supreme Court of Judicature, &c., Northern Ireland - 9,351
18. Irish Land Purchase Services - 599,348
19. Northern Ireland Services - 2,242
20. Irish Land Purchase Services - 69,774,215

Question put, and agreed to.

Class IV.

12. That a sum not exceeding £43,245,103 be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1941 for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class IV of the Civil Estimates, viz.:

$$\begin{align*}
\text{£} & \\
1. \text{Board of Education (including a Supplementary sum of £120,400)} & 34,164,973 \\
2. \text{British Museum} & 108,290 \\
3. \text{British Museum (Natural History)} & 73,651 \\
4. \text{Imperial War Museum} & 7,961 \\
5. \text{Londond Museum} & 2,634 \\
6. \text{National Gallery} & 9,839 \\
7. \text{National Maritime Museum} & 7,372 \\
8. \text{National Portrait Gallery} & 5,950 \\
9. \text{Wallace Collection} & 6,654 \\
10. \text{Scientific Investigation, &c.} & 157,146 \\
11. \text{Universities and Colleges, Great Britain} & 1,189,928 \\
12. \text{Broadcasting} & 2,025,000 \\
\hline
\text{Total} & \text{£43,245,103} \\
\end{align*}$$

Question put, and agreed to.

Class V.

13. That a sum not exceeding £110,875,254 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 1941 for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class V of the Civil Estimates, viz.:

$$\begin{align*}
\text{£} & \\
1. \text{Ministry of Health} & 17,805,724 \\
2. \text{Board of Control} & 114,216 \\
3. \text{Registrar-General's Office} & 49,913 \\
4. \text{National Insurance Audit Department} & 112,238 \\
5. \text{Friendly Societies Register} & 32,240 \\
6. \text{Old Age Pensions} & 32,615,000 \\
7. \text{Widows', Orphans' and Old Age Contributory Pensions} & 14,400,000 \\
\hline
\text{Total} & \text{£110,875,254} \\
\end{align*}$$

Question put, and agreed to.
17th July.

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<td>11.</td>
<td>Royal Parks and Pleasure Gardens</td>
<td>142,140</td>
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<td>12.</td>
<td>Rates on Government Property</td>
<td>2,038,727</td>
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<td>Stationery and Printing</td>
<td>2,034,213</td>
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<td>Peterhead Harbour</td>
<td>9,000</td>
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<td>15.</td>
<td>Works and Buildings in Ireland</td>
<td>38,615</td>
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<td>£7,959,254</td>
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Question put, and agreed to.

Class VIII.

16. That a sum not exceeding £25,494,196 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 1941 for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class VIII of the Civil Estimates, viz.:

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<td>1.</td>
<td>Merchant Seamen's War Pensions</td>
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<td>3.</td>
<td>Royal Irish Constabulary Pensions, &amp;c.</td>
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<td>4.</td>
<td>Superannuation and Retired Allowances</td>
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Question put, and agreed to.

Class IX.

17. That a sum not exceeding £32,849,500 be granted to his Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1941 for Expenditure in respect of the services included in Class IX of the Civil Estimates, viz.:

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<td>1.</td>
<td>Exchequer Contributions to Local Revenues, England and Wales</td>
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<td>2.</td>
<td>Exchequer Contributions to Local Revenues, Scotland</td>
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Question put, and agreed to.

Class X.

18. That a sum not exceeding £1,080 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 1941 for Expenditure in respect of the Unclassified Services of the Civil Estimates, viz.:

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<td>1.</td>
<td>Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (War Services)</td>
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<td>3.</td>
<td>Ministry of Economic Warfare</td>
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<td>5.</td>
<td>Ministry of Health (War Services)</td>
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<td>6.</td>
<td>Department of Health for Scotland (War Services)</td>
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<td>7.</td>
<td>Ministry of Home Security</td>
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<td>Ministry of Information</td>
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<td>9.</td>
<td>Ministry of Shipping</td>
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<td>Ministry of Supply</td>
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<td>11.</td>
<td>Reserve of Plant and Building Materials</td>
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<td>12.</td>
<td>Ministry of Aircraft Production</td>
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<td>13.</td>
<td>Petroleum Department of the Board of Trade</td>
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Question put, and agreed to.
Revenue Departments Estimates, 1940.

19. That a sum not exceeding £60,690,900 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 1941 for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in the Estimates for Revenue Departments, viz.:

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<th>Item</th>
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<tr>
<td>1. Customs and Excise</td>
<td>4,120,050</td>
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<td>2. Island Revenue</td>
<td>5,848,850</td>
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<tr>
<td>3. Post Office</td>
<td>50,722,000</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>£60,690,900</strong></td>
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Question put, and agreed to.

Navy Estimates, 1940.

20. That a sum not exceeding £1,700 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 1941 for Expenditure in respect of the Navy Services, viz.:

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<td>2. Victualling and Clothing for the Navy</td>
<td>100</td>
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<td>3. Medical Establishments and Services</td>
<td>100</td>
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<td>4. Civilians employed on Fleet Services</td>
<td>100</td>
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<td>5. Educational Services</td>
<td>100</td>
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<td>6. Scientific Services</td>
<td>100</td>
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<td>7. Royal Naval Reserves</td>
<td>100</td>
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<td>8. Shipbuilding, Repairs, Maintenance, &amp;c.</td>
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<td>Section I.—Personnel</td>
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<td>Section II.—Material</td>
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<td>9. Naval Armaments</td>
<td>100</td>
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<td>10. Works, Buildings and Repairs at Home and Abroad</td>
<td>100</td>
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<td>11. Miscellaneous Effective Services</td>
<td>100</td>
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<td>12. Admiralty Office</td>
<td>100</td>
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<td>13. Non-Effective Services (Naval and Marine)—Officers</td>
<td>100</td>
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<td>14. Non-Effective Services (Naval and Marine)—Men</td>
<td>100</td>
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<tr>
<td>15. Civil Superannuation, Allowances and Gratuities</td>
<td>100</td>
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<tr>
<td>16. Merchant Shipbuilding</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>£1,700</strong></td>
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Question put, and agreed to.

Army Estimates, 1940.

21. That a sum not exceeding £1,400 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 1941 for Expenditure in respect of the Army Services, viz.:

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<td>2. Territorial Army and Reserve Forces</td>
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<td>3. Medical Services</td>
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<td>4. Educational Establishments</td>
<td>100</td>
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<td>5. Quartering and Movements</td>
<td>100</td>
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<td>6. Supplies, Road Transport and Remounts</td>
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<td>8. General Stores</td>
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<td>9. Warlike Stores</td>
<td>100</td>
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<td>10. Works, Buildings and Lands</td>
<td>100</td>
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<td>11. Miscellaneous Effective Services</td>
<td>100</td>
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<tr>
<td>12. War Office</td>
<td>100</td>
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<td>13. Half-Pay, Retired Pay and other Non-Effective Charges for Officers</td>
<td>100</td>
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Question put, and agreed to.

Air Estimates, 1940.

22. That a sum not exceeding £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 1941 for Expenditure in respect of the Air Services, viz.:

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<td>2. Quartering, Non-Technical Stores, Supplies and Transportation</td>
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<td>9. Meteorological and Miscellaneous Effective Services</td>
<td>100</td>
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<td>10. Air Ministry</td>
<td>100</td>
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<td>11. Half-Pay, Pensions, and other Non-Effective Services</td>
<td>100</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>£900</strong></td>
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Question put, and agreed to.

Resolutions to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

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

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

The House, according to Order, resolved Ways and Means.

(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 1941, the sum of £2,325,370,285 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.—(Captain Crookshank.)

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

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

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

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The Order of the day being read, the Committee on the Emergency Powers (Defence) (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 Second Reading of the Workmen's Compensation (Supplementary Allowances) (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 Purchase Tax Bill;

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

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

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.—(Mr. James Stuart.)

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

Resolved, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn till Tuesday next.—(The Prime Minister.)

Mr. Robert Hudson reported from the Committee of Supply of the 17th July, several Resolutions, which were read, as follow:

Civil Estimates and Estimates for Revenue Departments and Supplementary Estimates, 1940.

Unclassified Services.

Vote 4. Ministry of Food.

1. That a 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 1941 for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Food.

Class VI.

Vote 19. Department of Agriculture, Scotland.

2. That a sum not exceeding £304,527 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 1941 for the salaries and expenses of the Department of Agriculture for Scotland, including grants for...
land improvement, agricultural education, research and marketing, expenses in respect of regulation of agricultural wages, a grant in respect of agricultural credits; certain grants in aid, and remuneration payments of subsidy for oats and barley.

Unclassified Services.

Vote 2. Department of Agriculture, Scotland (War Services).

3. That a 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 1941 for the cost of the war services of the Department of Agriculture for Scotland.

Class VI.

Vote 21. Fisheries, Scotland.

4. That a sum not exceeding £31,011 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 1941 for salaries and expenses in connection with the administration of Scottish fishery services, and a grant in aid of piers or quays.


5. That a sum not exceeding £3,450 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 1941 for salaries and expenses in connection with the administration of Scottish fishery services, and a grant in aid of piers or quays.

Class V.

Vote 15. Department of Health for Scotland.

6. That a sum not exceeding £2,785,513 be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1941 for 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 widows', orphans' and old age contributory pensions; a grant in aid of camps; and other services.

Class I.

Vote 25. Scottish Home Department.

7. That a sum not exceeding £118,163 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 1941 for the salaries and expenses of the Department of Agriculture for Scotland, salaries and expenses of the Scottish Home Department; expenses in respect of private legislation procedure in Scotland; 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.

Class III.

Vote 12. Police, Scotland.

8. That a sum not exceeding £1,008,882 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 1941 for the salary and expenses of the Inspector of Constabulary; the cost of special services, grants in respect of Police expenditure and a grant in aid of the Police Federation in Scotland.

Civil Estimates, 1940.

Class I.

9. That a sum not exceeding £2,166,687 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 1941 for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class I of the Civil Estimates, viz.:—

£
1. House of Lords Offices - 35,713
2. House of Commons - 319,655
3. Registration of Electors - 90,009
4. Treasury and Subordinate Departments - 298,003
5. Privy Council Office - 7,747
6. Privy Seal Office - 3,700
7. Charity Commission - 26,008
8. Civil Service Commission - 26,349
9. Exchequer and Audit Department - 103,088
10. Friendly Societies' Deficiency - 4,846
12. Government Chemist - 59,572
13. Government Hospitalities - 6,000
14. Import Duties Advisory Committee - 41,705
15. The Mint - 90
17. National Savings Committee - 75,016
18. Public Record Office - 27,835
20. Repayments to the Local Loans Fund - 27,500
21. Royal Commissions, &c. - 17,500
22. Miscellaneous Expenses - 49,315
23. Secret Service - 900,000
24. Tithe Redemption Commission - 90
25. Repayments to the Civil Contingencies Fund - 14,584

£2,166,687

Class II.

10. That a sum not exceeding £9,708,889 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 1941 for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class II of the Civil Estimates, viz.:—

£
1. Foreign Office - 305,687
2. Diplomatic and Consular Services (including a Supplementary sum of £400,000) - 1,163,080
3. League of Nations - 3,000
4. Dominions Office - 88,830
5. Dominion Services - 528,915
6. Overseas Settlement - 7,500

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Class IV.

12. That a sum not exceeding £43,245,103 be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1941 for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class IV of the Civil Estimates, viz.:-

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<tr>
<th>Service</th>
<th>Amount</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1. Board of Education (including a Supplementary sum of £120,400)</td>
<td>138,536</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2. British Museum</td>
<td>108,290</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3. British Museum (Natural History)</td>
<td>79,651</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4. Imperial War Museum</td>
<td>7,951</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5. London Museum</td>
<td>2,634</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6. National Gallery</td>
<td>19,839</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8. National Portrait Gallery</td>
<td>5,989</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9. Wallace Collection</td>
<td>6,654</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10. Scientific Investigation, &amp;c.</td>
<td>157,146</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11. Universities and Colleges, Great Britain</td>
<td>1,189,928</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12. Broadcasting</td>
<td>2,625,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Scotland.</strong></td>
<td><strong>-</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>13. Public Education</td>
<td>4,867,055</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>14. National Galleries</td>
<td>5,686</td>
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<tr>
<td>15. National Library</td>
<td>2,965</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Scotland.</strong></td>
<td><strong>£43,245,103</strong></td>
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13. That a sum not exceeding £110,875,254 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 1941 for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class V of the Civil Estimates, viz.:-

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<tr>
<td>1. Ministry of Health</td>
<td>17,805,724</td>
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<tr>
<td>2. Board of Control</td>
<td>114,216</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3. Registrar General's Office</td>
<td>43,913</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4. National Insurance Audit Department</td>
<td>112,235</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5. Friendly Societies Registry</td>
<td>32,240</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6. Old Age Pensions</td>
<td>22,615,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7. Widow's, Orphans' and Old Age Contributory Pensions</td>
<td>14,400,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8. Ministry of Labour</td>
<td>15,108,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9. Grants in respect of Employment Schemes</td>
<td>2,000,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10. Commissioner for Special Areas (England and Wales)</td>
<td>90</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11. Unemployment Assistance Board</td>
<td>20,085,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>12. Special Areas Fund</td>
<td>2,100,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>13. Financial Assistance in Special and other Areas</td>
<td>434,500</td>
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<tr>
<td>14. Supplementary Pensions</td>
<td>6,850,000</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Scotland.</strong></td>
<td><strong>£110,875,254</strong></td>
</tr>
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Class VI.

14. That a sum not exceeding £18,674,311 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 1941 for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class VI of the Civil Estimates, viz.:-

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<tr>
<th>Service</th>
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<tr>
<td>1. Board of Trade</td>
<td>297,034</td>
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<td>2. Mercantile Marine Services</td>
<td>270,015</td>
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<tr>
<td>3. Department of Overseas Trade (including a Supplementary sum of £99,200)</td>
<td>354,734</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4. Export Credits</td>
<td>303,415</td>
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<tr>
<td>5. Mines Department of the Board of Trade</td>
<td>155,192</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6. Office of Commissioners of Crown Lands</td>
<td>24,549</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7. Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries</td>
<td>2,469,649</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8. Milk (England and Wales)</td>
<td>826,020</td>
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<tr>
<td>9. Land Fertility Improvement</td>
<td>939,778</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10. Surveys of Great Britain</td>
<td>286,730</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11. Forestry Commission</td>
<td>300,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12. Ministry of Transport</td>
<td>192,558</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>13. Roads, &amp;c.</td>
<td>10,889,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>14. Development Fund</td>
<td>335,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>15. Development Grants</td>
<td>514,050</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>16. Department of Scientific and Industrial Research</td>
<td>457,397</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>17. State Management Districts</td>
<td>90</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>18. Clearing Offices</td>
<td>90</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Scotland.</strong></td>
<td><strong>£18,674,311</strong></td>
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Class VII.

15. That a sum not exceeding £7,969,254 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 1941 for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class VII of the Civil Estimates, viz.:

£

1. Art and Science Buildings, Great Britain - 168,210
2. Houses of Parliament Buildings - 81,230
3. Labour and Health Buildings, Great Britain - 346,965
4. Miscellaneous Legal Buildings, Great Britain - 56,400
5. Osborne - 10,877
6. Office of Works and Public Buildings - 194,725
7. Public Buildings, Great Britain - 1,556,127
7a. Oxford and Asquith Memorial - 4,250
8. Public Buildings Overseas - 113,820
9. Royal Palaces - 82,438
10. Revenue Buildings - 1,061,820
11. Royal Parks and Pleasure Gardens - 142,140
12. Rates on Government Property - 2,038,727
13. Stationery and Printing - 2,034,218
14. Peterhead Harbour - 9,000
15. Works and Buildings in Ireland - 38,615

£7,859,254

Class VIII.

16. That a sum not exceeding £25,494,196 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 1941 for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class VIII of the Civil Estimates, viz.:

£

1. Merchant Seamen's War Pensions - 184,106
2. Ministry of Pensions - 23,120,000
3. Royal Irish Constabulary Pensions, &c. - 810,000
4. Superannuation and Retired Allowances - 1,400,000

£25,494,196

Class IX.

17. That a sum not exceeding £32,849,500 be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1941 for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class IX of the Civil Estimates, viz.:

£

1. Exchequer Contributions to Local Revenues, England and Wales - 28,351,000
2. Exchequer Contributions to Local Revenues, Scotland - 4,986,500

£32,849,500

Unclassified Services.

18. That a sum not exceeding £1,080 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 1941 for Expenditure in respect of the Unclassified Services of the Civil Estimates, viz.:

£

1. Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (War Services) - 100
2. Ministry of Economic Warfare - 100
3. Ministry of Health (War Services) - 110
4. Department of Health for Scotland (War Services) - 100
5. Ministry of Home Security - 100
6. Ministry of Information - 100

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9. Ministry of Shipping - 100
10. Ministry of Supply - 90
11. Reserve of Plant and Building Materials - 90
12. Ministry of Aircraft Production - 100
13. Petroleum Department of the Board of Trade - 100

£1,080

Revenue Departments Estimates, 1940.

19. That a sum not exceeding £60,690,900 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 1941 for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in the Estimates for Revenue Departments, viz.:

£

1. Customs and Excise - 4,120,050
2. Post Office - 50,722,000

£50,690,900

Navy Estimates, 1940.

20. That a sum not exceeding £1,700 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 1941 for Expenditure in respect of the Navy Services, viz.:

£

2. Victualling and Clothing for the Navy - 100
3. Medical Establishments and Services - 100
4. Civilians employed on Fleet Services - 100
5. Educational Services - 100
6. Scientific Services - 100
7. Royal Naval Reserve - 100
8. Shipbuilding, Repairs, Maintenance, &c. -

Section I.—Personnel - 100
Section II.—Material - 100
Section III.—Contract Work - 100
9. Naval Armaments - 100
10. Works, Buildings and Repairs at Home and Abroad - 100
11. Miscellaneous Effective Services - 100
12. Admiralty Office - 100
13. Non-Effective Services (Naval and Marine)—Officers - 100
14. Non-Effective Services (Naval and Marine)—Men - 100
15. Civil Superannuation, Allowances and Gratuities - 100
16. Merchant Shipbuilding - 100

£1,700

Army Estimates, 1940.

21. That a sum not exceeding £1,400 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 1941 for Expenditure in respect of the Army Services, viz.:

£

2. Territorial Army and Reserve Forces - 100
3. Medical Services - 100
4. Educational Establishments - 100
5. Quartering and Movements - 100
6. Supplies, Road Transport and Remounts - 100
7. Clothing - 100
8. General Stores - 100

£1,400
Air Estimates, 1940.

22. That a sum not exceeding £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 1941 for Expenditure in respect of the Air Services, viz.:—

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<td>3. Technical and Warlike Stores</td>
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The First Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Mr. Speaker then proceeded, pursuant to the Order of the House this day, to put forthwith the Questions, that this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolutions reported in respect of Classes I to IX and the Unclassified Services of the Civil Estimates, the Revenue Departments Estimates, the Navy Estimates, the Army Estimates, and the Air Estimates:—

Civil Estimates and Supplementary Estimates, 1940.

Class I.
Central Government and Finance.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolutions reported in respect of Class I of the Civil Estimates:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Class II.
Foreign and Imperial.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolution reported in respect of Class II of the Civil Estimates:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Class III.
Home Department (including Air Raid Precautionary Services), Law and Justice.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolutions reported in respect of Class III of the Civil Estimates:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Class IV.
Education and Broadcasting.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolution reported in respect of Class IV of the Civil Estimates:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Class V.
Health, Labour and Insurance.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolutions reported in respect of Class V of the Civil Estimates:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Class VI.
Trade, Industry and Transport.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolution reported in respect of Class VI of the Civil Estimates:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Class VII.
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 Class IX of the Civil Estimates:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Unclassified Services.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolutions reported in the Unclassified Services of the Civil Estimates:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Revenue Departments Estimates, 1940.

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, 1940.

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, 1940.

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, 1940.

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. Grimston reported from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 17th 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 1941, the sum of £325,700,235 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund to the service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1941, the sum of £325,700,235 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the said Resolution, and that the Chairman of Way and Means, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Captain Crookshank do prepare and bring it in.

Captain Crookshank accordingly presented a Bill to apply a sum out of the Consolidated Fund to the service of the year ending on the thirty-first day of March, one thousand nine hundred and forty-one, and to appropriate the supplies granted in this Session of Parliament: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Emergency Powers Defence (No. 2) Bill:

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

The Workmen’s Compensation (Supplementary Allowances) (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 Tuesday next.—(Mr. Grimston.)

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Agriculture (Miscellaneous War Provisions) (No. 2) Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Purchase Tax Second Reading of the Purchase Tax Bill:

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

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

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 (Mr. Grimston.)

And accordingly—The House, having continued to sit till twenty-seven minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till Tuesday next, pursuant to the Resolution of the House this day.

Tuesday, 23rd July 1940.

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

PRAYERS.

THE Mid-Wessex Water Bill [Lords] was Mid-Wessex read the third time and passed, with Water Bill Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to Amendments 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 Archibald Sinclair presented, Air Force, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Copy of an Order made under the Air Force (Constitution) Act, 1917, dated 4th July 1940, making special provisioins with regard to the issue of pay and allowances of deceased and missing officers and airmen and of temporary allowances to their dependants.

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

Mr. Cross presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Copy of Rules Shipping made under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, Acts, dated 18th July 1940, entitled the Merchant Shipping (Additional Life-saving Appliances) (No. 2) Rules, 1940, with Report, pursuant to
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Section 35 of the Merchant Shipping (Safety and Load Line Conventions) Act, 1932.

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

Secretary Sir John Anderson presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament.—Report by the Secretary of State for the Home Department as to the Expulsion, Registration and Prohibition Orders made under the Prevention of Violence (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1939, during the period 1st April 1940 to 30th June 1940.

Copies of Orders in Council made under the Emergency Powers (Defence) Acts, 1939 and 1940, dated 17th July 1940.—

(1) substituting new Regulations 3 to 3t for Regulations 3 to 3t, and amending Regulations 5a, 9 and 10 of the Defence (Finance) Regulations, 1939;

(2) adding Regulation 1A to the Defence (Finance) Regulations, 1939;

(3) adding Regulations 236A and 236Aa to, and amending Regulations 18A, 38, 49, 62, 62B, 70, 73 and 94 of, the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939;

(4) amending the Defence (Armed Forces) Regulations, 1939;

(5) amending Regulation 3 of, and adding Regulation 3A to, the Defence (Trading with the Enemy) Regulations, 1940; and

(6) making Regulations, entitled the Defence (War Risks Insurance) (No.3) Regulations, 1940.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relative to the Prevention of Violence (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1939, be printed.

Mr. Secretary Brown presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of an Order made under the Prisons (Scotland) Act, 1877, dated 16th July 1940, closing the Prison of Lerwick.

Copies of Rules made under the Prisons (Scotland) Acts, 1860 to 1926, dated 16th July 1940.—

(1) appointing police cells in the Burgh of Lerwick to be a legal prison for the detention of prisoners for a period not exceeding thirty days before, or during, or after trial; and

(2) relating to the appointment of a Visiting Committee to the Police Cells Prison of Lerwick.

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

Mr. Malcolm MacDonald presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copies of Schemes made under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1897, by—

(1) the Hastings County Borough Council; and

(2) the West Sussex County Council.

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

Sir John Reith presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Estimates of the pooled revenue Receipts and Expenses and resultant net Revenue of the Controlled Railway Under-

takings for (a) the four months ended 31st December 1939, and (b) the half year ended 30th June 1940.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Supplementary Statement of Supplementary Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the year 1940-41. (Captain Crookshank.)

Captain Crookshank accordingly presented the said Paper.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon No. 150. the Table; and be printed.

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

The Lords have agreed to the Merchant Shipping (Salvage) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Unemployment Insurance Bill, without any Amendment.

Sir Frederick Hugh Sykes, Member for the Borough of Nottingham (Central Division), sworn, was sworn.

Hyacinth Bernard Wenceslaus Morgan, Esquire, Member for the Borough of Rochdale, was sworn.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on Government Business of the New Members be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(The Prime Minister.)

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

(In the Committee.)

CUSTOMS AND EXCISE.

Beer (Excise).

1. Resolved, That, on and after the twenty-fourth day of July, nineteen hundred and forty, the duty of excise charged in respect of beer under section one of the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1939, shall be charged at the following increased rates:—

For every 36 gallons of worts of a gravity of 1,027 degrees or less—

£ s. d.

4 1 0

For every 36 gallons of worts of a gravity exceeding 1,027 degrees—

For the first 1,027 degrees—

4 1 0

For every additional degree in excess of 1,027 degrees—

0 3 0

and so in proportion for any less number of gallons.

And, in the case of beer in respect of which it is shown to the satisfaction of the Commissioners of Customs and Excise that duty at the foregoing increased rates has been paid, the excise drawback allowed under that section shall be allowed at the following increased rates:—

For every 36 gallons the worts £ s. d.

whereof were, before fermentation, of a specific gravity of 1,027 degrees or less—

4 1 2
For every 36 gallons the worts £ s. d.
whereof were, before fermentation, of a specific gravity exceeding 1,027 degrees—
For the first 1,027 degrees 4 1 2
For every additional degree in excess of 1,027 degrees 0 3 0
and so in proportion for any less number of gallons:
Provided that, as respects beer the worts whereof were, before fermentation, of a specific gravity of less than 1,027 degrees, the amount of drawback allowable shall not exceed by more than twopence for every 36 gallons the amount of duty which is shown as aforesaid to have been paid.

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.)

Beer (Customs).

2. Resolved, That, on and after the twenty-fourth day of July, nineteen hundred and forty, the duty of customs charged in respect of beer under section one of the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1909, shall be charged at the following increased rates:
For every 36 gallons the worts £ s. d.
whereof were, before fermentation, of a specific gravity of 1,027 degrees or less—
In the case of beer being an Empire product — 4 1 5
In the case of beer not being an Empire product — 5 1 5
For every 36 gallons the worts whereof were, before fermentation, of a specific gravity exceeding 1,027 degrees—
In the case of beer being an Empire product—
For the first 1,027 degrees 4 1 5
For every additional degree in excess of 1,027 degrees — 0 3 0
In the case of beer not being an Empire product—
For the first 1,027 degrees 5 1 5
For every additional degree in excess of 1,027 degrees — 0 3 0
and so in proportion for any less number of gallons.
And, in the case of beer in respect of which it is shown to the satisfaction of the Commissioners of Customs and Excise that duty at the foregoing increased rates has been paid, the customs drawback allowed under that section shall be allowed at the following increased rates:
For every 36 gallons the worts £ s. d.
whereof were, before fermentation, of a specific gravity of 1,027 degrees or less—
In the case of beer being an Empire product — 4 1 2
In the case of beer not being an Empire product — 5 1 2

Wines (Customs).

3. Resolved, That, on and after the twenty-fourth day of July, nineteen hundred and forty, the duties of customs charged on wines under paragraph (a) and paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section three of the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1909, shall respectively be charged at the increased rates set out in Part I and Part II of the following Table, and the duty charged under paragraph (b) of that subsection on wine not exceeding twenty-seven degrees proof spirit and being an Empire product shall be increased accordingly.

Table.

Part I.

Wines not being Empire Products.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Description of Wine</th>
<th>Rate of duty per gallon</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Not exceeding 28 degrees proof spirit</td>
<td>8 0</td>
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<tr>
<td>Exceeding 28 degrees proof spirit and not exceeding 42 degrees proof spirit</td>
<td>16 0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>For every degree or fraction of a degree above 42 degrees proof spirit, an additional duty</td>
<td>1 4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sparkling, an additional duty</td>
<td>12 6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Still, in bottle, an additional duty</td>
<td>2 0</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Part II.

Wines being Empire Products.

Exceeding 27 degrees proof spirit and not exceeding 42 degrees proof spirit | 12 0 |
For every degree or fraction of a degree above 42 degrees proof spirit, an additional duty | 1 0 |
Sparkling, an additional duty | 6 3 |
Still, in bottle, an additional duty | 1 0 |
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.)

Sweets (Excise).

4. Resolved, That, on and after the twenty-fourth day of July, nineteen hundred and forty, the rate of the duty of excise on sweets shall be increased from nine shillings and sixpence to eleven shillings and sixpence per gallon in the case of sparkling sweets, and from three shillings and sixpence to five shillings and sixpence per gallon in the case of other sweets.

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.)

Tobacco (Customs).

5. Resolved, That, on and after the twenty-fourth day of July, nineteen hundred and forty, in lieu of the full duties of customs theretofore chargeable on tobacco imported into the United Kingdom, there shall be chargeable on tobacco so imported of the descriptions set out in the first column of the following Table duties of customs at the rates respectively specified in the second column of that Table:

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<tr>
<th>Description of Tobacco</th>
<th>Rate of Duty per Pound</th>
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<tr>
<td>Tobacco unmanufactured—</td>
<td>£ s. d.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>containing 10 lbs. or more of moisture in every 100 lbs. weight thereof—</td>
<td>0 19 6</td>
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<td>unstripped?</td>
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<td>stripped?</td>
<td>0 19 64</td>
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<tr>
<td>containing less than 10 lbs. of moisture in every 100 lbs. weight thereof—</td>
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<td>unstripped?</td>
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<td>Tobacco manufactured, viz.:—</td>
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<tr>
<td>Cigars</td>
<td>1 8 1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cigarettes</td>
<td>1 4 7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cavendish or Negrohead</td>
<td>1 3 9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cavendish or Negrohead manufactured in bond</td>
<td>1 2 0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Other manufactured tobacco</td>
<td>1 2 0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Snuff</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>containing more than 13 lbs. of moisture in every 100 lbs. weight thereof—</td>
<td>1 1 4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>containing not more than 13 lbs. of moisture in every 100 lbs. weight thereof—</td>
<td>1 3 9</td>
</tr>
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and so in proportion for any less quantity.

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.)

Tobacco (Excise).

6. Resolved, That, on and after the twenty-fourth day of July, nineteen hundred and forty, in lieu of the duties of excise theretofore chargeable on tobacco grown in the United Kingdom, there shall be charged on tobacco so grown of the descriptions set out in the first column of the following Table duties of excise at the rates respectively specified in the second column of that Table:

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<tr>
<td>Tobacco unmanufactured—</td>
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<td>containing 10 lbs. or more of moisture in every 100 lbs. weight thereof—</td>
<td>17 3 ½</td>
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<tr>
<td>containing less than 10 lbs. of moisture in every 100 lbs. weight thereof—</td>
<td>18 0 ½</td>
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<tr>
<td>Tobacco manufactured, viz.:—</td>
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<tr>
<td>Cavendish or Negrohead manufactured in bond</td>
<td>19 4 ½</td>
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and so in proportion for any less quantity.

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.)

Entertainments (Excise).

7. Resolved, That, as respects payments for admission to entertainments held on or after the sixtieth day of October, nineteen hundred and forty, entertainments duty shall be charged—

(a) in the case of stage plays and other entertainments to which subsection (3) of section one of the Finance Act, 1935, applies, at the rates set out in Part I of the following Table;

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<td>Cigarettes</td>
<td>1 0 6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cat, roll, cake or other manufactured tobacco—</td>
<td>1 0 3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Snuff (not being offal snuff)</td>
<td>0 19 9</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

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.)
(b) in the case of other entertainments, at the rates set out in Part II of that Table—

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#### Part I

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<th>Amount of Payment</th>
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<tr>
<td>Where the amount of the payment, excluding the amount of duty—</td>
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<td>exceeds 3d. and does not exceed 11½d.</td>
<td>1d.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>exceeds 11½d. and does not exceed 1s. 2d.</td>
<td>2d.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>exceeds 1s. 2d. and does not exceed 1s. 7d.</td>
<td>2½d.</td>
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<td>exceeds 1s. 7d. and does not exceed 1s. 9½d.</td>
<td>3d.</td>
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<td>exceeds 1s. 9½d. and does not exceed 2s. Od.</td>
<td>5d.</td>
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<td>Where the amount of the payment, excluding the amount of duty—</td>
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<td>exceeds 3d. and does not exceed 5d.</td>
<td>1d.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>exceeds 5d. and does not exceed 6½d.</td>
<td>1½d.</td>
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<td>exceeds 6½d. and does not exceed 7½d.</td>
<td>2d.</td>
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<td>exceeds 7½d. and does not exceed 8½d.</td>
<td>3d.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>exceeds 8½d. and does not exceed 11½d.</td>
<td>4d. for the first 2s. 2d. and 1d. for every 5d. or part of 5d. over 2s. 2d.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>exceeds 1s. 2d. and does not exceed 1s. 5d.</td>
<td>5d. for the first 1s. 5d. and 2d. for every 6d. or part of 6d. over 1s. 5d.</td>
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<tr>
<td>exceeds 1s. 5d.</td>
<td>2s. 2d.</td>
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### Schedule C, under Rule 6 or Rule 7 of the Miscellaneous Rules applicable to Schedule D, or under Rule 21 of the General Rules, and amendments shall be made in section two hundred and eleven of the Income Tax Act, 1918 (as amended by subsequent enactments); (c) such other amendments shall be made in the Income Tax Acts as are consequential on the said increase.

—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Higher rates of Income Tax for 1939-40.

10. Resolved, That income tax for the year 1939-40 in respect of the excess of the total income of an individual over two thousand pounds shall, instead of being charged at the rates mentioned in section twelve of the Finance Act, 1940, be charged at rates exceeding the standard rate by the amounts specified in the second column of the following Table; and that such amendments shall be made in the Income Tax Acts as are consequential on the foregoing provisions of this Resolution:

### Table

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<th>For every pound—</th>
<th>s. d.</th>
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<tr>
<td>of the first five hundred pounds of the excess</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>of the next five hundred pounds of the excess</td>
<td>23</td>
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<tr>
<td>of the next one thousand pounds of the excess</td>
<td>33</td>
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<tr>
<td>of the next one thousand pounds of the excess</td>
<td>43</td>
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<tr>
<td>of the next two thousand pounds of the excess</td>
<td>50</td>
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<tr>
<td>of the next two thousand pounds of the excess</td>
<td>59</td>
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<td>of the next five thousand pounds of the excess</td>
<td>70</td>
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<tr>
<td>of the next five thousand pounds of the excess</td>
<td>83</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>of the remainder of the excess</td>
<td>90</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>of the remainder of the excess</td>
<td>96</td>
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</table>

—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Alteration of certain Reliefs.

11. Resolved, That—

(a) the following enactments relating to reliefs from income tax shall be amended as Parliament may provide by any Act of the present Session relating to income tax, namely—

(i) subsection (2) of section forty of the Finance Act, 1927, as amended by subsequent enactments (which relates to the reduction of the tax remaining chargeable after the allowance of other reliefs);

(ii) subsection (2) of section fifteen of the Finance Act, 1925, as so amended (which relates to persons over sixty-five years of age);

(iii) subsection (2) of section nineteen of the Finance Act, 1935, as so amended (which provides for a reduction of tax in the case of incomes less than one hundred and forty pounds);

### INCOME TAX.

Standard rate of Income Tax for 1940-41.

9. Resolved, That—

(a) the standard rate of income tax for the year 1940-41 shall be increased from seven shillings and sixpence to eight shillings and sixpence in the pound;

(b) in connection with the said increase, special provision shall be made in relation to income chargeable under Vol. 195.
(b) such amendments shall be made in the Income Tax Acts as are consequential on any amendments which may be made in the enactments aforesaid.

—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

12. Resolved, That—

(a) the Commissioners of Inland Revenue shall be empowered to make regulations for the assessment and collection of income tax chargeable under Schedule E and in particular for requiring employers and other persons to deduct tax so chargeable from payments made by them and for making them accountable for any tax which they are so required to deduct, and any such regulations shall have effect notwithstanding anything in the Income Tax Acts;

(b) penalties shall be imposed for failure to comply with the said regulations;

(c) the time within which proceedings may be brought for the summary recovery as a civil debt of any tax charged under Schedule E shall be extended.

—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Life Insurance.

13. Resolved, That—

(a) as respects the year 1940-41, and any subsequent year for which the standard rate of income tax exceeds seven shillings in the pound, the relief allowed under section thirty-two of the Income Tax Act, 1918, (as amended by subsequent enactments) in respect of premiums paid for life insurance or other contracts referred to in paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of that section or section twenty of the Finance Act, 1932, shall be calculated as if the standard rate of income tax were seven shillings in the pound;

(b) as regards the year 1940-41, and any subsequent year, no relief shall be allowed under the said section thirty-two (as so amended) in respect of the amount, if any, by which the premiums or other sums in respect of which relief is claimed exceed the claimant's taxable income;

(c) as respects the year 1940-41, and any subsequent year for which the standard rate of income tax exceeds seven shillings and sixpence in the pound, such relief shall be given to assurance companies carrying on life assurance business, in respect of income tax on the policyholders' part of the income from investments held in connection with that business, as may be provided by any Act of the present Session relating to income tax;

(d) such amendments shall be made in the Income Tax Acts as are consequential on the foregoing provisions of this Resolution.

—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

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Payments in respect of War Risks Indemnification.

14. Resolved, That—

(a) in computing the amount of the profits or gains of any person for any purpose of the Income Tax Acts for the year 1940-41 or any subsequent year, no sum shall be deducted in respect of any payment made by him under any such contract or arrangement relating to indemnification in respect of war damage as may be described in any Act of the present Session relating to income tax;

(b) no such payment shall be included in computing the expenses of management in respect of which relief may be claimed for any such year under section thirty-three of the Income Tax Act, 1918, as amended by subsequent enactments, or the cost of maintenance, repairs, insurance and management in respect of which relief may be so claimed under Rule 8 of No. V of Schedule A as so amended.

—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

MISCELLANEOUS.

Purchase Tax.

15. Resolved, That—

(a) provision shall be made for charging a tax in respect of purchases (whenever made) from wholesale sellers of such goods as may be specified in any Act of the present Session, and in respect of such other transactions (whenever made) relating to such goods as may be so specified;

(b) the tax shall be charged (subject as mentioned in paragraph (c) of this Resolution) at one or other of the following rates, as may be provided by the said Act in relation to different classes of goods, that is to say, a basic rate equal to one third of the wholesale value of the goods, or a reduced rate equal to one sixth of the wholesale value of the goods;

(c) the Treasury shall have power to make orders—

(i) for bringing the tax into operation,

(ii) for varying from time to time the basic rate or the reduced rate of the tax,

(iii) for rendering the tax chargeable, at either rate, in the case of goods other than goods on which it is chargeable under paragraph (a) of this Resolution, or for rendering the tax chargeable in the case of any goods at the basic rate in lieu of at the reduced rate or vice versa, and

(iv) for such other purposes as may be specified in the said Act, so however that an order for bringing the tax into operation, for increasing the rate of the tax, for rendering the tax chargeable, or for rendering the tax chargeable at the basic rate in lieu of at the reduced rate, shall be subject to approval by this House as may be provided by the said Act.
National Defence Contribution.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the law relating to the national defence contribution be amended (as respects all accounting periods beginning on or after the first day of April, nineteen hundred and thirty-nine, and so much of any accounting period beginning before that date as falls on or after that date) so as to disallow deductions in certain cases in respect of interest, annuities and annual payments, and in respect of payments under certain contracts or arrangements relating to indemnification in respect of war damage.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

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

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

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

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

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Emergency Powers (Defence) (No. 2) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Power to provide for trial of offences by Special Courts in certain areas).

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 4, after the word "where," to insert the words "by reason of recent or immediately apprehended enemy action."—(Secretary Sir John Anderson.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.

Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, to leave out the words "or immediately apprehended."—(Sir Richard Acland.)

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

Proposed words there inserted.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 9, to leave out the word "the."—(Mr. Bevan.)

Question proposed, That the word "the" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 17, after the word "Regulations," to insert the words "such Regulations to provide for legal representation before all such courts by barristers or solicitors."—(Major Minter.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negativ.
Ordered, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again.—[Mr. Bevan.]

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved. That this House will, 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.

Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill;

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

Workmen's Compensation (Supplementary Allowances) (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Workmen's Compensation (Supplementary Allowances) (No. 2) Bill;

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

Agriculture (Miscellaneous War Provisions) (No. 2) Bill.

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

Purchase Tax Bill.

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

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Adjournment.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. —[Mr. Munro.]

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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Wednesday, 24th July 1940.

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

PRAYERS.

Mr. Chamberlain presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament.—Copy of an Order in Council made under the Chartered and Other Bodies (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1939, dated 17th July 1940, entitled the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board (Temporary Provisions) Order, 1940.

Copy of an Order in Council made under the Extradition Act, 1870, dated 17th July 1940, relating to an Extradition Ordinance in the Colony of Aden.


Memorial relating to the payment of allowances to the dependants of Seamen, Marines and Reservists.

Copy of an Order in Council made under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, dated 17th July 1940, entitled the Egyptian Tonnage (Amendment) Order, 1940.

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

Secretary Sir John Anderson presented, Defence (General) Regulations, 1939.—No. 152. Report of action taken under the said Regulation during the period 1st June 1940 to 30th June 1940.

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

Mr. Malcolm MacDonald presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of a Scheme made under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1897, by the Battersea Borough Council.

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 Mr. Speaker, and ask leave to read the same in the House.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments to the Mid-Wessex Water Bill [Lords.], without any Amendment.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Emergency Powers (Defence) (No. 2) Bill, (In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Power to provide for trial of offences by special courts in certain areas).

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, 1. 20, at the end, to insert the words—

"Provided that "no regulation may make provision for the holding of any trial in secret when such trial could not have been held in secret under the rules and practices of the regular civil courts."—[Sir Richard Acland.]

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

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, 1. 25, at the end, to add the words—

"(3) Courts under this Act not being courts-martial shall consist of not less than a president and two other persons learned in the law and legal procedure."—[Colonel Gretton.]

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, 1. 25, at the end, to add the words—

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

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"(3) Courts under this Act shall be deemed to be inferior courts in relation to the High
Court of Justice, and proceedings in the nature of prohibition, certiorari or mandamus shall lie to them accordingly.'—(Mr. Silverman.)

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

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 2 agreed to.

A Clause (Resolution by Commons may declare special courts no longer required),—(Sir Richard Acland),—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 (Saving for rights of the Crown),—(Major Fyfe),—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put, and negatived.

Preamble amended, and agreed to.

Title amended.

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, and had amended the Title as followeth:—A Bill to remove doubts as to the extent of the powers which may be exercised by His Majesty under the Emergency Powers (Defence) Act, 1939.

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

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

The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

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

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

(In the Committee.)

National Defence Contribution.

Question again proposed, That the law relating to the national defence contribution be amended (as respects all accounting periods beginning on or after the first day of April, nineteen hundred and thirty-nine, and so much of any accounting period beginning before that date as falls on or after that date) so as to disallow deductions in certain cases in respect of interest, annuities and annual payments, and in respect of payments under certain contracts or arrangements relating to indemnification in respect of war damage.

And, 'it being Eleven of the clock, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Ways and Means of the 23rd day of this instant July; Report.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Consolidated Second Reading of the Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Workmen's Compensation (Supplementary Allowances) (No. 2) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—Adjournment. (Mr. Grimston.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till two minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

Thursday, 25th July 1940.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

Mr. Chamberlain presented, pursuant to the Special directions of several Acts of Parliament, (1) the Special Constables Acts, 1914 and 1928, dated 10th July 1940, entitled—

(1) the Special Constables Order (No. 2), 1940; and
(2) the Special Constables (Scotland) Order, No. 2, 1940.

Copy of an Order in Council made under the Foreign Jurisdiction Acts, 1890 and 1913, dated 10th July 1940, entitled the Aden Protectorate (Amendment) Order, 1940.


Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.
Captain Grocock presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, an Account showing the Money issued out of the Consolidated Fund; the Money borrowed and the Securities created in respect thereof; and the Expenditure of a Capital Nature incurred by the Department of Health for Scotland and the Commissioners of Works, respectively, under the Housing Act, 1914, for the period ended 31st March, 1940, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Adjournment.

Resolved, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn till Tuesday next.—(Mr. Attlee.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

National Defence Contribution.

Question again proposed. That the law relating to the national defence contribution be amended (as respects all accounting periods beginning on or after the first day of April, nineteen hundred and thirty-nine, and so much of any accounting period beginning before that date as falls on or after that date) so as to disallow deductions in certain cases in respect of interest, annuities and annual payments, and in respect of payments under certain contracts or arrangements relating to indemnification in respect of war damage.

Whereupon the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod being come with a Message, the Chairman left the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

A Message was delivered by Lieutenant-General Sir William Pulteney, G.C.V.O., M.C., Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords, authorised by virtue of His Majesty's Commission, for declaring His Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House went up to the House of Peers:—And having returned;

Mr. Speaker reported, That the House, at the desire of the Lords, authorised by virtue of His Majesty's Commission, had been at the House of Peers, where a Commission under the Great Seal was read, giving, declaring and notifying the Royal Assent to the several Acts therein mentioned; and that the Lords, thereby authorised, had declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts, as follow:

1. Merchant Shipping (Salvage) Act, 1940.
2. Unemployment Insurance Act, 1940.
3. Newcastle-upon-Tyne and Gateshead Gas Act, 1940.
4. Mid-Wessex Water Act, 1940.

Then the House again resolved itself into the Ways and Means Committee.

(In the Committee.)

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Question put, and agreed to.

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 upon Tuesday next.

The Deputy Chairman also acquainted the House that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Workmen's Compensation (Supplementary Allowances) (No. 2) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Supplementary allowances to workmen entitled to weekly payments).

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 4, at the end, to insert the words—

"Provided that this paragraph shall apply to any such child over the age of fifteen years who is receiving full-time instruction at any educational establishment or undergoing training for any trade, profession or vocation, or unable to receive such instruction or training by reason of physical or mental infirmity."—(Mr. Isaacs.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 4, at the end, to insert the words—

"(2) Where any workman was on or after the eighteenth day of March, nineteen hundred and forty, entitled to a weekly payment by way of compensation as aforesaid and such compensation was redeemed before the coming into operation of this Act, the foregoing subsection shall apply to him as though he were still entitled to such weekly payment."—(Mr. Tom Smith.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
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Clauses No. 4 to No. 7 agreed to.

Clause No. 8 (Short title, construction, commencement and extent).

Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 27, to leave out from the word "shall," to the word "nineteen," in l. 28, and insert the words "take effect as from the first day of July."—(Mr. Tinker.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.

The Committee proceeded to a Division; Mr. Grimston and Mr. Munro were appointed Tellers for the Ayes, but there being no Members willing to act as Tellers for the Noes, the Chairman declared that the Ayes had it.

Clause agreed to.

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 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 receiving the Report from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 23rd day of this instant July;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Tuesday next.

Order for Supply.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Agriculture [Miscellaneous War Provisions] (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous War Provisions) (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Consolidated Fund ( Appropriation) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Adjournment.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn,—(Mr. Grimston.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till one minute before Eleven of the clock, adjourned till Tuesday next, pursuant to the Resolution of the House this day.

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Tuesday, 30th July 1940.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

SECRETARY Sir John Anderson presented, German and Austrian Civilian Internees, by His Majesty's Command.—Copy of a Statement of Categories of Persons eligible for Release from Internment and of the Procedure to be followed in applying for Release.

Secretary Sir John Anderson also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order in Council made under the Emergency Powers (Defence) Act, 1939, as extended to the Isle of Man by the Emergency Powers (Isle of Man Defence) Order in Council, 1939, dated 17th July, 1940, substituting new Regulations 3 to 3c for Regulations 3 to 3c, and amending Regulations 5b, 9 and 10 of the Defence (Finance) Regulations (Isle of Man), 1939.


(1) Adding part IX (Milk Marketing) to the Defence (Agriculture and Fisheries) Regulations, 1939.

(2) adding Regulation 2A to the Defence (Finance) Regulations, 1939; and

(3) adding Regulations 32a, 42c, 60c and 79aa to, and amending Regulations 4, 4a, 7, 10, 18c, 32a, 39a, 72, 88a and 101 of, and the Second Schedule to, the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939.

Copies of Orders, made under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Act to—

(1) the urban district of Bicester;

(2) the urban district of Clacton;

(3) the county borough of Halifax;

(4) the urban district of Northwich; and

(5) the rural district of Shafesbury.

Copy of an Order made under the Shops Acts. Act, 1912, by the Council of the City and County of Bristol, and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department.

Annual Report by the Secretary of State for State Management Districts, Act, No. 153.

Secretary Sir Archibald Sinclair presented, Air Force, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order made under the Air Force (Constitution) Act, 1917, dated 9th July 1940, further amending in certain
respects the Regulations appended to His Majesty's Order, dated 19th February 1940, 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.

Captain Crookshank presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Treasury Minutes, dated 24th July 1940, granting retired allowances to:

(1) Mr. Alexander John Willmot, Chief Inspector, Post Office Engineering Department; and

(2) Mr. John Lionel Cockle Keeble, Overseer, Post Office, under Section 2 of the Superannuation Act, 1887.

Ordered; That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Sir John Reith presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of the Report and of an Abstract of the Accounts of the Receipts and Expenditure of the Harwich Harbour Conservancy Board for the year ended 31st March 1940.

Report respecting the Proceedings under the Railway Regulation Act, 1893, during the year ended 31st March 1940.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Malcolm MacDonald presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Scheme made under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937, by the Stockport County Borough 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:

Copy of Rules made under the Administration of Justice (Emergency Provisions) Act, 1939, dated 19th July 1940, entitled the Rules of the Supreme Court (No. 4). 1940.

Copy of Rules made under the Chancery of Lancaster Acts, 1850 to 1890, dated 10th July 1940, entitled the Chancery of Lancaster Rules (No. 1). 1940.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to request that their Lordships will be pleased to give leave to the Lord Abertay to attend to be examined, as a witness, before the Sub-Committee on Navy Services, appointed by the Select Committee on National Expenditure—(Sir Percy Harris.)

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the said Message.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the remainder of this day's Sitting be a Secret Session, and that Strangers be ordered to withdraw.—(The Prime Minister)

And Notice being taken that Strangers were present, Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 89, put forthwith the Question:—

That Strangers be ordered to withdraw;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the (Sir John Wardlaw-Milne), 200.

Tellers for the (Mr. Brown), 109.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being again proposed, Secret Session.

That the remainder of this day's Sitting be a Secret Session, and that Strangers be ordered to withdraw.—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Resolved, That the remainder of this day's Secret Sitting be a Secret Session.—(The Prime Minister.)

The Consolidated Fund ( Appropriation) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House for to-morrow.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.— Adjournment. (Mr. Whitley.)

And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till seven minutes before Ten of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

PRAYERS.

M R. Bevin presented, pursuant to the Unemployment Insurance Acts, copies of Orders made under the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1938, and the Unemployment Insurance (Emergency Powers) Act, 1939, dated 30th July 1939, entitled—

(1) the Unemployment Insurance (Banking Industry Special Scheme) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order, 1940; and

(2) the Unemployment Insurance (Insurance Industry Special Scheme) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order, 1940.

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 Twenty-sixth Annual Report of the Board of Control, being a Report for 1939. Part I.

Ordered, That the said Paper 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 Emergency Powers (Defence) (No. 2) Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords give leave to the Lord Abertay to attend in order to his being examined, as a witness, before the Sub-Committee on Navy Services, appointed by the Select Committee appointed by this House on National Expenditure, if his Lordship think fit.

Ordered, That the Amendment made by the Lords to the Emergency Powers (Defence) (No. 2) Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow; and be printed.

Miss Horbury reported from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 23rd day of this instant July, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

CUSTOMS AND EXCISE.

Beer (Excise).

1. That, on and after the twenty-fourth day of July, nineteen hundred and forty, the duty of excise charged in respect of beer under section one of the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1939, shall be charged at the following increased rates:

- For every 36 gallons of worts of a specific gravity of 1,027 degrees or less, £ s. d. 4 1 0
- For every 36 gallons of worts of a specific gravity exceeding 1,027 degrees:
  - For the first 1,027 degrees, £ s. d. 4 1 0
  - For every additional degree in excess of 1,027 degrees, £ s. d. 0 3 0

and so in proportion for any less number of gallons:

And, in the case of beer in respect of which it is shown to the satisfaction of the Commissioners of Customs and Excise that duty at the foregoing increased rates has been paid, the excise drawback allowed under that section shall be allowed at the following increased rates:

- For every 36 gallons of worts whereof were, before fermentation, of a specific gravity of 1,027 degrees or less, £ s. d. 4 1 0
- For every 36 gallons the worts whereof were, before fermentation, of a specific gravity of 1,027 degrees or less, £ s. d. 4 1 2

For every 36 gallons the worts whereof were, before fermentation, of a specific gravity of less than 1,027 degrees, the amount of drawback allowable shall not exceed by more than twopence for every 36 gallons the amount of duty which is shown as aforesaid to have been paid.

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 Statutory of Taxes Act, 1913.

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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.

Wines (Customs).

3. That, on and after the twenty-fourth day of July, nineteen hundred and forty, the duties of customs charged on wines under paragraph (a) and paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section three of the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1939, shall respectively be charged at the increased rates set out in Part I and Part II of the following Table, and the duty charged under paragraph (b) of that subsection on wine not exceeding twenty-seven degrees proof spirit and being an Empire product shall be increased accordingly.

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Wines not being Empire Products.

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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.

Sweets (Excise).

4. That, on and after the twenty-fourth day of July, nineteen hundred and forty, the rate of the duty of excise on sweets shall be increased from nine shillings and sixpence to eleven shillings and sixpence per gallon in the case of sparkling sweets, and from three shillings and sixpence to five shillings and sixpence per gallon in the case of other sweets.

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.

Tobacco (Excise).

5. That, on and after the twenty-fourth day of July, nineteen hundred and forty, in lieu of the full duties of customs therefore chargeable on tobacco imported into the United Kingdom, there shall be charged on tobacco so imported of the descriptions set out in the first column of the following Table duties of customs at the rates respectively specified in the second column of that Table:

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<td>Cavendish or Negrohead manufactured in bond</td>
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<td>Other manufactured tobacco</td>
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<td>Snuff— containing more than 13 lbs. of moisture in every 100 lbs. weight thereof</td>
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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.
Tobacco (Drawback).

7. That, as respects tobacco on which there have been paid duties of customs or excise at the increased rates for which provision is made by any Resolution passed by the Committee of Ways and Means, together with this Resolution, drawback shall be allowed at the rates set out in the following Table, instead of at the rates set out in Part III of the Third Schedule to the Finance Act, 1940.

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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.

Entertainments (Excise).

8. That, as respects payments for admission to entertainments held on or after the sixth day of October, nineteen hundred and forty, entertainments duty shall be charged—

(a) in the case of stage plays and other entertainments to which subsection (3) of section one of the Finance Act, 1939, applies, at the rates set out in Part I of the following Table;

(b) in the case of other entertainments, at the rates set out in Part II of that Table—

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9. That—

(a) the standard rate of income tax for the year 1940–41 shall be increased from seven shillings and sixpence to eight shillings and sixpence in the pound;

(b) in connection with the said increase, special provision shall be made in relation to income chargeable under Schedule C, under Rule 6 or Rule 7 of the Miscellaneous Rules applicable to Schedule D, or under Rule 21 of the General Rules, and amendments shall be made in section two hundred and eleven of the Income Tax Act, 1918 (as amended by subsequent enactments);

(c) such other amendments shall be made in the Income Tax Acts as are consequential on the said increase.

INCOME TAX.

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Alteration of certain Reliefs.

11. That— 
(a) the following enactments relating to reliefs from income tax shall be amended as Parliament may provide by any Act of the present Session relating to income tax, namely— 
(i) subsection (2) of section forty of the Finance Act, 1927, as amended by subsequent enactments (which relates to the reduction of the tax remaining chargeable after the allowance of other reliefs); 
(ii) subsection (2) of section fifteen of the Finance Act, 1925, as so amended (which relates to persons over sixty-five years of age); 
(iii) subsection (2) of section nineteen of the Finance Act, 1935, as so amended (which provides for a reduction of tax in the case of incomes less than one hundred and forty pounds); 
(b) such amendments shall be made in the Income Tax Acts as are consequential on any amendments which may be made in the enactments aforesaid.

Assessment and Collection of Income Tax under Schedule E.

12. That— 
(a) the Commissioners of Inland Revenue shall be empowered to make regulations for the assessment and collection of income tax chargeable under Schedule E and in particular for requiring employers and other persons to deduct tax so chargeable from payments made by them and for making them accountable for any tax which they are so required to deduct, and any such regulations shall have effect notwithstanding anything in the Income Tax Acts; 
(b) penalties shall be imposed for failure to comply with the said regulations; 
(c) the time within which proceedings may be brought for the summary recovery as a civil debt of any tax charged under Schedule E shall be extended.

Life Insurance.

13. That— 
(a) as respects the year 1940-41, and any subsequent year for which the standard rate of income tax exceeds seven shillings in the pound, the relief allowed under section thirty-two of the Income Tax Act, 1918 (as amended by subsequent enactments) in respect of premiums paid for life insurance or other contracts referred to in paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of that section or section twenty of the Finance Act, 1932, shall be calculated as if the standard rate of income tax were seven shillings in the pound; 
(b) as respects the year 1940-41, and any subsequent year, no relief shall be allowed under the said section thirty-two (as so amended) in respect of the amount, if any, by which the premiums or other sums in respect of which relief is claimed exceed the claimant's taxable income; 
(c) as respects the year 1940-41, and any subsequent year for which the standard rate of income tax exceeds seven shillings and sixpence in the pound, such relief shall be given to assurance companies carrying on life assurance business, in respect of income tax on the policyholders' part of the income from investments held in connection with that business, as may be provided by any Act of the present Session relating to income tax; 
(d) such amendments shall be made in the Income Tax Acts as are consequential on the foregoing provisions of this Resolution.

Assessment and Collection of Income Tax under Schedule E.

14. That— 
(a) in computing the amount of the profits or gains of any person for any purpose of the Income Tax Acts for the year 1940-41 or any subsequent year, no sum shall be deducted in respect of any payment made by him under any such contract or arrangement relating to indemnification in respect of war damage as may be described in any Act of the present Session relating to income tax; 
(b) no such payment shall be included in computing the expenses of management in respect of which relief may be claimed for any such year under section thirty-three of the Income Tax Act, 1918, as amended by subsequent enactments, or the cost of maintenance, repairs, insurance and management in respect of which relief may be so claimed under Rule 8 of No. V of Schedule A as so amended.

Miscellaneous.

Purchase Tax.

15. That— 
(a) provision shall be made for charging a tax in respect of purchases (whenever made) from wholesale sellers of such goods as may be specified in any Act of the present Session, and in respect of such other transactions (whenever made) relating to such goods as may be so specified; 
(b) the tax shall be charged, (subject as mentioned in paragraph (c) of this Resolution) at one or other of the following rates, as may be provided by the said Act in relation to different...
classes of goods, that is to say, a basic rate equal to one third of the wholesale value of the goods, or a reduced rate equal to one sixth of the wholesale value of the goods;

(c) the Treasury shall have power to make orders—

(i) for bringing the tax into operation,

(ii) for varying from time to time the basic rate or the reduced rate of the tax,

(iii) for rendering the tax chargeable, at either rate, in the case of goods other than goods on which it is chargeable under paragraph (a) of this Resolution, or for rendering the tax chargeable in the case of any goods at the basic rate in lieu of at the reduced rate or vice versa, and

(iv) for such other purposes as may be specified in the said Act,

so however that an order for bringing the tax into operation, for increasing the rate of the tax, for rendering the tax chargeable, or for rendering the tax chargeable at the basic rate in lieu of at the reduced rate, shall be subject to approval by this House as may be provided by the said Act;

(d) the Government of Ireland Act, 1920 shall have effect as if the tax were one of the taxes mentioned in subsection (1) of section twenty-two of that Act (which relates to reserved taxes).

Rates of Estate Duty. 16. That—

(a) in the case of persons dying after the twenty-third day of July, nineteen hundred and forty, there shall be substituted for the rates of estate duty set out in the Second Schedule to the Finance Act, 1929 (as increased by subsequent enactments), rates in accordance with the following Table:—

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(b) any Act of the present Session relating to estate duty may make provision as respects cases where an interest in expectancy has been sold or mortgaged and the rates of estate duty in force in the case of a person dying when the interest falls into possession are higher than the rates in force in the case of a person dying at the time of the sale or mortgage.

Excess Profits Tax.

17. That the law relating to excess profits tax be amended (as respects all chargeable accounting periods) so as—

(a) to disallow deductions in certain cases in respect of interest, annuities and annual payments, and in respect of payments under certain contracts or arrangements relating to indemnification in respect of war damage;

(b) to make special provision as to the standard profits of certain trades and businesses.

The first Fourteen Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Fifteenth Resolution, being read a second time, was amended in l. 10 by leaving out the words “ (subject as mentioned in paragraph (c) of this Resolution) ”, in l. 23 by leaving out sub-paragraph ii, in l. 37 by leaving out the words “ for increasing the rate of the tax,” in l. 39 by inserting after the word “ chargeable ” the words “ or directing that the tax shall cease to be chargeable in respect of goods of any class ”, and in l. 41 by inserting after the word “ rate ” the words “ or vice versa. ”

—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer), and, so amended, was agreed to.

Then the remaining Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Mr. Boulton reported from the Committee Ways and Means, that the Chairman of (No. 2.) Ways and Means, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Captain Crookshank do prepare and bring it in.

National Defence Contribution.

That the law relating to the national defence contribution be amended (as respects all accounting periods beginning on or after the first day of April, nineteen hundred and thirty-nine, and so much of any accounting period beginning before that date as falls on or after that date) so as to disallow deductions in certain cases in respect of interest, annuities and annual payments, and in respect of payments under certain contracts or arrangements relating to indemnification in respect of war damage.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered. That a Bill be brought in upon the Finance said Resolutions; and that the Chairman of (No. 2.) Ways and Means, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Captain Crookshank do prepare and bring it in.

Captain Crookshank accordingly presented a Finance Bill to increase certain duties of customs and excise; to increase the standard rate of income tax for the year 1940-41 and the higher rates of income tax for the year 1939-40;
to make certain amendments in the enactments relating to income tax, national defence contribution and excess profits tax; to increase the rates of estate duty; to impose a purchase tax; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid: 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 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 Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill:
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) (No. 2) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that the Order in Council amending the Defence (General) Regulations, 1938, dated 29th May 1940, a copy of which was presented to this House on the 4th day of June last, be annulled—(Mr. Silverman); The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left,
Tellers for the Mr. Silverman,
- Yeas,
  Commander King-Hall... 60.
Tellers for the Mr. Holdsworth,
- Noes,
  Mr. Holdsworth... 98.
So it passed in the Negative.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Holdsworth.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till one minute before Ten of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 98.]

Thursday, 1st August 1940.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

ORDERED, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough of Middlesbrough (West Division), in the room of Frank Kingsley Griffith, Esquire, M.C., who, since his election for the said Borough, hath accepted the office of a Judge of a County Court.—(Sir Percy Harris.)

Mr. Cross presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of a Memorandum relative to War-Time Financial Arrangements between His Majesty’s Government and British Shipowners.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Andrew Duncan presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Draft of a Special Order proposed to be made under the Gas Undertakings Acts, 1920 to 1934, on the application of the Prescot and District Gas Company and the Liverpool Gas Company.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Captain Crookshank presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order made under the Emergency Powers (Defence) Act, 1939, entitled the Potatoes (1940 Crop) (Charges) Order, 1940.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Resolved, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn till Tuesday next.—(Mr. Attlee.)

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Emergency Powers (Defence) (No. 2) 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 Second Reading of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous War Provisions) (No. 2) Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

A Message was delivered by Lieutenant-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 an Act agreed upon by both Houses, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers:—And having returned;

Mr. Speaker reported, That the House, at the desire of the Lords, authorised by virtue of His Majesty’s Commission, had been at the House of Peers, where a Commission under the Great Seal was read, giving, declaring, and notifying the Royal Assent to the Act therein mentioned; and that the Lords, thereby
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authorised, had declared the Royal Assent to the said Act, as followeth:

Emergency Powers (Defence) (No. 2) Act, 1940.

And the Question being again proposed, That the Agriculture (Miscellaneous War Provisions) (No. 2) Bill be now read a second time; And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

Ordered. That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for Tuesday next.—(Sir James Edmondson.)

Mr. Secretary Brown, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House that His Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of the Motion relating to Agriculture (Miscellaneous War Provisions) (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 certain amendments in the law relating to agriculture and agricultural land in connection with the present war, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of—

(a) any increase in the sums payable by virtue of section twenty-nine of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous War Provisions) Act, 1940, by reason of the extension of that section to the drainage of agricultural land by all methods of field drainage and to the cleansing or other improvement of ditches on any such land;

(b) any increase in the amount payable out of moneys so provided by reason of the extension, until the thirtieth day of September, nineteen hundred and forty-eight, of—

(i) the period during which, under subsection (1) of section twenty of the Agriculture Act, 1937, the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries may pay to the owner of any herd of cattle in Great Britain such sums as the said Minister thinks fit to expend for the purpose of securing so far as practicable that the herd will be free from tuberculosis; and

(ii) the period during which, under section twenty-one of that Act, the said Minister may expend sums with the object of eradicating bovine tuberculosis;

(c) any such increase in the expense incurred by the Secretary of State—

(i) under section twenty-nine of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous War Provisions) Act, 1940, in so far as not recovered thereunder, and

(ii) in making grants under that section in respect of expense incurred by or recoverable from owners of land, as is attributable to the extension of that section to the construction and repair of

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shelves and flap-valves, the restoration of banks and embankments, the erection of embankments and the widening and deepening of the channels of watercourses; and

(d) any such increase in the sums payable by way of compensation under the Compensation (Defence) Act, 1939, by virtue of section twenty-three of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous War Provisions) Act, 1940, as is attributable to the extension of that section to land kept or preserved mainly or exclusively for purposes of sport or recreation where such land is taken possession of by the Secretary of State and certified by him as being uncultivated or not cultivated in accordance with the rules of good husbandry.

(Mr. Robert Hudson.)

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 Tuesday next.

Resolved. That the draft of the Chartered and Chartered and Other Bodies (Traffic Commissioners) Order, Other Bodies Transport, under section two of the Chartered Act, 1939, and Other Bodies (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1939, a copy of which was presented to this House on the 16th day of July last, be approved.

(Mr. Montague.)

Ordered. That the Committee of Privileges Detection of do consider and report whether the detention of a Member. of Captain Ramsey, under Regulation 18a of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939, constitutes a breach of the Privileges of this House.—(Mr. Atlee.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply. Committee of Supply;

Resolved. That this House will, upon Tuesday 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 Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Finance Second Reading of the Finance (No. 2) Bill; (No. 2) Bill.

Ordered. That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Consolidated Committee on the Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill;

Resolved. That this House will, upon Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Resolved. That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment. (Mr. Munro.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till one minute before Eleven of the clock, adjourned till Tuesday next, pursuant to the Resolution of the House this day.
6th August. 1940.

Mr. Secretary Brown presented, pursuant to Court of Session Act, 1868, at the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Act of Sederunt made under the Court of Session Act, 1868, dated 18th July 1940, extending certain temporary Acts of Sederunt increasing fees.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.


Provisional Regulations made under the Road Traffic Act, 1930, dated 22nd June 1940, entitled—

(1) the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) Provisions, 1940; and

(2) the Motor Vehicles (Gas Container) (Amendment) Provisional Regulations, 1940.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Robert Donald Scott, Esquire, Member for New Member of the County of Northumberland (Wansbeck sworn), was sworn.

The Finance (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House for Thursday next.

Mr. Boulton reported from the Committee on Agriculture (Miscellaneous War Provisions) (No. 2) [Money], a Resolution which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make certain amendments in the law relating to agriculture and agricultural land in connection with the present war, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of—

(a) any increase in the sums payable by virtue of section fifteen of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous War Provisions) Act, 1940, by reason of the extension of that section to the drainage of agricultural land by all methods of field drainage and to the cleaning or other improvement of ditches on any such land;

(b) any increase in the amount payable out of moneys so provided by reason of the extension, until the thirtieth day of September, nineteen hundred and forty-eight of—

(i) the period during which, under subsection (1) of section twenty of the Agriculture Act, 1937, the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries may pay to the owner of any herd of cattle in Great Britain such sums as the said Minister thinks fit to expend for the purpose of securing so far as practicable that the herd will be free from tuberculosis; and

(ii) the period during which, under section twenty-one of that Act, the said Minister, may expend sums with the object of eradicating bovine tuberculosis;

PRAYERS.

SECRETARY Sir John Anderson presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Eighty-seventh Report of the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales, being a Report for 1938.

Secretary Sir John Anderson also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders in Council made under the Emergency Powers (Defence) Acts, 1939 and 1940,—

(1) dated 31st July 1940, adding Regulation 40aa to, and amending Regulations 9 and 15a of, the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939;

(2) dated 31st July 1940, revoking the Defence (Close Seasons) Regulations, 1940, and making Regulations, entitled the Defence (Game) Regulations, 1940;

(3) dated 31st July 1940, adding Regulation 3 to the Defence (Local Defence Volunteers) Regulations, 1940;

(4) dated 31st July 1940, amending the Defence (Cinematograph Quotas) Regulations, 1940; and

(5) dated 31st July 1940, amending the Defence (Trading with the Enemy) Regulations, 1940.

Copies of Orders in Council made under the Emergency Powers (Defence) Act, 1939, as extended to the Isle of Man by the Emergency Powers (Isle of Man Defence) Order in Council, 1939,—

(1) dated 17th July 1940, adding Regulation 1a to the Defence (Finance) Regulations (Isle of Man), 1939; and

(2) dated 24th July 1940, adding Regulation 4a to, and amending Regulation 11 of, the Defence (General) Regulations (Isle of Man), 1939.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Chamberlain presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Report of the Proceedings of the Committee of the Privy Council for Scientific and Industrial Research and of the Advisory Council for the year ended 30th September, 1939.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Amery presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Amendments to the Reserved Posts (Indian Police) Rules made under the Government of India Act, 1935.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
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The Order of the day being read, for the
Committee on the Consolidated Fund
(Appropriation) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow,
resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House met at a quarter of an hour
before Three of the clock.

Prayers.

Mr. Chamberlain presented, pursuant to the Chartered and
directions of several Acts of Parliament, Other Bodies
—Copy of an Order in Council made under
the Chartered and Other Bodies (Temporary
Provisions) Act, 1899, entitled the River Wear Commissioners
(Extension of Term of Office) Order, 1940.

 Copies of Orders in Council made under the Naval and
Navy, and Country Planning Act,
Marine Pay and Pensions Act,
1865,—

(1) dated 24th July 1940, approving an
Admiralty Memorial relating to the institution
of the Coding Branch in the Royal
Navy; and

(2) dated 31st July 1940, approving an
Admiralty Memorial relating to certain
personnel transferred from the Royal Air
Force to the Fleet Air Arm.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon
the Table.

Mr. Malcolm MacDonald presented, pursuant Town and
the directions of an Act of Parliament,—
and to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—
Country Planning Act,
Copy of a Scheme made under the Town
and Country Planning Act, 1932, entitled the
Hailsham Planning Scheme No. 1 Varying
Scheme No. 1.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon
the Table.

Captain Crookshank presented a Bill to amend Isle of Man
the law with respect to customs in the Isle of
Bill.

Bill 79.

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.
8th—9th August.

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 in 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.

Supply. The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply:

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ways and Means. The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means:

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Resolved, That 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 Poulton-le-Fylde, which was presented to this House on the 11th day of July last, and published, be approved.—(Major Lloyd George.)

Adjournment. A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Grimston):

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.—(Mr. Holdsworth.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 101.]

Thursday, 8th August 1940.

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 Surrey (Mitcham Division), in the room of Sir Richard James Meller, deceased.—(Captain Margesson.)

Mr. Speaker's Certificate.

Mr. Secretary Amery presented, by His East India Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Statement relative to India and the War, issued with the authority of His Majesty's Government by the Governor-General on the 8th day of August 1940.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Butler presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Letters exchanged between the Prime Minister and General de Gaulle, concerning the organisation, employment and conditions of service of the French Volunteer Force. London, 7th August 1940.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Bevin presented, pursuant to the National directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations made under the National Service (Armed Forces) Act, 1939, dated 8th August 1940, entitled the National Service (Armed Forces) (Miscellaneous) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations, 1940.

Copy of Regulations made under the Unemployment Insurance (Emergency Powers) Act, 1939, dated 8th August 1940, entitled the Unemployment Insurance (Emergency Powers) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations, 1940.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to request that their Lordships will be pleased to give leave to the Lord Lloyd of Dolobran to attend to be examined, as a witness, before the Sub-Committee on Home Services, appointed by the Select Committee on National Expenditure.—(Mr. Silkin.)

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the said Message.

Sir John Wardlaw-Milne reported from the National Select Committee on National Expenditure, that they had made further 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.

Sir John Wardlaw-Milne reported from the National Select Committee on National Expenditure, that they had made further 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 from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Workmen's Compensation (Supplementary Allowances) (No. 2) Bill, without any Amendment.
Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer supported by Mr. Secretary Brown, Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, Mr. Bevin, and Captain Crookshank presented a Bill to make provision as to the treatment of war savings in connection with unemployment assistance, supplementary pensions, and financial assistance to blind persons. 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 proposed, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn till Tuesday next.—(Mr. Attlee);

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "Tuesday," and inserting the word "Monday."

—(Mr. Hopkinson), instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the word "Tuesday," stand part of the Question:

The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then the Main Question being put; Resolved, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn till Tuesday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Finance (No. 2) Bill.

(If the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 to No. 4 agreed to.

Clause No. 5.

Question proposed, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

Whereupon the Yeoman Usher of the Black Rod left the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

A Message was delivered by Brigadier-General Lord Emmie Gordon-Lennox, K.C.V.O., C.M.G., D.S.O., Yeoman Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker, The Lords, authorised by virtue of His Majesty's Commission, for declaring His Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers:—And having returned;

Mr. Speaker reported, That the House, at the desire of the Lords, authorised by virtue of His Majesty's Commission, had been at the House of Peers, where a Commission under the Great Seal was read, giving, declaring, and notifying the Royal Assent to the several Acts therein mentioned; and that the Lords, thereby authorised, had declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts, as follow:

1. Appropriation Act, 1940.
2. Workmen's Compensation (Supplementary Allowances) Act, 1940.

Then the House again resolved itself into a Committee on the Finance (No. 2) Bill. (In the Committee.)

Clause No. 5.

Question again proposed, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

Question put, and agreed to.

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Clauses No. 6 to No. 10 agreed to.

Clause No. 11 (Assessment and collection of tax under Schedule E).

Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 15, to leave out the words "assessment and".—(Sir William Davison.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 12 (Disallowance of certain payments in respect of war risks).

Amendment proposed, in page 8, l. 38, at the end, to insert the words—

"(iii) any mutual aid or insurance scheme to enable business, or industry, in the event of war damage, dislocation or other hindrance arising from the war, to continue to function, where such mutual aid or insurance scheme has the approval of the Treasury."—(Mr. Woods.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses No. 18 to No. 18 agreed to.

Clause No. 19 (Chargeable goods and rate of purchase tax).

Amendment proposed in p. 13, l. 40, to leave out the words "or second."—(Mr. Barnes.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the —

Sir James Edmondson, 

Mr. Whiteley : 124.

Yea, 

Mr. Barnes, 

Mr. Woods : 22.

Noes,

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 13, l. 43, at the end, to insert the words—

"(2) Goods shall not be deemed to be chargeable goods if they are sold for the purpose of being used as parts or materials for the repair or renewal of goods which are not chargeable goods."—(Sir Herbert Williams.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 14, l. 12, to leave out from the word "House," to the word "by," in l. 13.—(Sir Herbert Williams.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 20 (Orders as to purchase tax).

Amendment proposed, in p. 15, l. 9, at the end, to insert the words—

"Provided that before the Treasury gives a direction under this section it shall publish notice of its intention to do so in the Board of Trade Journal, so that opportunity may be given to interested persons to make representations thereupon, and provided further that a direction shall not be given earlier than four weeks after the publication of notice."—(Sir Reginald Clarry.)
Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 15, l. 20, to leave out the word "'either'."—(Sir Herbert Williams.)

Question proposed, That the word "'either" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses No. 21 to No. 26 agreed to.

Clause No. 27 amended, and agreed to.

Clauses No. 28 to No. 42 agreed to.

A Clause (Exemption for local authorities).—(Mr. Ammon).—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put, and negatived.

Another Clause (Exemption for hospitals).—(Mr. Storey).—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put, and negatived.

Another Clause (Exemptions for registered war charities).—(Mr. Robertson).—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put, and negatived.

First to Sixth Schedules agreed to.

Ordered, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Munro.)

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Isle of Man (Customs) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

And, it being after half-past Eleven of the clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House, without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then thirteen minutes before Twelve of the clock, till Tuesday next, pursuant to the Resolution of the House this day.

[No. 102.]

Tuesday, 13th August 1940.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.


P R A Y E R S.

SHE WOULD Sir John Anderson presented, Emergency Powers (Defence) Acts, 1939 and 1940, dated 7th August, 1940—

(1) amending Regulation 55 of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939;

(2) adding Regulation 68a to, and amending Regulation 90 of, the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939;

(3) adding Regulation 5 to the Defence (Armed Forces) Regulations, 1939;

(4) adding Regulation 7A to the Defence (Finance) Regulations, 1939;

(5) making Regulations, entitled the Defence (War Zone Courts) Regulations, 1940; and

(6) making Regulations, entitled the Defence (War Zone Courts) (Scotland) Regulations, 1940.

Copy of an Order in Council made under the Emergency Powers (Defence) Act, 1939, as Powers extended to the Isle of Man by the Emergency Powers (Isle of Man Defence) Order in Council, 1939, dated 31st July 1940, adding Regulation 139.

Copy of Orders made under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Act, to—

(1) the borough of Cambridge;

(2) the rural district of Dorking and Horley (parish of Horley);

(3) the borough of Guildford; and

(4) the borough of Kidderminster.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Sir Andrew Duncan presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order made under the War Risks Insurance Act, 1939, dated 12th August 1940, entitled the War Risks (Commodity Insurance) (No. 8) Order, 1940.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

### Air Force.

Copy of an Order made under the Air Force (Constitution) Act, 1917, the Reserve Forces Act, 1882, as applied to the Royal Air Force Reserve by the Air Force Reserve Order, 1924, and the Territorial and Reserve Forces Act, 1907, as applied to the Auxiliary Air Force by the Auxiliary Air Force Order, 1924, dated 28th July 1940, making special provision with regard to the employment of officers in Technical, Balloon and Administrative and Special Duties Branches of His Majesty’s Air Forces.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

### Local Government Superannuation Acts.

Mr. Malcolm MacDonald presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Scheme made under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937, by the Esher Urban District Council.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

### Education Act, 1921.

Mr. Ramsbotham presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations made under the Education Act, 1921, dated 29th July 1940, entitled the Training of Teachers Supplementary Regulations, 1940.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

### Public Records (Scotland.)

Mr. Secretary Brown presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Draft Regulations made under the Public Records (Scotland) Act, 1937, relating to the disposal of documents not to be preserved by the Keeper of the Registers and Records of Scotland.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

### Agriculture (Miscellaneous War Provisions) Act, 1940.

Mr. Robert Hudson presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order made under the Agriculture (Miscellaneous War Provisions) Act, 1940, dated 7th August 1940, entitled the Wheat (Accounting Periods) No. 2 Order, 1940.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

### Agricultural Development Act, 1939.

Copy of an Order made under the Agricultural Development Act, 1939, dated 13th August 1940, entitled the Home-Grown Oats (Standard Price) Order, 1940.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

### Public Records.

The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Copy of an additional Rule made under the Public Record Office Acts, 1877 and 1898, dated 2nd July 1940, relating to the disposal of documents existing or accruing in the Ministries of Economic Warfare, Food, Information, Shipping and Supply, which are not considered of sufficient public value to justify their preservation in the Public Record Office.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 41, l. 29, column 1, to leave out the words "oil baize, oil cloth, leather cloth, Textile articles of a kind used for domestic purposes, soft furnishing and bedding, and ".—(Mr. Woods.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Holdsworth : 159.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Walter Green : 57.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 41, columns 1 and 2, to leave out ll. 39 to 44.—(Sir Francis Fremantle.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 42, l. 27, column 1, at the end, to insert the words "except as specified in the third column.".—(Mr. Broad.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 43, l. 33, column 3, to insert the words "chronometers and stop watches for use by scientific and technical workers and in research and other laboratories.".—(Mr. Hannah.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 44, to leave out ll. 11 to 23.—(Mr. Woolley.)

Question proposed, That those words proposed to be left out stand part of column 2 of the Schedule.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 44, column 1, to leave out ll. 24 and 25, and insert those words in column 2.—(Mr. Gladkhill.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of column 1 of the Schedule, put, and negatived.

Remaining words left out.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 45, l. 7, column 3, after the word "omnibuses," to insert the words "trolley vehicles.".—(Sir Joseph Lamb.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 45, l. 10, column 3, after the word "fire-engines," to insert the words "vehicles used for or in connection with the extinction of fires or the protection of life or property in case of fire.".—(Sir Joseph Lamb.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Eighth to Tenth Schedules 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 upon Thursday next; and be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the War Savings Second Reading of the War Savings (Determination of Needs) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Isle of Man Second Reading of the Isle of Man (Customs) (Customs) 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.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.—(Mr. James Stuart.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
[No. 103.]

Wednesday, 14th August 1940.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYSERS.

Death of a Member.

Mr. Speaker made the following communication to the House:

I regret to have to inform the House of the death, on active service, of Lieutenant Peter Thorp Eckersley, Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, late Member for the Borough of Manchester (Exchange Division), and desire to express our sense of the loss we have sustained and our sympathy with the relatives.

Mr. Chamberlain presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, a copy of an Order in Council made under the Foreign Jurisdiction Act, 1890, dated 7th August 1940, entitled the Nyasaland Protectorate (Native Trust Land) (Amendment) Order in Council, 1940.

Copies of Two Orders in Council made under the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1895, dated 7th August 1940, approving Admiralty Memorials—

(1) relating to the amendment of Regulations governing conditions of service and retirement of certain officers of the Royal Marines; and

(2) making further provisions with respect to Retired Pay, Pensions, &c., for the Naval Forces, &c.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to request that their Lordships will be pleased to give leave to the Lord May to attend to be examined, as a witness, before the Sub-Committee on Navy Services and Air Services, appointed by the Select Committee on National Expenditure.—(Sir Percy Harris.)

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the said Message.

PRAYERS.

The Order of the day being read, the House resolved itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for to-morrow.—(Mr. Thomas.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply. Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means; Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Holdsworth); 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. (Mr. Grimston.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-six minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 104.]

Thursday, 15th August 1940.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

PRAYSERS.

Mr. Butler presented, by His Majesty’s Command.—Copy of a Procs-Verbal concerning the application of certain Articles of the Convention of 11th October 1933 for Facilitating the International Circulation of Films of an Educational Character. Geneva,
228 15th August. 1940.

12th September 1938. [The Procs-Verbal was signed on behalf of the United Kingdom on 21st October 1939.]

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Brown presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Provisional Special Order made under the National Health Insurance Act, 1936, dated 6th July 1940, entitled the National Health Insurance Employments (Exclusion and Inclusion) Amendment Order (Scotland) (No. 2) 1940.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by Mr. Secretary Brown, pursuant to the provisions of the Finance (No. 2) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 7, l. 15, by leaving out from the word "for," to the word "requiring," in l. 17.—(Mr. Woodburn.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 8, l. 38, by inserting at the end thereof the words—

"(iii) Any mutual war risk insurance scheme for agriculture where such scheme is recognised by the Board of Trade."

—(Sir Joseph Lamb.)

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. 10, l. 17, by inserting at the end thereof the words—

"(6) Upon an application made with respect to any class of trades or businesses consisting of the getting of minerals or oil from any mine, oil well, or similar natural source of a wasting nature and of which the estimated life at the current rate of production is less than twenty-five years, the Board of Referees may, by Order, direct that special provisions shall apply with regard to the assessment of standard profits for the purposes of excess profits tax and shall permit the deduction from such profits of such amount as the Board of Referees may, with the consent of the Treasury, agree as being the amount by which the value of the mineral, oil or other natural resources belonging to the trade or business concerned has been diminished during the year."—(Sir George Broadbridge.)

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. 41, l. 11, column 3, by inserting after the word "wear," the words "and public service vehicles as defined in the Road Traffic Act, 1930."—(Mr. Barnes.)

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. 41, line 32, column 1, by inserting after the word "bedding," the words "other than blankets."—(Mr. Frankel.)

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. 45, l. 6, column 3, by leaving out the words "omnibuses and char-

And and inserting the words "and public service vehicles as defined in the Road Traffic Act, 1930."—(Sir Joseph Lamb.)
And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 45, l. 9, column 3, by inserting after the word "Ambulances," the words "vehicles used for or in connection with the extinction of fires or the protection of life or property in case of fire."—(Sir Joseph Lamb.)

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. 45, l. 13, column 3, by inserting after the word "perambulators," the words "and spare parts required for replacement in the repair of any vehicle of the class specified in this column."—(Sir Joseph Lamb.)

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 Bill having been endorsed by Mr. Speaker with the following Certificate:—

I hereby certify that this Bill is a Money Bill within the meaning of the Parliament Act, 1911.

E. A. FitzRoy, Speaker.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Isle of Man (Customs) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 to No. 9 agreed to.

First to Sixth Schedules agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

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.

Resolved, That the Orders made by the Secretary of State under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, for extending Section 1 of that Act to the under-mentioned areas, viz.:—

(1) the borough of Weston-Super-Mare;

(2) the rural district of Mere and Tisbury (parishes of Mere and Tisbury); and

(3) the urban district of Benfleet (parish of Hadleigh),

copies of which were presented to this House on the 10th day of July last;

(4) the urban district of Northwich;

(5) the rural district of Shaftesbury;

(6) the urban district of Clacton;

(7) the urban district of Bicester; and

(8) the county borough of Halifax,

copies of which were presented to this House on the 30th day of July last;

(9) the, borough of Kidderminster;

(10) the borough of Cambridge;

(11) the borough of Guildford; and

(12) the rural district of Dorking and Horley (parish of Horley),

copies of which were presented to this House on the 13th day of this instant August, be approved.—(Mr. Peake.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee of Ways and Means.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming war Savings (Determination of Needs) Bill.

Ordered, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.

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 Lancaster (Heywood and Radcliffe Division), in the room of Captain Richard Whitaker Porritt, killed in action.—(Captain Margesson.)
20th—21st August, 1940.

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 a Return to the Lord Chancellor, Lunacy, of the Number of Visits made, and the Number of Patients seen, by the several Commissioners of the Board of Control during the six months ended 30th June 1940.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords had been brought from the Lords by the Lords, one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords give leave to the Lord Mayor to National Services, and to the Sub-Committees on Navy Services, and Air Services, appointed by the Select Committee appointed by this House on National Expenditure, if his Lordship think fit.

The Right Honourable Sir Malcolm Arnold New Member for the County of Surrey (Mitcham Division), wassworn.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—Adjournment. (Captain Margesson.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till seven minutes before Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

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[No. 106.]

Wednesday, 21st August 1940.

The House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock.

P R A Y E R S.

MR. Secretary Brown presented a Bill to Clyde Lighthouses :—confirm a Provisional Order under the Lighthouses (Scotland) Act, 1936, relating to Clyde Lighthouses: And the same was ordered, under Section 7 of the Act, to be taken into consideration to-morrow. Bill 84. Ordered, That the Bill be printed.

The Order made upon the 31st day of July 1940, entitled the National Health Insurance (Valuation) (Emergency Provisions) Regulations, 1940.

Copy of a Scheme made under the Town and Country Planning Act, 1932, entitled the Burnham-on-Crouch Planning Scheme.

Copies of Schemes made under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937, by—

(1) the Banstead Urban District Council;

(2) the Great Yarmouth County Borough Council; and
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 do adjourn the House without Question put.—(Mr. Attlee.)

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question by leaving out the words "Thursday the 8th day of September," and inserting the word "Wednesday."—(Sir Henry Morris-Jones.)—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.

Then the Main Question being put:

Resolved, That this House, at its rising to-morrow, do adjourn till Thursday the 8th day of September next.—(Mr. Attlee.)

The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The House, according to Order, proceeded Agriculture (Miscellaneous War Provisions) (No. 2) Bill.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 2, l. 17, after (" district ") insert (" of drainage "), the first 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. 4, l. 20, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 4, l. 20, after (" of drainage "), 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. 4, l. 37, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 4, l. 37, after (" drainage "), the next Amendment, being read a second time;
Adjournment.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE House, according to Order, proceeded Clyde to take into consideration the Clyde Lighthouses Consolidation Order Confirmation Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Thursday, the 5th day of September next.

Mr. Chamberlain presented, pursuant to the Forestry directions of several Acts of Parliament,—

Copy of an Order in Council made under the Forestry (Transfer of Woods) Act, 1923 and the Crown Lands Act, 1896, dated 18th August 1940, entitled the Forestry (Transfer of Lands from the Commissioners of Crown Lands) Order, No. 5 of 1940.

Copies of Two Orders in Council made under Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865, dated 15th August 1940, approving Admiralty Memorials for sanction to—

(1) proposals for the revision of the rates of pay of men of the Royal Naval Shore Signal Service; and

(2) the extension of the non-substantive rate of Motor Torpedo Coxswain to Leading Seamen.

Copy of an Order in Council made under Chartered and the Chartered and Other Bodies (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1939, dated 18th August 1940, entitled the Traffic Commissioners (Reduction of Number) Order, 1940.

Copy of an Order in Council made under War Office the War Office Act, 1870, dated 18th August 1940, approving a change in the constitution of the Army Council.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir John Anderson presented, Emergency pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Orders under with the Emergency Powers (Defence) Acts, 1939 and 1940,—

(1) dated 15th August 1940, adding Regulation 39A to the Defence (General Regulations, 1939; (Defence) Acts, 1939 and 1940,—

(2) dated 20th August 1940, adding Regulation 57th to, and amending Regulation 80’s of, the Defence (General) Regulations 1939; and

(3) dated 20th August 1940, amending the Defence (Agriculture and Fisheries) Regulations, 1939.

Copy of an Order made under the Shops Acts. Act, 1912, by the Town Council of the Borough of Dover, and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.
4 GEO. VI. 22nd August—5th September.

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:

National Expenditure. The Lords give leave to the Viscount Weir to attend in order to his being examined, as a witness, before the Sub-Committee on Supply Services, appointed by the Select Committee appointed by this House on National Expenditure, if his Lordship think fit.

National Expenditure. Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to request that their Lordships will be pleased to give leave to the Lord Cornwallis to attend to be examined, as a witness, before the Sub-Committee on Army Services, appointed by the Select Committee on National Expenditure.

(Sir Ralph Glyn.)

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the said Message.

Adjournment. A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—

(Captain Margesson):


Mr. Speaker,

The Lords, authorised by virtue of His Majesty's Commission, for declaring His Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers:—And having returned;

Mr. Speaker reported, That the House, at the desire of the Lords, authorised by virtue of His Majesty's Commission, had been at the House of Peers, where a Commission under the Great Seal was read, giving, declaring, and notifying the Royal Assent to the several Acts therein mentioned; and that the Lords, thereby authorised, had declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts, as follow:

1. Finance (No. 2) Act, 1940.
2. Isle of Man (Customs) Act, 1940.
3. Agriculture (Miscellaneous War Provisions) (No. 2) Act, 1940.
4. Allied Forces Act, 1940.

Adjournment. And the Question being again proposed, That this House do now adjourn;

And, it being Four of the clock, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, without Question put, till Thursday the 8th day of September next, pursuant to the Resolutions of the House of the 21st day of this instant August.

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[No. 108.]

Thursday, 5th September 1940.

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 Bolton, in the room of Sir John Haslam, deceased.—(Captain Margesson.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Clyde Lighthouses Consolidation Order Confirmation Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Tuesday the 17th day of this instant September.

The following Papers, presented by His Parlia- Majesty's Command during the Adjournment, were delivered to the Librarian of the House of Commons during the Adjournment, pursuant to Standing Order No. 83:

Copy of an Additional Protocol to the Treaty Series Provisional Arrangement and to the Convention (No. 20, 1940.) signed at Geneva on 4th July 1936 and 10th February 1988, respectively, concerning the Status of Refugees coming from Germany. Geneva, 14th September 1989.

Copy of Notes exchanged regarding United Treaty Series States Destroyers and Naval and Air Facilities (No. 21, 1940.) for the United States in British Transatlantic Territories. Washington, 2nd September 1940.

Copy of a Statement of the Categories of Persons of Enemy Nationality eligible for Release from Internment and of the Procedure to be followed in applying for release.

Copy of the Sixty-fourth Annual Report of Explosives. His Majesty's Inspectors of Explosives, being a Report for 1939.

Copies of Reports respecting the Peterhead Harbour Works for the year ended 31st March 1939.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Ramsbotham presented, pursuant to the Education directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Act, 1921. Regulations made under the Education Act, 1921—

(1) dated 15th August 1940, entitled the Social and Physical Training Grant Amending Regulations, No. 1, 1940; and

(2) dated 19th August 1940, entitled the Higher Education Grant Amending Regulations, No. 4, 1940.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

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Mr. Robert Hudson presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—
Copy of an Order made under the Agriculture (Miscellaneous War Provisions) Act, 1940, dated 20th August, 1940, entitled the Wheat (Standard Price) Order, 1940.

Report by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries on the River Ouse (Yorks) Catchment Board (Appeal of the Marston Moor Drainage Board) Order, 1940, made under the Land Drainage Act, 1930. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir Archibald Sinclair presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Statement of Particulars of Grants of Pay and Allowances, &c., sanctioned by the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury during the year 1939-40 under the Dispensing Order of 14th January 1922, made under the Air Force Constitution Act, 1917. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir John Anderson presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Orders in Council made under the Emergency Powers (Defence) Acts, 1939 and 1940.—
(1) dated 15th August 1940, amending the Defence (Finance) Regulations, 1939; and
(2) dated 20th August 1940, adding Regulation 28 to the Defence (Finance) Regulations, 1939.

Copy of an Order in Council made under the Emergency Powers (Defence) Act, 1939, as extended to the Isle of Man by the Emergency Powers (Ile of Man Defence) Order in Council, 1939, dated 20th August 1940, adding Regulation 28 to the Defence (Finance) Regulations (Ile of Man), 1939.

Copy of Rules made under Section 23 of the Pharmacy and Poisons Act, 1933, as amended by Regulation 63 (5a) of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939, dated 26th August 1940, entitled the Poisons (Amendment) (No. 2) Rules, 1940.

Copy of an Order made under the Shops Acts, 1912 to 1938, by the Council of the County Borough of Rochdale and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department.

Copies of Orders made under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1922, by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Act to—
(1) the urban district of Church Stretton;
(2) the urban district of Halstead;
(3) the urban district of Northallerton; and
(4) the borough of Stamford.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Andrew Duncan presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—
Copy of Regulations made under the Prevention of Fraud (Investments) Act, 1939, dated 31st August 1940, entitled the Prevention of Fraud (Investments) Act Licensing (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations, 1940.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Malcolm MacDonald presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, Health Insurance.—Copy of Regulations made under the National Health Insurance Act, 1939, dated 15th July 1940, entitled the National Health Insurance (Approved Societies) Amendment Regulations, 1940.

Copy of a Scheme made under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937, by the Government of the Isle of Man, entitled the Isle of Man Defence (Isle of Man) Order in Council, 1939, as amended by the Isle of Man Defence (Amendment) Order in Council, 1939.,

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:—

Schedule containing a List and Particulars of certain Classes of Documents existing or accruing in the Privy Council Office which are not of sufficient public value to justify their preservation in the Public Record Office.

Sir Francis Fremantle reported from the Select Committee on Publications and Debates Reports: That they had made further Progress in the matters to them referred, and directed them to make a Report thereof 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 from the Lord Commissioner of the Treasury had been brought from the Lords by the Lords, one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords give leave to the Lord Cornwills National to attend in order to his being examined, as a Expenditure, witness, before the Sub-Committee on Army Services, appointed by the Select Committee appointed by this House on National Expenditure, if his Lordship think fit.

Resolved, That this House, at its rising this Sittings of day, do adjourn till Tuesday the 17th day of the House, instant September. (The Prime Minister.)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. (Captain Margesson.)

And accordingly the House, having con- Adjournment. tinued to sit till nine minutes after Seven of the clock, adjourned till Tuesday the 17th day of this instant September, pursuant to the Resolution of the House this day.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir John Anderson presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Certificate of the Auditors of the Accident Offices Association, showing the effect, in respect of the year 1939, of the Undertaking given by the Association for the purpose of limiting the charges to employers in respect of Employers' Liability Insurance, with a Supplementary Undertaking given by the Association and Amending Directions issued by the Secretary of State; and Agreement as to Loss Ratio for 1940.

Secretary Sir John Anderson also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order made under the Shops Acts, 1912 to 1938, by the Town Council of the Borough of Kidderminster, and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department.

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:

Schedule containing a List and Particulars of certain Classes of Documents existing or accruing in the Office of the Civil Service Commission which are not considered of sufficient public value to justify their preservation in the Public Record Office.

James Henry Wooton-Davies, Esquire, Mem. for the County of Lancaster (Heywood and Radcliffe Division), was sworn.

Pilot Officer Sir Edward Cecil George Cadogan, Member for the Borough of Bolton, was sworn.

Ordered, That Mr. Louis Arnold Abraham, Attendance of a Senior Clerk in the Journal Office, have leave to attend and give evidence before the Magistrate at Bow Street, and afterwards at the Central Criminal Court, and there to produce the Journal of the House for the 30th day of July last, on the hearing and trial of a charge of a contravention of Regulation 3 (2) of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939, about to be preferred against one Roy Townsend Leonard Day. —(Mr. Attorney-General.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment proposed, That this House do now adjourn. —(Captain Margesson):

And Notice being taken that Strangers were present, Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 89, put forthwith the Question: That S.O. No. 88, Strangers be ordered to withdraw. —And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That the remainder of this day's Sitting be a Secret Session.—(The Prime Minister.)

And the Question being again proposed, That Adjournment of this House do now adjourn. —The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.
Ordered, That for the remainder of the present Session—

(a) Standing Order No. 1 shall have effect as if references to eleven of the clock were substituted for references to a quarter to three of the clock, as if references to four of the clock were substituted for references to eleven of the clock, and as if references to half past four of the clock were substituted for references to half past eleven of the clock;

(b) a motion by a Minister of the Crown under paragraph (8) of the said Standing Order may be made without notice, and may be made at any time after the commencement of public business as well as at the commencement of public business;

(c) Standing Order No. 7 shall have effect as if references to a quarter past eleven of the clock were substituted for references to three of the clock and as if references to twelve of the clock were substituted for references to a quarter before four of the clock;

(d) whenever the House is adjourned for more than two days and paragraph (3) of the Order of this House of the 29th November, 1939, does not apply, Members desiring to give notice of Questions for oral answer on the day to which the House is adjourned or any subsequent day may send notices of such Questions to the Clerks at the Table on any day other than a Saturday or Sunday, and any notices of Questions so received by them before five of the clock on the last day but two before the day to which the House is adjourned can be accepted as notices of Question for Oral Answer on the day to which the House is adjourned or any subsequent day, and be printed and circulated with the votes;

(e) Standing Order No. 8 shall have effect with the substitution of a reference to two of the clock for a reference to half past seven of the clock.—(The Prime Minister.)

Adjournment. Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Captain Margesson.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till nine minutes after Six of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
By virtue, therefore, of the Resolution of the House of Commons of the 30th day of November last, I now give notice that the House shall meet on Tuesday, the 8th day of October.

Given under my hand this 1st day of October 1940.

E. A. FitzRoy,
Speaker.

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Mr. Secretary Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament—


(1) dated 20th August 1940, adding Regulation 16b, to, and amending Regulations 16A, 29A, 29B, 32, 62A, and 102 of, the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939;

(2) dated 4th September 1940, adding a new Regulation 56A to, and amending Regulation 87 of, the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939;

(3) dated 4th September 1940, adding Regulations 45C and 102A to, and amending Regulations 4A, 45A, 62, 62A, 66, 73 and 84A of, the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939;

(4) dated 4th September 1940, adding Regulation 6 to the Defence (Armed Forces) Regulations, 1939;

(5) dated 4th September 1940, amending Regulation 2 of the Defence (Local Defence Volunteers) Regulations, 1940;

(6) dated 4th September 1940, amending Regulation 2 of, and adding Regulation 3 to, the Defence (Parliamentary Under-Secretaries) Regulations, 1940.

(7) dated 19th September 1940, adding Regulation 27A to the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939;

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Mr. Cross presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a draft Order as settled by the Minister of Shipping made under the Coast Protection Act, 1939, entitled the Newhaven (Sussex) Prohibitory Order, 1940.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Captain Crookshank presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Estimate of the further Sum required to be voted for the service of the year ending 31st March 1941 for Civil Departments.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Copies of Orders made under the Shops Act, 1939, extended to the Isle of Man by the Emergency Powers (Isle of Man Defence) Order in Council, 1939, which made provision for the purpose.

Copies of Orders made under the Sunday Entertainment Act, 1932, by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Act to—

(1) the parish of Cranfield in the rural district of Ampthill;
(2) the county borough of Birkenhead;
(3) the borough of Ealing;
(4) the borough of Hertford;
(5) the county borough of Huddersfield;
(6) the city of Manchester; and
(7) the borough of Torquay.

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(2) the county borough of Birkenhead;
(3) the borough of Ealing;
(4) the borough of Hertford;
(5) the county borough of Huddersfield;
(6) the city of Manchester; and
(7) the borough of Torquay.

Copy of the Twenty-fifth Report of the Commissioners of Church Temporalities in Wales, being a Report for 1939.

Mr. Secretary Morrison also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament.—Copy of Rules made under Regulation 19 of the Defence (War Risks Insurance) (No. 4) Regulations, 1940.

Report of action taken under Regulation 18s of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939, during the period 1st August 1940 to 31st August 1940.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the said Report be printed.

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Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the said Report be printed.

Copies of Orders made under the Shops Act, 1939, extended to the Isle of Man by the Emergency Powers (Isle of Man Defence) Order in Council, 1939, which made provision for the purpose.
superannuation of officers appointed to pensionable posts under the Air Ministry in substitution for Royal Air Force officers, and (ii) the granting of awards for injury or death attributable to service in such posts.

Copy of an Order made under Section 20 (1) of the Reserve Forces Act, 1882, as applied to the Royal Air Force Reserve by the Air Force Reserve Order, 1924, dated 12th September 1940, further amending in certain respects the Regulations appended to the Order of His late Majesty King George the Fifth, dated 18th October 1932, and included in a volume entitled Regulations for the Royal Air Force Reserve, including the Reserve of Air Force Officers and men of the Royal Air Force Reserve, as amended by subsequent Orders.

Ordered. That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Brown presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders made under the Shops Act, 1912, by the Councils of the under-mentioned local authorities, and confirmed by the Secretary of State for Scotland:—

(1) City and Royal Burgh of Aberdeen; and
(2) City and Royal Burgh of Edinburgh.

Ordered. That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Sir John Anderson presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order in Council made under the Dockyard Ports Regulation Act, 1865, dated 19th September 1940, approving an Admiralty Memorial relating to the Dockyard Port of Berehaven.

Copies of Orders in Council made under the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1885,—

(1) dated 4th September 1940, approving an Admiralty Memorial relating to the payment of an allowance to certain Accountant Officers; and
(2) dated 17th September 1940, approving an Admiralty Memorial relating to the transfer to the Air Artificer Branch of certain ratings of the Air Fitter Branch.

Sir John Anderson also presented, pursuant to the directions of a Measure,—Copies of Schemes prepared under the Cathedral Measures, 1891 and 1894, by the Cathedral Commissioners for England for the establishment of Constitutions and Statutes for the Cathedral Churches of Guildford, Liverpool, and Norwich and of a Scheme made under the said Measures by the said Commissioners entitled the Gloucester Cathedral (Amendment) Scheme. 

Ordered. That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. George Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of a Proclamation by the Governor of the Windward Islands, entitled the Carriacou Prisons Proclamation, 1940, and of Rules entitled the Prisons (Carriacou) Rules, 1940.

Ordered. That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.
[No. 113.]

Wednesday, 9th October 1940.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

T HE House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Fife County Council Order Confirmation Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Captain Crookshank presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order made under Section 9 of the Finance Act, 1932, and Section 1 of the Import Duties (Emergency Provisions) Act, 1939, dated 3rd October 1940, entitled the Import Duties (Drawback) (No. 7) Order, 1940.

Copy of a Certificate of the Minister of Transport, dated 16th September, 1940, varying the directions of an Act of Parliament, Copy of a Draft of a Special Order proposed to be made under the Gas Undertakings Acts, 1920 to 1934, on the application of the Sittingbourne District Gas Company.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Malcolm MacDonald presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Schemes made under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937, by—

1. the Bristol County Borough Council;
2. the Epsom and Ewell Borough Council.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Major Lloyd George presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Draft of a Special Order proposed to be made under the Gas Undertakings Acts, 1920 to 1934, on the application of the Sittingbourne District Gas Company.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Alexander presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a List of Exceptions to the King's Regulations as to Pay, Non-Effective Pay, and Allowances sanctioned by the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, with the approval of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, during the financial year 1899.

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 made under the Administration of Justice (Emergency Provisions) Act, 1939, dated 25th September 1940, entitled the Rules of the Supreme Court (No. 6) 1940.

Mr. Attlee reported from the Committee of Privileges, who were directed to consider and report whether the detention of Captain Ramsay under Regulation 186 of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939, constitutes a breach of the Privileges of this House: That they had considered the matter to them referred, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them and an Appendix: And the Report was brought up and read.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Thomas Henry Hewlett, Esquire, Member for the Borough of Manchester (Exchange Division), was sworn.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—Adjournment. (Captain Margesson.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till one minute before Four of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 114.]

Thursday, 10th October 1940.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

T HE Fife County Council Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire, their concurrence.

Captain Crookshank presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Estimate of a further Sum required to be voted towards defraying the Expenses which may be incurred during the year ending 31st March 1941, for general Navy, Army and Air Services, and for the Ministry of Supply, in so far as specific provision is not made therefor by Parliament, for securing the public safety, the defence of the realm, the maintenance of public order and the efficient prosecution of public order, for maintaining supplies and services essential to the life of the community and generally for all Expenses, beyond those provided for in the ordinary Grants of Parliament, arising out of the existence of a state of war.

Ordered, That the said Estimate be referred, to the Committee of Supply; and be printed; and that the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Captain Crookshank also presented, pursuant Import Duties Bill, according to Order, read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That this House do now adjourn.—Adjournment. (Mr. Attlee.)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—Adjournment. (Mr. Munro.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till one minute before Four of the clock, adjourned till Tuesday next, pursuant to the Resolution of the House this day.
Tuesday, 15th October 1940.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Butler presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Trade and Payments Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom and the Spanish Government. Madrid, 18th March 1940.

Copy of a Loan Agreement between the Government of the Union of South Africa and the Spanish Government. Madrid, 18th March 1940. [With Notes exchanged, 1st August 1940.]

Copy of Notes exchanged between the Government of the Union of South Africa and the Portuguese Government, relating to Air Services between the Union of South Africa and Angola. Lisbon, 28th October 1938.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, —Copies of Orders in Council made under the Emergency Powers (Defence) Acts, 1939 and 1940.—

(1) dated 27th September 1940, adding Regulations 56B and 60C to, and amending Regulations 18, 18B, 23, 28, 40C, 50 and 102A of, the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939;

(2) dated 27th September 1940, adding Regulation 6A to the Defence (Finance) Regulations, 1939;

(3) dated 4th October 1940, amending Regulation 38A of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939; and

(4) dated 4th October 1940, amending the Defence (Parliamentary Under Secretaries) Regulations, 1940.

Copies of Orders made under the Shops Act, 1912, by the Councils of the undermentioned local authorities, and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department:

(1) Borough of Ashton-under-Lyne; and

(2) County of the West Riding of York (for the Urban District of Sowerby Bridge).

Report by the Secretary of State as to the Expulsion, Registration and Prohibition Orders made under the Prevention of Violence (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1939, during the period 1st July 1940 to 30th September 1940.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and that the said Report be printed, Vol. 195.

Mr. Secretary Amery presented, pursuant to Government the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Amendment to the Reserved Posts (Indian Civil Service) Rules made under the Government of India Act, 1935.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Malcolm MacDonald presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Scheme made under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937, by the Acts.

Ruislip and Northwood Urban District Council.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Robert Hudson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Second Report of the Cinematograph Films Council, being a Report for the year ended 31st March 1940.

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:

Schedule containing a List and Particulars of Classes of Documents existing or accruing in the Supreme Court of Judicature, the District Registries of the High Court and the High Court of Justice in Bankruptcy, which are not considered of sufficient public value to justify their preservation in the Public Record Office.

Sir John Wardlaw-Milne reported from the National Select Committee on National Expenditure:

That they had made further Progress in the Report on 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.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Finance put, That the Purchase Tax (Commencement) Order, 1940, made by the Treasury under section eighteen of the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1940, a copy of which was presented to this House on the 8th day of this instant October, be approved.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the left.

Tellers for the 'Mr. James Stuart,

Yea,— Mr. Holdsworth : 188.

Tellers for the 'Mr. Walter Green,

Noes,— Mr. Woods : 28.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
Resolved, That the timber (Charges) (No. 2) Order, 1940, made by the Treasury under section two of the Emergency Powers (Defence) Act, 1939, a copy of which was presented to this House on the 17th day of September last, be approved.—(Mr. Harold Macmillan.)

Adjournment.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Holdsworth.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till three minutes before Four of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 116.]

Wednesday, 16th October 1940.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Secretary Morrison presented, by His Majesty's Command.—Copy of a Revised Statement of Categories of Persons Eligible for Release from Internment and of the Procedure to be followed in applying for Release (October 1940).

Mr. Secretary Morrison also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Orders made under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Act to—

(1) the borough of Cheltenham;
(2) the parish of Iver in the rural district of Eton;
(3) the urban district of Saltburn and Marske-by-the-Sea; and
(4) the borough of Stafford.

Copy of an Order made under the Shops Acts, 1912 to 1938, by the Council of the Borough of Bacup, and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department.

Copy of an Order in Council made under the Emergency Powers (Defence) Act, 1939, as extended to the Isle of Man by the Emergency Powers (Isle of Man Defence) Order in Council, 1939, dated 27th September 1940, amending the Defence (Finance) Regulations (Isle of Man), 1939.

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 Rules made under the Administration of Justice (Emergency Provisions) Act, 1939, dated 10th October 1940, entitled the Rules of the Supreme Court (No. 7), 1940.

The House, according to Order, resolved Supply.

In the Committee.

Supplementary Vote of Credit, 1940.

(Expenditure arising out of the War.)

Resolved, That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £1,000,000,000 be granted to His Majesty, towards defraying the expenses which may be incurred during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1941, for general Navy, Army and Air Services and for the Ministry of Supply in so far as specific provision is not made therefor by Parliament, for securing the public safety, the defence of the realm, the maintenance of public order and the efficient prosecution of the war, for maintaining supplies and services essential to the life of the community and generally for all purposes provided for in the ordinary Grants of Parliament, arising out of the existence of a state of war.

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.

Resolved, That the Orders made by the Secretary of State, under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, for extending Section 1 of that Act to the under-mentioned areas, viz.:

(1) the borough of Stamford;
(2) the urban district of Northallerton;
(3) the urban district of Church Stretton; and
(4) the urban district of Halstead,
copies of which were presented to this House on the 5th day of September last, be approved. —(Mr. Peake.)

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 1941, the sum of £1,000,000,000 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.
The 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.

Adjournment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—

(Captain Margesson);

And, it being Four of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.

Adjournment.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—

(Mr. Boulton.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-five minutes after Four of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 117.]

Thursday, 17th October 1940.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Malcolm MacDonald presented; pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of the Annual Reports of the Proceedings of—

(1) the Railway Assessment Authority; and

(2) the Anglo-Scottish Railways Assessment Authority;

for the year ended 31st March 1940.

Copies of Orders made under the Poor Law Acts, 1930, dated 27th September 1940, entitled—

(1) the Public Assistance (Amendment) Order (No. 2), 1940; and

(2) the Relief Regulation (Amendment) Order (No. 2), 1940.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Anderson, Mr. Secretary Morrison, Mr. Secretary Brown, and Mr. Attorney General, presented a Bill to extend the duration of the present Parliament: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next; and to be printed.

Adjournment.

Resolved, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn till Tuesday next.—(The Prime Minister.)

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to investigate the conduct and activities of Mr. Boothby in connection with, the payment out of assets in this country of claims against the Government of and institutions in the Republic of Czechoslovakia: to report generally on these matters and in particular to consider and report whether the conduct of the honourable Member was contrary to the usage or derogatory to the dignity of the House or inconsistent with the standards which Parliament is entitled to expect from its Members.—(The Prime Minister.)

Captain Crookshank reported from the Committee of Supply of the 16th day of this instant October, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

Supplementary Vote of Credit, 1940.

(Expenditure arising out of the War.)

That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £1,000,000,000 be granted to His Majesty, towards defraying the expenses which may be incurred during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1941, for the Army and Air Services and for the Ministry of Supply in so far as specific provision is not made therefor by Parliament, for securing the public safety, the defence of the realm, the maintenance of public order and the efficient prosecution of the war, for maintaining supplies and services essential to the life of the community and generally for all expenses, beyond those provided for in the ordinary Grants of Parliament, arising out of the existence of a state of war.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the Consolidated Fund (No. 3) Resolution;

that, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the Fund, a sum of £5,000,000,000 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the Consolidated Fund (No. 3) Resolution;

that, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the Fund, a sum of £5,000,000,000 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

Ordered, That this House do now adjourn.—Adjournment.

(Mr. Boulton.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till four minutes before Four of the clock, adjourned till Tuesday next, pursuant to the Resolution of the House this day.
22nd—23rd October. 1940.

The Consolidated Fund (No. 3) Bill was, Consolidated according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House for to-morrow.

Resolved, That the Orders made by the Sunday Secretary of State, under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, for extending Section 1 Act, 1832, of that Act to the under-mentioned areas, viz.:

1. the city of Manchester;
2. the borough of Ealing;
3. the borough of Hertford;
4. the borough of Torquay;
5. the county borough of Birkenhead;
6. the county borough of Huddersfield; and
7. the rural district of Ampthill,
copies of which were presented to this House on the 8th day of this instant October, be approved.—(Mr. Peake.)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.— Adjournment. (Mr. Boulton.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till four minutes after Four of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 119.]

Wednesday, 23rd October 1940.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

P R A Y E R S.

Sir John Anderson presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Three Orders in Council, Act, 1865, dated 27th September 1940, 4th October 1940, and 11th October 1940, respectively, approving Admiralty Memorials under the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865.

Copies of Orders in Council made under the Chartered and Other Bodies (Temporary Provisions)—Act, 1939, dated 27th September 1940, entitled—

1. the General Medical Council (Temporary Provisions) (No. 2) Order, 1940;
2. the Drainage Authorities (Extension of Term of Office) (No. 2) Order, 1940;
3. the Drainage Authorities (Extension of Term of Office) (No. 3) Order, 1940; and
4. the Trustees of the Clyde Navigation (Extension of Term of Office) Order, 1940.

Copy of Statutes made under the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1923, by the University of Oxford on the 14th day of May 1940, amending the Statutes of the University.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Captain Crookshank presented, pursuant to His Majesty's Command,—Estimate of a further sum required to be voted for the service of the year ending 31st March 1941 for Civil Departments.
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 Bill having been endorsed by Mr. Speaker with the following Certificate:

I hereby certify that this Bill is a Money Bill within the meaning of the Parliament Act, 1911.

E. A. FitzRoy, Speaker).

The Prolongation of Parliament Bill was, Prolongation according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for to-morrow.— Mr. Whiteley.)

Resolved, That the draft of a Special Order Gas Undertakings proposed to be made by the Board of Trade Acts, 1920 under the Gas Undertakings Acts, 1920 to 1934, to 1934. on the application of the British Gas Light Company, Limited, which was presented to this House on the 17th day of September last and published, be approved.—(Mr. Whiteley.)

Resolved, That the draft of a Special Order Gas Undertakings proposed to be made by the Board of Trade Acts, 1920 under the Gas Undertakings Acts, 1920 to 1934, to 1934. on the application of the Ennerdale Rural District Council, which was presented to this House on the 17th day of September last and published, be approved.—(Mr. Whiteley.)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.— Adjournment, Mr. Whiteley.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till fourteen minutes after Three of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
Mr. Secretary Amery presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, a Copy of an Act enacted by the Governor of Burma under the powers conferred on him by Section 43 of the Government of Burma Act, 1935, entitled the Burma Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve (Discipline) Act, 1940.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to resolve doubts as to the extent of certain restrictions affecting securities and to validate certain securities as respects which the restrictions were not complied with; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Securities (Validation) Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 5th day of November next.

The House, according to Order, resolved Prolongation itself into a Committee on the Prolongation of Parliament Bill. (In the Committee.)

Claususes 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.

Resolved, That the draft Unemployment Assistance (Determination of Need and Assessment of Needs) (Amendment) Regulations, 1940, made by the Minister of Labour and National Service under the Unemployment Assistance Act, 1934, a copy of which was presented to this House on the 8th day of this instant October, be approved.—(Mr. Bevin.)

Notice being taken that strangers were present, Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 89, put forthwith the Question: S.O. No. 89. That strangers be ordered to withdraw.—And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That the remainder of this day's Secret Sitting be a Secret Session.—(Mr. Attlee.)

Resolved, That this House, at its rising this Adjournment day, do adjourn till Tuesday the 5th day of November next.—(Mr. Attlee.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Captain Masseon): And, it being Four of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Boulton.)

And according the House, having continued to sit till twenty-eight minutes after Four of the clock, adjourned till Tuesday the 5th day of November next, pursuant to the Resolution of the House this day.
Tuesday, 5th November 1940.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Malcolm MacDonald presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, Copy of Regulations made under the National Health Insurance Acts, 1936 to 1939, and the National Health Insurance Acts (Northern Ireland), 1936 to 1939, dated 12th September 1940, entitled the National Health Insurance (Navv, Army and Air Force) Amendment Regulations, 1940.

Copies of Schemes made under the Local Government Superannuation Acts, 1937 by—
(1) the Birkenhead Borough Council; (2) the Isle of Ely County Council; and (3) the South West Lancashire Superannuation Joint Committee.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Ramsbotham presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Copy of Regulations made under the Education Act, 1921, dated 14th October 1940, entitled the Elementary Education Grant Amending Regulations No. 1, 1940.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, Copies of Orders in Council made under the Emergency Powers (Defence) Acts, 1939 and 1940, dated 24th October 1940,—
(1) making Regulations, entitled the Defence (Bodies Corporate and Trade Unions) Regulations, 1940;
(2) adding Regulation 15A to the Defence (Administration of Justice) Regulations, 1940;
(3) amending the Defence (Summer Time) Regulations, 1939; and
(4) adding Regulations 48A, and 54A(a) to, amending Regulations 23, 52 and 68A, and revoking Regulation 46 of, the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939.

Copy of an Order made under the Shops Acts, 1912, by the City Council of Sheffield, and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department.

Copies of Orders made under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section I of the Act to—
(1) the urban district of Beaconsfield; (2) the parish of Gerrards Cross in the rural district of Eton; (3) the urban district of Hornsea; (4) the city of Lincoln;

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(5) the county borough of Northampton; (6) the urban district of Paiqton; (7) the Rayleigh Ward of the urban district of Rayleigh; (8) the city of Sheffield; and
(9) the rural district of Welwyn.


Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir Archibald Sinclair presented, Air Force pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Copy of an Order made under the Reserve Forces Act, 1882, as applied to the Royal Air Force Reserve by the Air Force Reserve Order, 1924, dated 26th September 1940, making special provision regulating the grant of pay to airmen deemed to have been enlisted in the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve under the National Service (Armed Forces) Act, 1939.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Amery presented, pursuant to Government of India Act, 1935, of an Amendment, dated 19th October 1940, to the Reserved Posts (Other Services) Rules, 1935, made under the Government of India Act, 1935.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

The following Paper, pursuant to an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:


Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords National Expenditure.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

(Sir Herbert Williams.)

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the said Message.

Colonel Gretton reported from the Select Committee on the Conduct of a Member, several Resolutions, which were read, as follows:

1. That the Committee desire to be assisted by a Law Officer of the Crown in order to present the evidence in the possession of His Majesty's Government and to examine witnesses.
2. That Mr. Boothby have leave to be heard by himself or by counsel if he think fit.
3. That the Committee have leave to hear counsel to such extent as they think fit on behalf of any other persons.

Ordered, That the Special Report be printed.
Ordered, That Mr. Attorney General do attend the Select Committee on the Conduct of a Member to present to the Committee the evidence relevant to the subject-matter of the enquiry in possession of His Majesty’s Government, and to examine witnesses.

Ordered, That Mr. Boothby have leave to be heard by himself or by counsel, if he think fit.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to hear counsel to such extent as they think fit on behalf of any other persons.—(Colonel Gretton.)

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to request that their Lordships will be pleased to give leave to the Viscount Simon, Lord Chancellor, to attend to be examined, as a witness, before the Select Committee on the Conduct of a Member.—(Colonel Gretton.)

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the said Message.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords give leave to the Viscount Simon, Lord Chancellor, to attend to be examined, as a witness, before the Select Committee appointed by this House on National Expenditure, if his Lordship think fit.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Captain Margesson);

And, it being Four of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Boulton.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till nineteen minutes after Four of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 122.]

Wednesday, 6th November 1940.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

SECRETARY Sir Archibald Sinclair presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of an Order made under the Air Force (Constitution) Act, 1917, dated 14th October, 1940, further amending, in certain respects, the Regulations appended to His Majesty’s Order, dated 29th May 1940, which made special provision with regard to the issue of allowances to dependants of men in the Royal Air Force during hostilities, as amended by a subsequent Order.

Mr. Robert Hudson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of a Act, 1937, scheme made under the Agriculture Act, 1937, dated 28th October 1940, varying the Tuberculosis (Attested Herds) Scheme, 1938.

Mr. Malcolm MacDonald presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of a Scheme made under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1907, by the Acts. Mitcham Borough Council.

Sir John Anderson presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament.—Acts. Copy of an Order in Council made under the Foreign Jurisdiction Act, 1890, dated 24th October 1940, entitled the Northern Rhodesia (Legislative Council.—Nominated Unofficial Member) Order in Council, 1940.


Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Prolongation of the Royal Assent to the several Acts therein mentioned; and that the Lords, thereby
of India Act, 1932. 

Ways and Means.


Sunday Entertainments Act, 1892.

Supply.

Civil Estimates, Supplementary Estimates, 1940.

Vote 14—Supplementary Pensions.

£11,200,000 (Supplementary) for the payment of Supplementary Pensions to certain persons in receipt of Old Age Pensions or Widows' Pensions, and for certain administrative expenses in connection therewith.

Ordered, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again.— (Mr. Holdsworth.)

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Deputy Chairman also acquainted the House, That the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.— Adjournment. (Captain Margesson.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-six minutes before Four of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No 123.]

Thursday, 7th November 1940.

The House met at Eleven of the clock at the Annex.

P R A Y E R S.

Mr. Secretary Brown presented a Bill to Ayr Burgh to confirm a Provisional Order under the Order Confirmation Bill, 1896, relating to Ayr Burgh: And the same was ordered, under Section 7 of the Act, to be taken into consideration upon Tuesday next.

Ordered, That the Bill be printed.

Resolved, That the Amendments to Standing Orders relating to Private Business as set out Orders, in the Schedule attached hereto be approved.

SCHEDULE.

Standing Order 72, p. 138, l. 22, leave out again.

After Standing Order 72, insert new Standing Order 72A (Meeting of members of companies, &c. (not being promoters) in case of certain Bills originating in this House)—

(1) Where any Bill originating in this House contains provisions—

(a) conferring any powers upon; or

(b) altering in any respect the constitution of any company society association or co-partnership (however constituted) named in the Bill but not being the promoters thereof the Bill shall be referred to the Examiners and Standing Order 71 or Standing Order 72 (as the case may require) shall apply as if such company society

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association or co-partnership were the promoters of the Bill, and as if in the Standing Order in question for references to the Bill there were substituted references to the said provisions:

Provided that failure to comply with the requirements of Standing Order 71 or Standing Order 72 as applied by this Standing Order shall affect only such provisions as aforesaid, and shall not affect any other provisions of the Bill:

Provided also that this Standing Order shall not apply to any Bill so far as the provisions thereof relate to a proposal for—

(i) the compulsory acquisition or transfer by or to the promoters thereof of the whole or part of the undertaking or assets of; or

(ii) the imposition of any duty or obligation upon any such company society association or co-partnership as aforesaid, nor shall it apply to provisions in the Bill for the protection of such company society association or co-partnership.

(2) In the case of any Bill to which this Standing Order applies the title of the Bill shall contain a reference to the name of every such company society association or co-partnership.

(3) Where any such company society association or co-partnership as aforesaid carry on (whether under statutory authority or otherwise) an undertaking for the supply of water, gas, or electricity the promoters of the Bill shall on or before the eleventh day of December deliver or send by registered post either a printed copy of the Bill or notice in writing of the provisions thereof to which this Standing Order applies to the council of each county and the local authority of each city municipal or metropolitan borough or district which comprises the whole or any part of the area within which such company society association or co-partnership supply, or are authorised to supply, water, gas, or electricity. Standing Order 73 shall, mutatis mutandis, apply for the purposes of this provision.

(4) Nothing in this Standing Order shall affect the obligations of the promoters of the Bill under Standing Order 71 or Standing Order 72.

Standing Order 73, p. 140, l. 29, leave out "or to dissolve the said company," and insert "or authorising or enacting the dissolution of the promoting company."

Standing Order 73, p. 141, l. 2, leave out "or in which any such powers are conferred on any company not being the promoters of the Bill."

Standing Order 73, p. 141, l. 9, leave out "any such," and insert "the promoting."

Standing Order 73, p. 143, l. 14, leave out "any," and insert "the."

Standing Order 74, p. 144, l. 15, leave out "any," and insert "the promoters thereof being a."

Standing Order 74, p. 144, l. 27, leave out "any."

Standing Order 74, p. 145, l. 1, leave out "or by which any such powers are conferred on any company society association or co-partnership not being the promoters of the Bill."

Standing Order 74, p. 147, l. 10, leave out "any," and insert "the."

Standing Order 75, p. 147, l. 21, leave out the whole Order.

After Standing Order 74, insert new Standing Order 75 (Meeting of members of companies &c. (not being promoters) in case of certain Bills originating in House of Lords)—

(1) In the case of every Bill brought from the House of Lords in which provisions have been inserted in that House—

(a) conferring any powers upon; or

(b) altering in any respect the constitution of any company society association or co-partnership (however constituted) named in the Bill but not being the promoters thereof or in which any such provisions originally contained in the Bill have been materially altered in that House Standing Order 73 or Standing Order 74 (as the case may require) shall apply as if—

(i) such company society association or co-partnership were the promoters of the Bill;

(ii) the said provisions were the provisions referred to in the Standing Order in question:

(iii) in the Standing Order in question for references to the Bill there were substituted references to the said provisions of the Bill; and

(iv) the reference to Standing Order 71 or Standing Order 72 were a reference to that Order as applied by this Order:

Provided that failure to comply with the requirements of Standing Order 73 or Standing Order 74 as applied by this Standing Order shall affect only such provisions of the Bill as aforesaid and shall not affect any other provisions of the Bill:

Provided also that this Standing Order shall not apply to any Bill so far as the provisions so inserted or altered relate to a proposal for—

(a) the compulsory acquisition or transfer by or to the promoters thereof of the whole or part of the undertaking or assets of; or

(b) the imposition of any duty or obligation upon any such company society association or co-partnership as aforesaid, nor shall it apply to provisions in the Bill for the protection of such company society association or co-partnership.

(2) Nothing in this Standing Order shall affect the obligations of the promoters of the Bill under Standing Order 73 or Standing Order 74.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Mr. Malcolm MacDona]d presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, the copies of Schemes made under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937, by—

(1) the Malvern Urban District Council;

(2) the Richmond (Surrey) Borough Council; and

(3) the Salford County Borough Council.

Ordered. That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.
4 GEO. VI. 7th November.

Adjournment. Resolved, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn till Tuesday next.—(The Prime Minister.)

Supply. The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates, Supplementary Estimates, 1940.

Class II.

Vote 1. Foreign Office.

1. £2,500 (Supplementary) for the salaries and expenses of the Department of His Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and grants in aid of the Royal Institute of International Affairs and the British Association for International Understanding.

Class III.

Vote 1. Home Office.

2. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £375,000 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 1941, for the salaries and expenses of the Office of His Majesty's Secretary of State for the Home Department, subordinate offices, liquidation expenses of the Royal Irish Constabulary, contributions towards the expenses of Probation and a grant in aid of the Central Committee for Refugees.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That a sum not exceeding £374,900 be granted for the said service,—(Mr. Wedgwood),—put, and negatived.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

Class V.

Vote 1. Ministry of Health.

3. £86,000 (Supplementary) for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Health, including grants, a grant in aid and other expenses in connection with housing, certain grants to local authorities, &c., a grant in aid to the National Radium Trust, grants in aid in respect of national health insurance benefits, &c., certain expenses in connection with widows', orphans' and old age contributory pensions, a grant in aid of the Civil Service Sports Council, a grant in aid of camps, and other services.

Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Tuesday next.

The Chairman of Ways and Means also acquainted the House that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

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Tuesday, 12th November 1940.

The House met at Eleven of the clock at the Annex.

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 Rt. Hon. Arthur Neville Chamberlain, late Member for the Borough of Birmingham (Edgbaston Division), and desire to express our sense of the loss we have sustained and our sympathy with the relatives.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Ayr Burgh Order Confirmation Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Secretary Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to—

(1) the parish of Sutton Bridge in the rural district of East Elloe; and

(2) the county of the city of Worcester.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Malcolm MacDonald presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations made under the National Health Insurance Act, 1936, dated 30th October 1940, entitled the National Health Insurance (Arrears) Amendment Regulations (No. 2), 1940.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Robert Hudson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order made under the Destructive Insects and Pests Acts, 1877 to 1927, dated 31st October 1940, entitled the Fruit Tree Pest (Cambridgeshire) Order of 1940.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Cross presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Agreement, dated 31st August 1940, between the British Mutual Insurance Association, Limited, and the Minister of Shipping, for re-insurance of British Ships.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Captain Crookshank presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order made under the Second Schedule to, and Section 19 of, the Import Duties Act, 1932, and Section 1 of the Import Duties (Emergency Provisions) Act, 1939, dated 7th November 1940, entitled the Import Duties (Drawback) (No. 9) Order, 1940.

Copy of Provisional Regulations made under the War Loan (Supplemental Provisions) Act, 1915, dated 1st November 1940, entitled the Post Office Register (Trustee Savings Bank) Provisional Regulations, 1940.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Amery presented, pursuant to Burma, the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Act enacted by the Governor of Burma under the powers conferred on him by Section 48 of the Government of Burma Act, 1935, entitled the Registration (European British Subjects) Act, 1940.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Colonel Moore Brabazon presented, pursuant to Electricity to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Special Order made under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1936, and the Public Works Facilities Act, 1930, in respect of parts of the rural districts of Basingstoke and Whitchurch in the county of Southampton.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Securities (Validation) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into the Committee on the Bill.—(Mr. Thomas.)

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee on the Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 and No. 2 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

Mr. Eden reported from the Committee of Supply of the 7th day of this instant November, several Resolutions, which were read, as follow:

Civil Estimates, Supplementary Estimates, 1940.

Class II.

Vote 1. Foreign Office.

1. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £2,500 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1941, for the salaries and expenses of the Department of His Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and grants in aid of the Royal Institute of International Affairs and the British Association for International Understanding.
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Class III.

Vote 1. Home Office.

2. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £375,000 be granted to His Majesty, for the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1941, for the salaries and expenses of the Office of His Majesty’s Secretary of State for the Home Department, subordinate offices, liquidation expenses of the Royal Irish Constabulary, contributions towards the expenses of Probation and a grant in aid of the Central Committee for Refugees.

Class V.

Vote 1. Ministry of Health.

1. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £86,000, 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 1941, for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Health, including grants, a grant in aid and other expenses in connection with housing, certain grants to local authorities, &c., a grant in aid to the National Radium Trust, grants in aid in respect of national health insurance benefits, &c., certain expenses in connection with widows’, orphans’ and old age contributory pensions, a grant in aid of the Civil Service Sports Council, a grant in aid of camps, and other services.

The First Resolution, being read a second time, was postponed.

Then the remaining Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the postponed Resolution be taken into further consideration to-morrow.

Mr. Holdsworth reported from the Committee of Supply of the 6th day of this instant November, a Resolution; which was read as followeth:

Civil Estimates, Supplementary Estimates, 1940.

Class V.

Vote 14. Supplementary Pensions.

That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £11,200,000 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 1941, for the payment of Supplementary Pensions to certain persons in receipt of Old Age Pensions or Widows’ Pensions, and for certain administrative expenses in connection therewith.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Mr. Holdsworth reported from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 7th day of this instant November, 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 1941, the sum of £1,011,663,500 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was amended by leaving out "£1,011,663,500," and inserting "£11,663,500," (Captain Crookshank)—instead thereof; and, so amended, was agreed to.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the Consolidated Fund to apply a sum out of the Consolidated Fund to the service of the year ending on the thirtieth day of March, one thousand nine hundred and forty-one, and to appropriate the further Supplies granted in this Session of Parliament: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Resolved, That the draft Order, entitled the Coast Protection Act, 1940, as settled by the Minister of Shipping under the Coast Protection Act, 1939, a copy of which was presented to this House on the 8th day of October last, be approved.—(Mr. Cross.)

Resolved, That the draft of a Special Order Gas Undertakings Acts, 1920 to 1934, on the application of the Horsham Gas Company, Limited, which was presented to this House on the 8th day of October last and published, be approved.—(Major Lloyd George.)

Resolved, That the draft of a Special Order Gas Undertakings Acts, 1920 to 1934, on application of the Sittingbourne District Gas Company, which was presented to this House on the 8th day of October last and published, be approved.—(Major Lloyd George.)

Notice being taken that Strangers were present, Mr. Deputy Speaker, pursuant to Question put pursuant to Standing Order No. 89, put forthwith the Question: That Strangers be ordered to withdraw.—And it passed in the Negative.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjourned, proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Captain Margesson):—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Notice being taken that Strangers were present, Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Question put pursuant to Standing Order No. 89, put forthwith the Question: That Strangers be ordered to withdraw:—And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That the remainder of this day’s Secret Sitting be a Secret Session.—(Mr. Attlee.)

Resolved, That this House, at its rising to-morrow, do adjourn till Tuesday next.—(Mr. Attlee.)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—Adjournment. (Captain Margesson.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-seven minutes before Four of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
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Account of the Advances made under British Part II of the British Shipping (Assistance) Act, 1935, and of the Sums received by way of Advance, for the year ended 31 March 1940, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Account of His Majesty's High Court of Justice in Northern Ireland in respect of the functions transferred under the Northern Ireland Land Purchase (Winding Up) Act, 1935, for the year ended 31st March 1940, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Accounts be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords was brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have passed a Bill intituled An Act to provide for the payment of compensation or disablement benefit in the case of male workmen who have died from, or become totally and permanently incapacitated for work as the result of, the respiratory disease known as byssinosis; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Workmen's Compensation and Benefit (Byssinosis) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Notice being taken that Strangers were present, Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 89, put forthwith the Question:

That Strangers be ordered to withdraw:

And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That the Proceedings in connection with the statement to be made by the Prime Minister on Business of the House be held in Private Session.—(The Prime Minister.)

Ordered, That notwithstanding the practice of the House, the Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) (No. 2) Bill may be considered in Committee immediately after the Bill has been read a second time.—(The Prime Minister.)

The Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into the said Committee.—(Captain Margesson.)

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee on the Bill.

(Caption Margesson.)

Clause No. 1 to No. 5 agreed to.

Schedules A and B agreed to.

Bill to be reported.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

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. FitzRoy, Speaker.

Adjournment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—

(Captain Margesson):

And, it being the hour appointed for the interruption of business, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.

Adjournment. Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—

(Mr. Boulton.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-four minutes after Four of the clock, adjourned till Tuesday next, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of the 12th day of this instant November.

[No. 126.]

Tuesday, 19th November 1940.

The House met at Eleven of the clock at the Annex.

PRAYERS.

The Vice-Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, That their Address of the 6th day of this instant November, relative to the Government of India Act, 1935 (Adaptation of Acts of Parliament (Amendment No. 2) 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 Government of India (Adaptation of Acts of Parliament) (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1940, be made in the form of the draft laid before Parliament.

I will comply with your request.

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 Hants (Aldershot Division), in the room of the Right Honourable Roundell Cecil Palmer, commonly called Viscount Wolmer, who, since his election for the said County, hath accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of His Majesty's Three Chiltern Hundreds of Stoke, Desborough and Burnham, in the County of Buckingham.—

(Captain Margesson.)

Captain Crookshank presented, pursuant to Import Duties Act, 1932, Section 10 of the Import Duties Act, 1932, Section 1 of the Import Duties (Emergency Provisions) Act, 1939, dated 7th November 1940, entitled the Import Duties (Exemptions) (No. 9) Order, 1940.

Copy of an Order, made under Section 19 of the Import Duties Act, 1932, dated 7th November 1940, entitled the Additional Import Duties (No. 10) Order, 1940.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Malcolm MacDonald presented, by His Majesty's Command—Copy of the Recommendations of the Committee on the Conditions in Air-Raid Shelters, with special reference to Health, and a brief Statement of action taken by His Majesty's Government thereon.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Amery presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of an Act enacted by the Governor of Burma, under the powers conferred on him by Section 49 of the Government of Burma Act, 1933 entitled the Currency Act, 1940.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Paper, pursuant to the Report of the Select Committee on Expiring Laws in the Session of 1866, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—

Register of Temporary Laws for the Fifth Temporary Session, Thirty-seventh Parliament, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Select Committee on National Expenditure be laid before this House. (Sir John Warlaw-Müne.)

Colonel Gretton reported from the Select Committee on the Conduct of a Member.

That they had agreed to a Special Report, which they had directed him to make to the House; and the Special Report was brought up and read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have considered the matters to them referred, and, being unable to complete their Inquiry, have agreed to recommend that a Committee on the same subject be appointed in the next Session of Parliament.

Ordered, That the Special Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.
The Workmen’s Compensation and Benefit (Byssinosis) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into the Committee on the Bill. —(Mr. Whiteley.)

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(Clauses No. 1 to No. 4 agreed to.

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.

Adjournment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn —(Mr. Whiteley); And, it being Four of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed without Question put.

Adjournment. —Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. —(Mr. Boulton.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-six minutes after Four of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 127.]

Wednesday, 20th November 1940.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

P R A Y E R S.

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 Northampton, in the room of Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Mervyn Edward Manningham-Buller, Baronet, who, since his election for the said Borough, hath accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of His Majesty’s Manor of Northstead, in the County of York.—(Mr. Munro.)

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 Southampton, in the room of Sir John Charles Walsham Reith, G.C.V.O., G.B.E., now Lord Reith, called up to the House of Peers.—(Mr. Holdsworth.)

Mr. Secretary Amery presented by His East India Majesty’s Command,—Copy of a Statement relative to India and the War, made by the Governor-General to the Indian Legislature, on the 20th of November 1940.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Captain Crookshank presented, pursuant to Foreshores, the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 19th July, 1940, with reference to the application of moneys received by the Ministry of Shipping in the year ended 31st March 1940, in respect of the rights and interests of the Crown in the Foreshores of the United Kingdom.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir Archibald Sinclair presented, Air Force, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order made under Section 2 (1) of the Air Force (Constitution) Act, 1917, Section 29 (1) of the Reserve Forces Act, 1882, as applied to the Royal Air Force Reserve by the Air Force Reserve Order, 1924, and Section 7 (1) of the Territorial and Reserve Forces Act, 1907, as applied to the Auxiliary Air Force by the Auxiliary Air Force Order, 1924, dated 26th October 1940, amending in certain respects the Regulations appended to His Majesty’s Order dated 4th July 1940, which made special provision with regard to the issue of pay and allowances of deceased and missing officers and airmen and of temporary allowances to their dependants.

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 19th day of National this instant November, for the Minutes of the Expenditures. Proceedings of the Select Committee on National No. 178. Expenditure.

Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table:


Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

Sir Ampley Somerville reported from the Public Committee on Public Petitions: That they had examined the Petition presented upon the thirtieth day of December 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 Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) (No. 2) Bill, without any amendment.
The Lords have agreed to the Ayr Burgh Order Confirmation Bill, without any Amendment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—
(Captain Margesson);

A Message was delivered by Lieutenant-General Sir William Fulteney, 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 Commissions, for declaring His Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, and for proroguing the present Parliament, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commissions read.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers, where a Commission under the Great Seal was read, giving, declaring and notifying the Royal Assent to the several Acts therein mentioned; and the Lords, thereby authorised, declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts, as follow:

1. Appropriation (No. 2) Act, 1940.
2. Security (Validation) Act, 1940.
3. Workmen's Compensation and Benefit (Byssinosis) Act, 1940.
4. Ayr Burgh Order Confirmation Act, 1940.

And afterwards His Majesty's Most Gracious Speech was delivered to both Houses of Parliament by the Lord High Chancellor (in pursuance of His Majesty's Commands), as followeth:

My Lords and Members of the House of Commons,

For over a year My Forces by sea, land and air have been defending the cause of freedom. My people everywhere, enduring with fortitude in their homes and work places, and at sea, the brutal attacks of the enemy, have nobly sustained the common effort.

By calculated treachery and violence Germany has brought under her yoke many free nations devoted to the arts of peace. I have been happy to receive here the Governments of countries thus overrun. I rejoice that their armed forces, together with brave men of other nations, are now fighting side by side with My own.

In the early summer France, overtaken by military disaster, felt compelled to sue for terms of armistice. Taking advantage of French misfortunes Italy seized the opportunity to range herself with the aggressor and has now launched a wanton attack on Greece. I welcome in the struggle against tyranny a new comrade to whom My Empire will bring all possible aid. By her courageous resistance Greece is proving herself worthy of her glorious past.

My Forces in the Mediterranean are prepared to give a good account of themselves in all emergencies, and My country enjoys, in that region, the benefit of valued Treaties of Alliance with Egypt and Turkey.

It was with gratification that I learnt of the decision of the Government of the United States to transfer fifty destroyers to My Navy, and I trust that to that Government of defence facilities in certain territories on the Atlantic seaboard may equally serve to defend the heritage of free men.

Members of the House of Commons,
I thank you for the provision you have made towards the increasingly heavy costs of war. The readiness of My people to accept these burdens confirms Me in My belief that they will think no financial sacrifice too great to ensure the triumph of our cause.

My Lords and Members of the House of Commons,
I am glad that despite the heavy pre-occupations of the war My Government have found it possible to promote various measures for improving social conditions in this country.

The frustration of German plans for the invasion of Britain, the attacks upon the sources of German military power, the firm defence of Egypt and the Sudan and the successful attack upon the Italian Navy give proof of our strength, and justify our confidence in final victory.

The present war is not only a struggle between nations. It springs from the clash of fundamental ideals. We shall not falter or lay aside our arms until the high purposes, to which we have pledged our faith, are achieved.

I pray that the blessing of Almighty God may rest upon your labours.

Then a Commission for proroguing the Prorogation 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 Thursday the Twenty-first day of November, One Thousand nine hundred and forty, to be then here holden; and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued until Thursday the Twenty-first day of November, One thousand nine hundred and forty.

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Adjournment.

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