NOTE.
Where it is stated that the House met in the Annexe, this refers to Church House, Westminster.
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 Thursday the Twenty-first day of this instant November, to be then here holden.
A MESSAGE from His Majesty, by
Lieutenant-General Sir William Pulteney,
Usher of the Black Rod.

Mr. Speaker,
The King commands this Honourable House
to attend His Majesty immediately, in the
House of Peers.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House,
went up to attend His Majesty:—And having
returned;
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair at Twelve 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 anything shall come in question touching
the Return or Election of any Member, he is
to withdraw during the time the matter is in
debate; and that all Members returned upon
double Returns do withdraw till their Returns
are determined.

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

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

Resolved, That if it shall appear that any
person hath been tampering with any Witness,
in respect of his evidence to be given to this
House, or any Committee thereof, or directly
or indirectly hath endeavoured to deter or
hinder any person from appearing or giving
evidence, the same is declared to be a high
crime and misdemeanor; and this House will
proceed with the utmost severity against such
offender.

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

Ordered, That the Commissioner of the Police
Metropolitan
of the Metropolis do take care that during the
Session of Parliament the passages through
the streets leading to this House be kept free
and open and that no obstruction be permitted
to hinder the passage of Members to and from
this House, and that no disorder be allowed in
Westminster Hall, or in the passages leading
to this House, during the Sitting of Parliament,
and that there be no annoyance therein or
thereabouts; and that the Serjeant at Arms
attending this House do communicate this
Order to the Commissioner aforesaid.
Ordered, That the Votes and Proceedings of this House be printed being first perused by Mr. Speaker; and that he do appoint the printing thereof; and that no person but such as he shall appoint do presume to print the same.

Ordered, That a Committee of Privileges be appointed.

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 Montrion 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.

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

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 8th November 1940—

(1) adding Regulations 60a, and 68c to, and amending Regulations 29a, 60, 62c and 92 of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939;

(2) amending the Defence (Agriculture and Fisheries) (Northern Ireland) Regulations, 1940; and

(3) amending the Defence (Encouragement of Exports) Regulations, 1940.

Copy of an Order made by the Skegness Urban District Council under the Shops Acts, 1912 to 1938, and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department.

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

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

Mr. Bevin presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations made under the Trade Boards Act, 1909, dated 18th October 1940, entitled the Trade Boards (Flax and Hemp Trade, Great Britain) (Constitution and Proceedings) Regulations, 1940.

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, dated 8th November 1940, to the Reserved Posts (Indian Police) Rules, 1938, made under the Government of India Act, 1935.

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 Office of His Majesty’s Postmaster-General which are not considered of sufficient public value to justify their preservation in the Public Record Office.

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

Copy of a Scheme, made under the Union of Benefices Measures, 1923 to 1936, for authorising the taking down, and the sale of the site and materials of the disused Church known as the Chapel of Ease in Boston, in the County and Diocese of Lincoln.

Resolved, That during the present Session Adjournment (to the acceleration of Meeting), whenever the House stands adjourned and it is represented to Mr. Speaker by His Majesty’s Government that the public interest requires that the House should meet at any earlier time during the Adjournment, and Mr. Speaker is satisfied that the public interest does so require, he may give notice that he is so satisfied, and thereupon the House shall meet at the time stated in such notice and the Government Business to be transacted on the day on which the House shall so meet shall, subject to the publication of notice thereof in the Order Paper to be circulated on the day on which the House shall so meet, be such as the Government may appoint but subject as aforesaid the House shall transact its business as if it had been duly adjourned to the day on which it shall so meet, and any Government Orders of the Day and Government Notices of Motions that may stand on the Order Book for 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.)

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

My Lords and Members of the House of Commons,

My peoples and My Allies are united in their resolve to continue the fight against the aggressor nations until freedom is made secure. Then only can the nations, released from oppression and violence, again work together on a basis of ordered liberty and social justice.

I am confident that victory is assured, not only by the prowess of the armed forces of My Empire and of those of My Allies, but also by the devotion of the Civil Defence Forces and the tenacity and industry of My peoples. These
are now enduring, where they live and labour, the perils as well as the hardships of war.

The staunchness of the men of the Merchant and Fishing Fleets has added lustre to the ancient traditions of the sea.

The resistance of My people has won the admiration of other friendly Powers. The relations of My Government with that of the United States of America could not be more cordial, and I learn, with the utmost satisfaction, of the ever-increasing volume of munitions of war which is arriving from that country. It is good to know in these fateful times how widely shared are the ideals of ordered freedom, of justice and security.

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,

Measures will be submitted to you for compensating those whose home or business property has, at any time since the outbreak of hostilities, been destroyed or damaged by enemy attack, and for extending insurance against the risk of such damage to all forms of moveable property which are not at present protected.

Further proposals for legislation will also be made to improve the conditions of those who may now or in the future require assistance from public funds.

Apart from these and such other measures as may be required for the effective prosecution of the war, My Government will take every possible step to sustain the health and well-being of My people in their ordeal.

I pray that the Almighty may give His blessing to your counsels.

King’s Speech
(Motion for an Address).

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—(Squadron-Leader Grant· Ferris): — And a Debate arising thereupon;

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

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Tuesday next.

Strangers. Question put pursuant to S.O. No. 89.

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.

Secret Session.

Resolved, That the remainder of this day’s Sitting be a Secret Session.—(Mr. Attlee.)

Ordered, That during the present Session— Sittings of the House, &c.

(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. 6 shall have effect as if a reference to a quarter past eleven of the clock were substituted for the reference to three of the clock and as if a reference to two of the clock were substituted for the reference to half past seven of the clock;

(d) 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;

(e) Standing Order 8 shall have effect as if a reference to two of the clock were substituted for the reference to half past seven of the clock;

(f) whenever the House adjourns for more than one day, Members desiring to give notice of questions for answer on the next or any subsequent sitting day, may send notices of such questions to the Clerks at the Table, and any notices so received by them before half past four of the clock on any day (excluding Saturdays and Sundays) can be accepted, printed and circulated as notices of questions for answer on the day after the circulation of the Notice Paper, or any subsequent day.—(The Prime Minister.)

Ordered, That during the present Session the Sittings of the House (Air Raid Warnings).

(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 2 p.m., and the remainder of the business of the House has been disposed of before the time substituted by this paragraph for 2 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 the 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—

(The Prime Minister.)

Adjournment. Resolved, That this House at its rising this day, do adjourn till Tuesday next.—(Captain Margesson.)

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

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

Ordered, That notwithstanding anything Standing in the Standing Orders relating to Private Business, during the present Session—

(a) Standing Orders 250 and 266, relating to the giving of notices and deposit of documents in the Committee and Private Bill Office, shall have effect as if for the words "five of the clock," where they occur in each of the said Orders, there were substituted the words "three of the clock";

(b) a petition for a Private Bill, required by Standing Order 38 to be deposited in the Committee and Private Bill Office on or before the twenty-seventh day of November, shall be deemed to have been so deposited if deposited in the said Office on the twenty-eighth day of November before noon that day.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Mr. Secretary Brown presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an 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.

Copies of Orders made by the mentioned local authorities under the Shops Act, 1912, and confirmed by the Secretary of State for Scotland:—

(1) the Town Council of the City and Royal Burgh of Aberdeen (two Orders);
(2) the Lord Provost, Magistrates and Council of the City and Royal Burgh of Edinburgh; and
(3) the Corporation of Greenock.

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, dated 2nd October 1940, to the Reserved Posts (Indian Civil Service) Rules, 1938, made under the Government of India Act, 1935.

Copy of an Amendment dated 9th October 1940, to the Reserved Posts (Other Services) Rules, 1938, made under the Government of India Act, 1935.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.
Captain Crookshank presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Statement showing the Post Office Net Surplus for the year ended the 31st day of March 1940.

Copy of an Order made under the Emergency Powers (Defence) Act, 1939, dated 21st October 1940, entitled the Papermaking Material (Charges) (No. 2) Order, 1940.

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

Major Lloyd George presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts 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 Hayward's Heath District Gas Company.

Copy of an Order made under the War Risks Insurance Act, 1939, dated 20th November 1940, entitled the War Risks (Commodity Insurance) (No. 9) Order, 1940.

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 Explosives Act, 1875, dated 8th November 1940, amending the Order in Council of the 27th day of November 1875.

Copies of Two Orders in Council, dated 19th November 1940, approving Admiralty Memorials under the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865.

Copy of an Order in Council made under the Forestry (Transfer of Woods) Act, 1923, dated 19th November 1940, entitled the Forestry (Transfer of Lands from the Commissioners of Crown Lands) Order, No. 6 of 1940.

Copy of an Order in Council made under the Foreign Jurisdiction Act, 1890, dated 19th November 1940, entitled the Palestinian Citizenship (Amendment) Order, 1940.

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

Mr. William Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Accounts and Balance Sheets of the Post Office for the year ended the 31st day of March 1940, including Accounts of the Postal, Telegraph, and Telephone Services and certain subsidiary Accounts, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor-General thereon; and certain Returns relating to capital borrowings.

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

Mr. Malcolm MacDonald presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations made under the National Health Insurance Act, 1936,—

(1) dated 15th July 1940, entitled the National Health Insurance (Approved Societies) Amendment Regulations, 1940; and

(2) dated 30th October 1940, entitled the National Health Insurance (Arrears) Amendment Regulations (No. 2), 1940.

Copies 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 (Navy, Army and Air Force) Amendment Regulations, 1940.

Copy of a Provisional Special Order made under the National Health Insurance Act, 1936, dated 2nd September 1940, entitled the National Health Insurance (Employment under Local and Public Authorities) Amendment Order, 1940.

Copy of a Scheme made under the Town and Country Planning Act, 1932, entitled the Wanshead and Woodford (Woodford) Planning Scheme No. 2.

Copies of Schemes made by the under-mentioned local authorities under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1932, and approved by the Minister of Health:—

(1) the Blackpool Borough Council;

(2) the Brighton County Borough Council;

(3) the Lancashire County Council; and

(4) the West Suffolk County Council.

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

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 under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, extending Section 1 of the Act to—

(1) the Parish of Attleborough in the Rural District of Wayland;

(2) the County Borough of Bournemouth;

(3) the County Borough of Doncaster;

(4) the Borough of Grantham;

(5) the County Borough of Grimsby;

(6) the Urban District of Newmarket;

(7) the City of Norwich;

(8) the Borough of Ryde; and

(9) the West Ward of the Urban District of Sutton-in-Ashfield.

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

Colonel Moore-Brabazan presented, pursuant to Electricity Supply Acts, 1882 to 1936.

Copy of a Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity Supply Acts, 1882 to 1936, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, and the Public Works Facilities Act, 1930, in respect of parts of the Rural Districts of Basingstoke and Kingsclere and Whitchurch in the County of Southampton.

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:—

Schedule containing a List and Particulars of certain classes of Documents existing or accruing in His Majesty's Stationery Office, which are not considered of sufficient public value to justify their preservation in the Public Record Office.
Copy of Rules made under the Administration of Justice (Emergency Provisions) Act, 1939, dated 14th November 1940, entitled the Rules of the Supreme Court (No. 8), 1940.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return showing the number of Private Bills, Hybrid Bills, and Bills for confirming Provisional Orders introduced into the House of Commons and brought from the House of Lords, and of Acts passed in the Session of 1939-40:

Of all the Private Bills, Hybrid Bills, and Bills for confirming Provisional Orders which in the Session of 1939-40 have been reported on by Committees on Opposed Private Bills or by Committees nominated partly by the House and partly by the Committee of Selection, together with the names of the selected Members who served on each Committee: the first and also the last day of the sitting of each Committee: the number of days on which each Committee sat: the number of days on which each selected Member has served: the number of days occupied by each Bill in Committee: the Bills the Preambles of which were reported to have been proved: the Bills the Preambles of which were reported to have been not proved: and, in the case of Bills for confirming Provisional Orders, whether the Provisional Orders ought or ought not to be confirmed:

Of all Private Bills and Bills for confirming Provisional Orders which, in the Session of 1939-40 have been referred to Committees and dropped or postponed at the last stages at which such Bills as did not receive the Royal Assent were dropped or postponed in either House of Parliament: the number of days each Committee met, and the number of days each Member attended: the total number of days on which each Member attended: the number of days on which each Member served has been referred to Committees and dropped during the sittings of the Committee.—(The Deputy Chairman.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return showing the number of Select Committees appointed in the Session of 1939-40, the Chairmen’s Panel and the Court of Referees: the subjects of inquiry: the names of the Members appointed to serve on each, and of the Chairman of each: the number of days each Committee met, and the number of days each Member attended: the total expense of the attendance of witnesses at each Select Committee, and the name of the Member who moved for such a Select Committee: also the total number of Members who served on Select Committees.—(The Deputy Chairman.)

Colonel Moore-Brahazon, supported by Captain Crookshank and Mr. Montague, presented a Bill to enable railway undertakers under the control of the Minister of Transport to make agreements with him and with one another providing for financial matters arising out of, and in connection with, such control; and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Ordered, That a Select Committee be conducted 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 Committee was nominated of—Mr. Benson, Major Sir Edward Cadogan, Mr. Denman, Sir Geoffrey Ellis, Mr. Ernest Evans, Colonel Gretton, Mr. Pethick-Lawrence, Mr. Pickthorn, Sir George Schuster and Mr. Spens.

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 Five be the quorum of the Committee.

Ordered, That Mr. Attorney General do attend the Committee to present to the Committee the evidence relevant to the subject-matter of the inquiry in the 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. (The Prime Minister.)

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to examine the current expenditure defrayed out of moneys provided by Parliament for the Defence, Civil Defence and for other services directly connected with the war, and to report what, if any, economies are or are not consistent with the standards which Parliament is entitled to expect from its Members.

Ordered, That a Return showing the number of Select Committees appointed in the Session of 1939-40, the Chairmen’s Panel and the Court of Referees: the subjects of inquiry: the names of the Members appointed to serve on each, and of the Chairman of each: the number of days each Committee met, and the number of days each Member attended: the total expense of the attendance of witnesses at each Select Committee, and the name of the Member who moved for such a Select Committee: also the total number of Members who served on Select Committees.—(The Deputy Chairman.)
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An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by adding at the end thereof, the words—

"Provided that if a Member rises in his place after Questions and proposes that a specified Notice of Motion standing on the Notice Paper be given precedence over Government Business and not less than forty Members shall thereupon rise in their places and support the proposal, Mr. Speaker shall put the Question thereupon and such Question shall be decided without Amendment or Debate."—(Mr. Benn);

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

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

Tellers for the [Mr. Benn],
Yea,
Mr. Stokes:
{ 22.
Tellers for the [Mr. Grimston],
Noes,
Mr. Whiteley:
{ 183.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Main Question being put:

Resolved, That, during the present Session, Government Business do have precedence at every sitting and that no Public Bills other than Government Bills be introduced.

The Order of the day being read for resuming King's Speech (Motion for an Address).

The adjourned Debate on the Question proposed (Motion for an Address).

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Order, That the Reports of the Select Committee on National Expenditure in the last Session of Parliament be referred to the Committee.—(Captain Margesson.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, during the present Session, Government Business do have precedence at every Sitting and that no Public Bills other than Government Bills be introduced.—(The Prime Minister.)

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The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

SIR Irving Albery, Mr. Charlton, Sir George Davies, Colonel Gretton, Sir Arnold Grilley, Sir Percy Harris, Mr. Lambert, Sir Charles MacAndrew, Mr. Mathers, Mr. Parkinson, and Sir Lambert Ward were nominated Members of the Committee of Selection. (Mr. Munro.)

Mr. Secretary Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations made under the National Health Insurance and Contributory Pensions (Emergency Provisions) Act, 1939, dated 21st November, 1940,—

(i) adding Regulations 23c13 and 40AD to the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939; and

(ii) adding Regulation 60AA to the said Regulations.

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 (Navy, Army and Air Force Auxiliary Services) Amendment Regulations, 1940.

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

Captain Crookshank presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Eighty-third Report of the Commissioners of His Majesty's Inland Revenue, being a Report for the year ended the 31st day of March, 1940.

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

Sir John Anderson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Statutes made by the Governing Bodies of Magdalen College, Oxford, and All Souls College, Oxford, under the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1923, on the 12th day of June, 1940, and the 10th day of July, 1940, respectively, amending the Statutes of the respective Colleges.

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

The following Papers were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—

Return to an Order, dated the 26th day of this instant November, for a Return relative to Public Bills.

Return to an Order, dated the 26th day of this instant November, for a Return relative to Public Petitions.

Return to an Order, dated the 26th day of this instant November, for a Return relative to Committees.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, that he will be graciously pleased to give directions that there be laid before this House, a Return of all the Draft Provisional Orders under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1936, which in the Session of 1939-40 have been reported on by Commissioners; together with the names of the Commissioners; the first and also the last day of the sittings of each group; the number of days on which each body of Commissioners sat; the number of days on which each Commissioner has served; the number of days occupied by each Draft Provisional Order before Commissioners; the Draft Provisional Orders the Preambles of which were reported to have been proved; and the Draft Provisional Orders the Preambles of which were reported to have been not proved.

And also a Statement showing how all Draft Provisional Orders of the Session of 1939-40 have been dealt with. (Mr. Secretary Brown.)

Captain Crookshank presented a Bill to Expire Laws continuing certain expiring laws; and the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 21st 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.

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

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Railways Agreement Bill;

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

Ordered, That Sir Charles MacAndrew be National Expenditure and that Mr. Pickthorn be discharged from the Select Committee on Expenditure.

Ordered, That the Committee of Privileges do Privileges consist of Ten Members.
Thursday, 28th November, 1940.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

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-Colonel and Pilot Officer (Air Gunner) Sir Arnold Wilson, K.C.I.E., C.M.G., C.S.I., D.S.O., Royal Air Force, late Member for the County of Hertford (Hitchin Division), and desire to express our sense of the loss we have sustained and our sympathy with the relatives.

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 Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Keighley.

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

Colonel Moore-Brabazon presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Fifteenth Annual Report of the London and Home Counties Traffic Advisory Committee, being a Report for the year ended the 30th day of September 1940.

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

Sir Walter Womersley presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order made under the War Pensions Act, 1921, dated 1st November 1940, entitled the War Pensions Committees (Extension) Order, 1940.

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

Mr. Secretary Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order made by the Council of the County Borough of West Hartlepool under the Shops Acts, 1912 to 1938, and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department.

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

Mr. Secretary Brown presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Report by the Secretary of State for Scotland, the Chairman of Committees of the House of Lords and the Chairman of Ways and Means in the House of Commons under subsection (4) of Section 1 of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1936, that they have taken into consideration a representation which has been made to the Secretary of State by the Railway Clearing System Superannuation Fund Corporation that they desire to obtain parliamentary powers in relation to the Railway Clearing System Superannuation Fund, as specified in a Schedule to the Report, to be operative in Scotland and elsewhere, and that it is expedient that such powers should be conferred by one enactment by reason of the fact that in relation to such matters it is necessary to provide for the uniform regulation of the affairs of the said Fund which is operative in England, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Eire, and have decided that the said powers could more properly be obtained by the promotion of a Private Bill than by the promotion of a Private Bill and of a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1936.

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

Mr. Cross presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Agreements made under the War Risks Insurance Act, 1939, dated 31st August 1940, (1) between the Coasting Vessels Mutual War Risks Association, Limited, and the Minister of Shipping, on behalf of His Majesty; and (2) between the Minister of Shipping, on behalf of His Majesty, and the British Marine Mutual Insurance Association, Limited, the Coasting Vessels Mutual War Risks Association, Limited, and others.

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 Assistance Board, which are not considered of sufficient public value to justify their preservation in the Public Record Office.

The Right Honourable Oliver Lyttelton, New Member for the County of Hants (Aldershot Division), was sworn.

The Order of the day being read for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 21st 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.

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.)

And the Question being again 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:—

And a Debate arising thereupon;

And it being Four of the clock, the Debate continued to sit till a quarter of an hour after Four of the clock, adjourned till Tuesday next.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Tuesday next.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn till Tuesday next.—(Mr. Boulton.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour after Four of the clock, adjourned till Tuesday next.

[No. 5.]

Tuesday, 3rd December, 1940.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.


CAPTAIN Crookshank presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, —Return of the amount of Bank of England Notes issued more than forty years and outstanding on the 30th day of October 1940, which have been written off.

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

Mr. Secretary Brown presented,—Return to Parliament Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1936, 1938.

Mr. Secretary Brown also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—

Copy of Regulations made under the Agricultural Wages (Regulation) (Scotland) Acts, 1937 and 1940, dated 27th November 1940, entitled the Agricultural Wages Committees (Scotland) Regulations, 1940.

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

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


(1) amending the Defence (Finance) Regulations, 1939; and
(2) amending Regulation 2 of the Defence (Local Defence Volunteers) Regulations, 1940.

Copy of Regulations made under the Petroleum (Consolidation) Act, 1928, dated 17th November 1940, entitled the Compressed Gas Cylinders (Fuel for Motor Vehicles) Regulations, 1940.

Copies of Orders made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, extending Section 10 of the Act to—

(1) the Urban District of Ashford;
(2) the Parish of Sutton Bridge in the Rural District of East Elloe; and
(3) part of 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,—

Copies of Schemes made by the undermentioned local authorities under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937, and approved by the Minister of Health:—

(1) the Birkenhead County Borough Council;
(2) the Isle of Ely County Council;
(3) the Malvern Urban District Council;
(4) the Mitcham Borough Council;
(5) the Richmond (Surrey) Borough Council;
(6) the Salford City Council;
(7) the South-West Lancashire Superannuation Joint Committee; and
(8) the Warwickshire County Council.

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

Colonel Moore-Bragaon presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—

Copy of Provisional Regulations made under the Road Traffic Act, 1930, dated 22nd
November 1940, entitled the Motor Vehicles (Use on Menai Bridge) Revocation Provisional 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 Viscount Simon, Lord Chancellor, and the Lord Nathan to attend to be examined as Witnesses 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 have passed a Bill, intituled an Act to remove the limit on the number of members of the Scottish Fisheries Advisory Council constituted under the Reorganisation of Offices (Scotland) Act, 1939: to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Scottish Fisheries Advisory Council Bill [Lords] was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 21st 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. And it being Four of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

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

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

Sir Irving Albery, Mr. Benson, Sir Edmund Brocklebank, Captain Crookshank, Mr. Colverwell, Sir George Davies, Mr. Horabin, Mr. Jagger, Mr. Lathan, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Magnay, Mr. Pethick-Lawrence, Sir Assheton-Powndale, Sir Isidore Salmon and Sir Robert Smith were nominated Members of the Committee of Public Accounts.—(Mr. Boulton.)

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed, to whom shall be referred all Petitions presented to the House, with the exception of such as relate to Private Bills, and that such Committee do classify and prepare abstracts of the same in such form and manner as shall appear to them best suited to convey to the House all requisite information respecting their contents, and do report the same from time to time to the House; and that the Reports of the Committee do set forth, in respect of each Petition, the number of signatures which are accompanied by addresses, and which are written on sheets headed in every case by the prayer of the Petition, provided that on every sheet after the first the prayer may be reproduced in print or by other mechanical process; and that such Committee have power to direct the printing in extenso of such Petitions, or of such parts of Petitions, as shall appear to require it; and that such Committee 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. Chuter, Sir Reginald Clarry, Mr. Daggar, Captain Alan Graham, Captain Hambro, Sir Percy Hard, Brigadier-General Sir Ernest Malins, Mr. Wilfrid Roberts, Mr. Marcus Samuel, Sir Amiens Somersville 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.—(Mr. Boulton.)

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. Cluse, Mr. Emery, Sir Francis Freemantle, Mr. Isaacs, Dr. Morrison, Mr. Naylor, Mr. Storey, Rear-Admiral Sir Murray Sneter, 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. Boulton.)

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to control the arrangements for the Kitchen and Refreshment Rooms (House of Commons).
Ordered, That the Committee have power to send for persons, papers and records.

Ordered, That Three be the quorum of the Committee.—(Mr. Boulton.)

Adjournment.

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

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

In pursuance of Standing Order No. 80 (4), I hereby nominate:

Major Sir Cyril Fiallard 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 Ponsonby,
Sir Robert Workman Smith, J.P.,
Colonel Sir Albert Lambart 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.

In pursuance of the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act, 1919 (9 and 10 Geo. V., c. 76, s. 2 (2)), I hereby nominate Sir John E. A. FitzRoy, Speaker.

3rd December, 1940.

[No. 6.]

Wednesday, 4th December, 1940.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAyERS.

Mr. Malcolm MacDonald presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order of the Minister of Health relating to the Urban District of Shipley: And the same was read the first time.

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

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

Mr. Malcolm MacDonald presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Amendments to Rules made by the General Nursing Council for England and Wales under the Nurses Registration Act, 1919, and approved by the Minister of Health.

Copy of a Scheme made by the Warrington Local Government Superannuation Act, 1919, and approved by the Minister of Health.

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

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 under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, extending Section 1 of the Act to—

(1) the Urban District of Mablethorpe and Sutton;
(2) the Parish of Old Sleaford in the Urban District of Sleaford; and
(3) the Urban District of Royston.

Mr. Secretary Morrison also presented, pursuant to paragraph (6) of Regulation 18P of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939,—Report of action taken under the said Regulation during the period 1st October 1940 to 31st October 1940.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relative to the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939 (Regulation 18P), be printed.

Captain Crookshank presented, pursuant to Tax Collectors Directions of an Act of Parliament.—Return (Scotland).

Mr. Secretary Morrison also presented, pursuant to Tax Collectors Directions of an Act of Parliament,—Return (Scotland).

Schedule containing a List and Particulars of Public Records certain classes of Documents existing or accruing in the Office of the Board of Trade, which are not considered of sufficient public value to justify their preservation in the Public Record Office.

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 of the Receipts into, and Payments out of, the Barley Subsidy Fund for the Barley Fund. Year ended the 31st day of July 1940, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor-General thereon.

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

Copy of a Scheme, made under the Union of Benefices Measures, 1923 to 1936, for effecting certain alterations of boundaries affecting the Parishes of the said Benefices of Worcester, Holy Trinity, and Rainbow Hill, and the Parishes of Worcester, Saint Nicholas, Worcester, Saint Paul, and Barbourne, Saint Stephen, all of which Benefices and Parishes are situate in the County of Worcester and in the Diocese of Worcester.
Mr. Speaker made the following com-
munication to the House:—

I regret to have to inform the House of the
death of John Morgan, Esquire, late Member
for the County of York, West Riding (Doncaster
Division), and desire to express our sense of the
loss we have sustained and our sympathy with
the relatives.

Mr. Cross presented, pursuant to the Merchant
Shipments (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1934,
and Import Restrictions Act, 1934, and the
Special Areas (Amendment) Act, 1937,
until the said thirty-first day of December
and the said thirty-first day of March
respectively, 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 Deputy Chairman reported, That the
Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received
to-morrow.

Resolved, That the Paper do lie upon
the Table, and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read for resuming
the adjourned Debate on the Question, proposed
on the 21st 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.

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.

(Mr. Boulton.)

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.—(Mr. Boulton.)

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

Sir John Anderson, by His Majesty's Com-
mand, acquainted the House that His Majesty,
having been informed of the subject matter of
the Motion relating to Expiring Laws Con-
tinuance (Money), proposed to be moved,
under Standing Order No. 60, in Committee
of the whole House, recommends it to the
consideration of the House.

Then the House, pursuant to Standing Order
No. 60, 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, and the
Debts Clearing Offices and Import Restrictions
Acts, 1934, until the thirty-first day of
December, nineteen hundred and forty-
one, and of the Special Areas (Amendment) Act, 1937, until the thirty-first day of
March, nineteen hundred and forty-two,
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 thirty-first day of December
and the said thirty-first day of March
respectively, 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 Deputy Chairman reported, That the
Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received
to-morrow.

Resolved, That the Paper do lie upon
the Table, and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read for resuming
the adjourned Debate on the Question, proposed
on the 21st 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.

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.

(Mr. Boulton.)

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.—(Mr. Boulton.)

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

Sir John Anderson, by His Majesty's Com-
mand, acquainted the House that His Majesty,
having been informed of the subject matter of
the Motion relating to Expiring Laws Con-
tinuance (Money), proposed to be moved,
under Standing Order No. 60, in Committee
of the whole House, recommends it to the
consideration of the House.

Then the House, pursuant to Standing Order
No. 60, 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, and the
Debts Clearing Offices and Import Restrictions
Acts, 1934, until the thirty-first day of
December, nineteen hundred and forty-
one, and of the Special Areas (Amendment) Act, 1937, until the thirty-first day of
March, nineteen hundred and forty-two,
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 thirty-first day of December
and the said thirty-first day of March
respectively, being receipts which, under
either of the last mentioned Acts, are to
be paid into the Exchequer.

(Captain Crookshank.)

Resolution to be reported.
The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of a Measure, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Copy of a Scheme, made under the Union of Benefices Measures, 1923 to 1936, for effecting the union of the Benefices of Sheffield, St. Philip, and Netherthorpe, St. Ann, both of which Benefices are situate in the County of York and in the Diocese of Sheffield.

New Member sworn.

Mr. Secretary Morrison, supported by Mr. Secretary Brown and Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, presented a Bill to continue in force the Local Elections and Register of Electors (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1939, with certain amendments, and to make provision for safeguarding the rights of contributory employees under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937, and the Local Government Superannuation (Scotland) Act, 1937, in respect of remuneration lost in consequence of the first-mentioned Act: 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.—(Mr. Attlee).

Peace terms.

"But humbly regret that in the Gracious Speech His Majesty's Government has failed to set forth the terms upon which peace could be made and an end could be brought to this war which threatens chaos and annihilation of all that is good in modern civilisation, and which offers only years of pain and poverty, sacrifices and misery for the workers in all lands, and has failed to propose that a conference should be called to bring this conflict to an early conclusion on the basis of the restoration of freedom in each country, and the pledge of all the contending governments to put at the disposal of the conference all their resources, at present being massed for producing the instruments of destruction and death, for the production of all instruments of well-being for rebuilding the homes in Europe and the establishment of a new social order which would mean the end of German, British, and other imperialism and provide a decent home and standard of life for each family in every country of the world."—(Mr. McGovern.)

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 Yes, [Mr. McGovern];

Tellers for the Noes, [Sir Charles Edwards];

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Main Question being put:

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

Most Gracious Sovereign,

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

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

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday Supply, 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 Means.

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

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

(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, and the Debits Clearing Offices and Import Restrictions Act, 1934, until the thirty-first day of December, nineteen hundred and forty-one, and of the Special Areas (Amendment) Act, 1937, until the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and forty-two, 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 Debits Clearing Offices and Import Restrictions Act, 1934, and the Special Areas (Amendment) Act, 1937, until the said thirty-first day of December and the said thirty-first day of March respectively, 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.
Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Resolved, That the House do now adjourn.

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 7th August 1940, amending Regulation 55 of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939;
(2) dated 7th August 1940, adding Regulation 68b to, and amending Regulation 90 of, the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939;
(3) dated 7th August 1940, adding Regulation 5 to the Defence (Armed Forces) Regulations, 1939;
(4) dated 7th August 1940, adding Regulation 71 to the Defence (Finance) Regulations, 1939;
(5) dated 7th August 1940, making Regulations entitled the Defence (War Zone Courts) Regulations, 1940;
(6) dated 7th August 1940, making Regulations entitled the Defence (War Zone Courts) (Scotland) Regulations, 1940;
(7) dated 15th August 1940, adding Regulation 39AA to the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939;
(8) dated 15th August 1940, amending the Defence (Finance) Regulations, 1939;
(9) dated 20th August 1940, adding Regulation 29 to the Defence (Finance) Regulations, 1939;
(10) dated 20th August 1940, amending the Defence (Agriculture and Fisheries) Regulations, 1939;
(11) dated 20th August 1940, adding Regulation 57a to, and amending Regulation 80A of, the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939;
(12) dated 20th August 1940, adding Regulation 168a to, and amending Regulations 166, 29A, 29B, 32, 628A and 102 of, the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939;
(13) dated 4th September 1940, adding Regulations 45C and 102A to, and amending Regulations 4AA, 46B, 62, 62A, 66, 73 and 84A of, the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939;
(14) dated 4th September 1940, adding a new Regulation 50A to, and amending Regulation 87 of, the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939;
(15) dated 4th September 1940, amending Regulation 2 of, and adding Regulation 3 to, the Defence (Parliamentary Under-Secretaries) Regulations, 1940;
(16) dated 4th September 1940, amending Regulation 2 of the Defence (Local Defence Volunteers) Regulations, 1940;
(17) dated 4th September 1940, adding Regulation 6 to the Defence (Armed Forces) Regulations, 1939;
(18) dated 19th September 1940, amending Regulations 18B and 19B of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939;
(19) dated 19th September 1940, adding Regulation 27A to the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939;
(20) dated 19th September 1940, adding Regulation 60F to the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939;
(21) dated 19th September 1940, adding Regulation 93B to, and amending Regulation 94 of, the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939;
(22) dated 19th September 1940, adding Regulation 66A to the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939;
(23) dated 19th September 1940, amending the Defence (Companies) Regulations, 1940;
(24) dated 27th September 1940, amending the Defence (Finance) Regulations, 1939;
(25) dated 27th September 1940, adding Regulation 6A to the Defence (Finance) Regulations, 1939;
(26) dated 27th September 1940, adding Regulations 506 and 606 to, and amending Regulations 505, 1856, 23, 28, 407, 50 and 102A of, the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939;
(27) dated 4th October 1940, amending Regulation 38A of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939;
(28) dated 4th October 1940, amending the Defence (Parliamentary Under-Secretaries) Regulations, 1940;
(29) dated 11th October 1940, amending Regulations 12, 14A and 72 of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939;
(30) dated 11th October 1940, adding Regulation 7 to the Defence (Armed Forces) Regulations, 1939;
(31) dated 24th October 1940, adding Regulation 15A to the Defence (Administration of Justice) Regulations, 1940;
(32) dated 24th October 1940, adding Regulations 48A and 54BA to, and amending Regulations 23, 52 and 638 of, the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939 and repealing Regulation 40B of those Regulations;
(33) dated 24th October 1940, making Regulations entitled the Defence (Bodies Corporate and Trade Unions) Regulations, 1940;
(34) dated 24th October 1940, amending the Defence (Summer Time) Regulations, 1939;
(35) dated 8th November 1940, adding Regulations 60A and 66C to, and amending Regulations 29A, 60, 58C and 92 of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939;
(36) dated 8th November 1940, amending the Defence (Agriculture and Fisheries) (Northern Ireland) Regulations, 1940; and
(37) dated 4th December 1940, adding Regulations 12B, 23AB and 23Ac to, and amending Regulations 23 and 29A of, the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939.

Copy of an Order in Council made under the Emergency Powers (Defence) Act, 1939, dated 4th September 1940, entitled the Defence (War Risk Insurance) (No. 4) Regulations, 1940.

Copies of Orders made under the Shops Act, 1912, by the undermentioned local authorities and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department:

(1) the Council of the City and County of Bristol;
(2) the Council of the Borough of Colchester;
(3) the Council of the County Borough of Darlington;
(4) the Town Council of the Borough of Dover;
(5) the City Council of Sheffield;
(6) the County Council of the West Riding of Yorkshire for the Urban District of Malton; and
(7) the County Council of the West Riding of Yorkshire for the Urban District of Sowerby Bridge.

Copy of an Order made under the Shops Acts, 1912 and 1913, by the Secretary of State for the Home Department.

Copy of an Order made under the Shops Acts, 1912 to 1936, by the Secretary of State for the Home Department.

Copies of Orders made under the Shops Acts, 1912 to 1938, by the Secretary of State for the Home Department:

(1) the Council of the Borough of Ashton-under-Lyne;
(2) the Council of the Borough of Bacup;
(3) the Council of the Borough of Ilford;
(4) the Council of the Borough of Kidderminster;
(5) the Council of the County Borough of Rochdale; and
(6) the Urban District Council of Royton.

Mr. Secretary Morrison also presented, pursuant to the War Zone, Zone Courts) Regulations, 1940,—Copy of Rules made under the said Regulation, dated 29th September 1940, entitled the War Zone Courts Rules, 1940.

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

Sir John Anderson presented, pursuant to the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865, amending an Admiralty Memorial, under the said Act, 1865, sanctioning alterations in the rates and conditions of payment of allowances for the wives, children and other dependants of Seamen, Marines and Reservists.

Copy of an Order in Council made under the Foreign Jurisdiction Act, 1890, dated 4th December 1940, entitled the Palestine (Amendment) Order in Council, 1940.

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

Mr. Ramsbotham presented, pursuant to the Education directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Provisional Regulations made under the Education Act, 1921, dated 25th November 1940, entitled the Secondary Schools Provisional Amending Regulations, 1940.

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 a Warrant, dated 21st November 1940, entitled the Imperial and Foreign Post Warrant, 1940.

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

Mr. Grenfell presented, by His Majesty’s Command.—Copy of a Memorandum explanatory of the Coal Mines (War Levy) Scheme.

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

Gerard Spencer Summers, Esquire, Member for the Borough of Northampton, was sworn.

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

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 and No. 2 agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be now 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 Local Elections and Register of Electors (Temporary Provisions) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. Whiteley.)

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

The Scottish Fisheries Advisory Council Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. Whiteley.)

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

The Naval and Marine Forces (Temporary Release from Service) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. Whiteley.)

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

Resolved, That the Orders made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, extending Section 1 of that Act to the undermentioned areas, viz. :-

(1) the Urban District of Horncastle;
(2) the Borough of Louth; and
(3) the Urban District of Wellington, Salop.

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

Mr. Secretary Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order made by the Council of the Borough of Bilston under the Shops Acts, 1912 to 1938, and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department.

Copies of Orders made by the Secretary for the Home Department under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, extending Section 1 of the Act to—

(1) the Urban District of Horncastle;
(2) the Borough of Louth; and
(3) the Urban District of Wellington, Salop.

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

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till ten minutes after Four of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
Mr. Secretary Brown presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament—Copies of Orders made under the Shops Act, 1932, by the undermentioned local authorities, and confirmed by the Secretary of State for Scotland:—

(1) the Lord Provost, Magistrates and Councillors of the City and Royal Burgh of Dundee; and

(2) the Town Council of the Burgh of Inverurie.

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

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, that he will be graciously pleased to give directions that there be laid before this House, a Return showing (1) Particulars of all Aliens to whom Certificates of Naturalization have been issued and whose Oaths of Allegiance have, during the year ended the 31st day of December 1938, been registered at the Home Office; (2) Information as to any Aliens who have, during the same period, obtained Acts of Naturalization from the Legislature; and (3) Particulars of cases in which Certificates of Naturalization have been revoked during the same period (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 170, of Session 1938-39).—(Mr. Peake.)

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by the Viscount Simon, Lord Chancellor, and the Lord Nathan, one of their Clerks, as followeth:

(1) the Lord Provost, Magistrates and Councillors of the City and Royal Burgh of Dundee; (2) Information as to any Aliens who have, during the same period, obtained Acts of Naturalization from the Legislature; and (3) Particulars of cases in which Certificates of Naturalization have been revoked during the same period (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 170, of Session 1938-39).—(Mr. Peake.)

The Railways Agreement (Powers) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. Boulton.)

Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into the said Committee.—(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. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

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

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Local Elections and Register of Electors (Temporary Provisions) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 to No. 3 agreed to.

Schedule.

Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 5, at the end, to insert the words,—

Section 1.—At the end of the section there shall be inserted the following subsection:—

"(2) Where in the case of a councillor a vacancy has been filled and an objection to the person elected has been made before the expiration of seven days thereafter to the Minister of Health, it shall be within the power of the Minister, if he is satisfied that the maintenance of the status quo as between parties is not being observed, to declare the election of the said person null and void and to order a fresh election."

—(Mr. Leach.)

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

Schedule agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be 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 Scottish Fisheries Advisory Council Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 and No. 2 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

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

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

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment,
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Naval and Marine Forces (Temporary Release from Service) 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, 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.

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. Boulton.)

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

[No. 10.]

Thursday, 12th December, 1940.

The House met at Eleven of the clock at the Annex.

PRAYERS.

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 the aforementioned local authorities and approved by the Minister of Health:—

(1) the Harrow Urban District Council; and

(2) the Leicester County Borough Council.

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

Mr. Granfell presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Draft of an Order proposed to be made under the Coal Mines Act, 1930, on the application of the Central Council appointed under the provisions of the Central (Coal Mines) Scheme, 1930, entitled the Central (Coal Mines) Scheme (Amendment) Order, 1940.

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

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

Copy of a Report to the Lord Chancellor of Lunacy, the number of Visits made, the number of Patients seen, and the number of Miles travelled by the Visitors of Lunatics between the 1st day of April 1940 and the 30th day of September 1940.

Colonel Gretton reported from the Committee of Selection, That, in pursuance of Section 1, subsection (3), of the Parliament Act, 1911, they had appointed from the Chairmen's Panel, Sir Cyril Entwistle and Sir Robert Young to be the two Members whom Mr. Speaker shall consult, if practicable, before giving his certificate to a Money Bill.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Colonel Gretton reported from the Committee of Selection, That, in pursuance of Section 1, subsection (3), of the Parliament Act, 1911, they had appointed to serve on the Select Committee on Standing Orders under Standing Order 98: Colonel Acland-Troyte, Mr. Frankel, Sir Francis Fremantle, Major Leighton, Mr. Mander, Sir Frank Sanderson, Sir Annesley Somerville, and Mr. Tinker.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Colonel Gretton reported from the Committee of Selection, That, in pursuance of Section 1, subsection (3), of the Parliament Act, 1911, they had selected the following Eight 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 Hill, Sir Francis Fremantle, Sir George Hume, Mr. Lee, Mr. Logan, Sir Charles MacAndrew, Sir Stanley Reed and Sir Harold Webbe.

Ordered, That the Report 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 Hill, Sir Henry Fildes, Sir Edmund Findlay, Mr. Graham, Mr. Thomas Henderson, Sir John Graham Kerr, Mr. Kirkwood, Mr. Joseph Maclay, Colonel Sir Thomas Moore, Major Nevin-Spence, Lord Williams Scott, Captain Shaw, Sir Robert Smith, Mr. Henderson Stewart, Sir John Train and Mr. Young.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.
Colonel Gretton reported from the Committee of Selection, that they had agreed to the following Resolution, which they had directed him to report to the House:—

That, after a Bill has been under consideration in Standing Committee, no application for changes in the composition of that Committee in respect of that Bill shall be entertained by the Committee of Selection.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

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.)

Resolved, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn till Tuesday next.—(Mr. Attlee.)

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

[No. II.]

Tuesday, 17th December, 1940.

The House met at Eleven of the clock at the Annex.

Mr. Speaker's Absence.

Prayers.

Provisional Order Bills (No Standing Orders applicable).

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

Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Shipley) Bill.

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

Private Bills.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That, in accordance with Standing Order 87, he had conferred with the Chairman of Committees of the House of Lords, for the purpose of determining in which House of Parliament the respective Private Bills should be first considered, and that they had determined that the Bills contained in the following List should originate in the House of Lords, viz.:—

Camborne Water.
Cardiff Corporation.
Derwent Valley Water.
East Surrey Gas.
Mid Southern Utility.
Portsmouth Water.

Mr. Lyttelton presented, by His Majesty's War Risks Command,—Copy of Part II of the War Risks Insurance Act, 1939, as amended by the Defence (War Risks Insurance) Regulations, showing amendments proposed to be made thereto by the War Damage Bill.

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 4th December 1940—

1. amending Regulation 600 of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939;
2. amending Regulations 80A and 83 and revoking Regulations 98 and 98 of, and adding a Third Schedule to, the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939;
3. making Regulations entitled the Defence (December Bank Holidays) Regulations, 1940; and

Copies of Orders made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, extending Section 1 of the Act to—

1. the Borough of Abergavenny;
2. the City of Bath;
3. the Urban District of Cadby;
4. the Urban District of New Hunstanton; and
5. the Borough of Stourbridge.

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

Mr. Malcolm MacDonald presented, pursuant to the directions of an Order made under the Import Duties Act, 1932, as amended by the Import Duties (Emergency Provisions) Act, 1939, dated
of parts of the rural districts of Basingstoke and Kingsclere and Whitechurch in the County of Southampton, a copy of which was presented to this House on the 26th day of November last, be approved.—(Mr. Montague.)

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

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

[No. 12.]

Wednesday, 18th December, 1940.

The House met at Eleven of the clock at the Annexee.

The Clerk at the Table informed the House of Mr. Speaker's the unavoidable absence, through indisposition of Mr. Speaker from this day's Sitting:—

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

The Ministry of Health Provisional Order Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Shipley) Bill was accordingly, order to read a second time, and committed.

Mr. Bevin presented, by His Majesty’s Factors, Command.—Copy of the Annual Report of the Chief Inspector of Factories for 1939.

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

Sir John Anderson presented, by His Steamship Majesty's Command, - Copy of a Summary of "Arandora Star" Inquiry conducted by the Right Honourable Lord Snell, C.D.E., L.L.D.

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

Mr. Secretary Morrison presented, pursuant Public Records. to the directions of an Act of Parliament,— Copy of the One Hundred and First Report of the Deputy Keeper of the Public Records.

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

The following Paper, pursuant to the Order Conduct of House of the 17th day of this instant December, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—

Minutes of the Proceedings of, and of the Evidence taken before, the Select Committee on the Conduct of a Member in the last Session of Parliament with Appendices.

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

Account of the Cunard Insurance Fund for the year ended the 31st day of March 1940, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

No. 6.
Copy of Rules made under the Administration of Justice (Emergency Provisions) Act, 1939, dated 26th December, 1940, entitled Rules of the Supreme Court (No. 9), 1940.

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 Measures, 1923 to 1936, for effecting the Union of the Beneﬁce (being a Vicarage) of Leeds, All Saints, and the Beneﬁce (being a Vicarage) of Leeds, Saint Alban the Martyr, both of which Beneﬁces are situate in the County of York and in the Diocese of Ripon.

Ordered, That the said Minutes be referred to the Select Committee on the Conduct of a Member; and be printed; and that the said Account be printed.

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

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

The Lords have agreed to the Naval and Marine Forces (Temporary Release from Service) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Railways Agreement (Powers) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Elections and Register of Electors (Temporary Provisions) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the amendments made by the Lords to the Local Elections and Register of Electors (Temporary Provisions) Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow; and be printed.

Colonel Gretton reported from the Select Committee on the Conduct of a Member, That they had considered the Matters to them referred and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence given before them, and Appendices; And the Report was brought up, and read.

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

Mr. Secretary Morrison, supported by Mr. Secretary Brown and Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, presented a Bill to postpone the investigation to be made under section ten of the Air Raid Precautions Act, 1937, until the year nineteen hundred and forty-one: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 17th day of this instant December, That the War Damage Bill be now read a second time;

And the Question being again proposed:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.
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 Haywards
Heath District Gas Company which was
presented to this House on the 26th day of
November last and published, be approved.—
(Mr. Grenfell.)

Resolved, That the Orders made by the
Secretary of State for the Home Department
under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932,
extending Section I of that Act to the under-
mentioned areas, viz.—
(1) the County of the City of Worcester;
(2) the Urban District of Ashford;
(3) the Parish of Sutton Bridge in the Rural
District of East Elloe;
(4) the Urban District of Mablethorpe and
Sutton;
(5) the Urban District of Royston;
(6) the Parish of Old Sleaford in the Urban
District of Sleaford;

copies of the first three of which were pre-

tented to this House on the 3rd day of this
instant December, and copies of the remainder
on the 4th day of this instant December, be
approved.—(Mr. Secretary Morrison.)

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

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

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

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.—Adjournment.
(Mr. Munro.)

And accordingly the House, having con-
tinued to sit till twenty-nine minutes
after Four of the clock, adjourned till

to-morrow.

[No. 13.]

Thursday, 19th December, 1940.

The House met at Eleven of the clock
at the Annex.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had
received the following communications
conveying to the House of Commons con-
gratulations on the Victory on the Western
Front of Egypt:

To the Speaker of the House of Commons,
London.

In the name of the Egyptian Senate and
in my own name I beg Your Excellency to
accept and convey to the House of Commons
our most warm felicitations for the very brilliant victory achieved by the brave armies of the British Empire against the Italian Army on the Western Front of Egypt.

This victory in liberating Egyptian territory adds a magnificent page to the glorious military annals of Great Britain and will contribute greatly to assure the triumph of Democracy.

(Signed) MOHAMED MAHDIM KHALIL, President.

To the Speaker of the House of Commons, London.

The Egyptian Chamber of Deputies has charged me to send this message conveying the sincere congratulations to the House of Commons for the brilliant victory gained in the Western Desert. The Egyptian Nation has met this victory with the greatest happiness, considering it as a happy step in the way of the establishment of freedom and democracy. It gives me great pleasure to send to His Excellency the Speaker of the House this congratulation and to assure him of the strong belief of the friendly Egyptian Nation in the success of the cause of justice and his hopes for the removal of the unjust aggression which endangered the peace of the whole world and was about to destroy the civilisation.

The President of the Egyptian Chamber of Deputies,

AHMAD MAHER.

Mr. Robert Hudson presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Orders made under the Agriculture (Miscellaneous War Provisions) Act, 1940—

(1) dated 7th August 1940, entitled the Wheat (Accounting Periods) No. 2 Order, 1940; and

(2) dated 20th August 1940, entitled the Wheat (Ascertain Average Price) Order, 1940.

Copy of an Order made under the Wheat Act, 1932, dated 8th August 1940, entitled the Wheat (Ascertained Average Price) Order, 1940.

Report by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries on the Witham and Steeping Rivers Catchment Board (Appeal against Precept) Order, 1940, made under the Land Drainage Act, 1930.

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

Ordered, That the Account relative to the Housing Act, 1914, which was presented on the 25th day of July in the last Session of Parliament, 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.

Sir John Wardlaw-Milne reported from the 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.

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.

Resolved, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn till Tuesday the 21st day of January next.—(The Prime Minister.)

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Local Elections and Register of Electors (Temporary Provisions) Bill.

The said Amendments being read a second time;

And the Commons being willing to waive their Privileges, the said Amendments 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.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment 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
Mr. Speaker made the following communication to the House:—

I regret to have to inform the House of the deaths, on active service, of Major John Ronald Hamilton Cartland, late Member for the Borough of Birmingham (King’s Norton Division), and Flying Officer John Rankin Rathbone, late Member for the County of Cornwall (Bodmin Division), and of the death of Charles Brown, Esquire, late Member for the County of Nottingham (Mansfield Division), and desire to express our sense of the loss we have sustained and our sympathy with their relatives.

The following Papers, presented by His Majesty’s Command during the Christmas Adjournment, and delivered to the Librarian of the House during the Adjournment, pursuant to Standing Order No. 93, were ordered to lie upon the Table:—

Copy of a Speech by the late Marquess of Lothian, His Majesty’s Ambassador at Washington.

Copy of a Treaty of Non-Aggression between His Majesty in respect of the United Kingdom and the King of Thailand. Bangkok, 12th June 1940. [Ratifications exchanged at Bangkok, 31st August 1940].

Copy of Notes exchanged regarding the Treaty Series establishment of a Reserve of Australian Wood in the United States of America. London, 9th December 1940.


Copy of a Convention relative to the Abolition of the Caisse de la Dette Publique Egyptienne [with Egyptian Declaration and Procès-verbal of Signature]. Cairo, 17th July 1940.

Copy of a Trade Agreement between His Majesty in respect of the Dominion of Canada and the President of the United States of America (and related Documents). Washington, 17th November 1938. [Ratification and Proclamation exchanged at Ottawa on 17th June 1939].

Copy of a Report for 1939, showing the Quantities of Spirituous Beverages imported into, or manufactured in, certain Territories under British Administration in Africa, and the Import and Excise Duties levied thereon.

Copy of Further Recommendations of the Committee on Conditions in Air-Raid Shelters, with special reference to health, and of a brief statement of action taken by His Majesty’s Government thereon.

Mr. Secretary Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament—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 31st July 1940, adding Regulations 48, 19A, 19C, 20AA and 30BA to the Defence (General) Regulations (Isle of Man), 1939 ;
(2) dated 15th August 1940, amending the Defence (Finance) Regulations (Isle of Man), 1939 ;
(3) dated 20th August 1940, adding Regulation 28 to the Defence (Finance) Regulations (Isle of Man), 1939 ;
(4) dated 27th September 1940, amending the Defence (Finance) Regulations (Isle of Man), 1939 ; and
(5) dated 19th November 1940, amending the Defence (Finance) Regulations (Isle of Man), 1939.


(1) dated 11th December 1940, amending Regulation 32 of, and adding Regulation 620 to, the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939 ;
(2) dated 19th December 1940, amending and Regulation 234B of, and adding Regulation 31C to, the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939 ;
Act, 1920.

Savings Banks of 1832.

Greek Loan of 1832.


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 October 1940 to 31st December 1940.

Shops Acts, 1912 to 1936.

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

Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932.

Copies of Orders made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, extending Section 1 of the Act to—

(1) the City and County of the City of Exeter;
(2) the County Borough of Ipswich;
(3) the Borough of Alderburgh;
(4) the Borough of Henley-on-Thames;
(5) the Borough of Kettering;
(6) the Borough of Ossett;
(7) the Borough of Tewkesbury;
(8) the Urban District of Bude-Stratton;
(9) the Urban District of Exmouth;
(10) the Urban District of Hinckley;
(11) the Urban District of Ilfracombe;
(12) the Urban District of Matlock;
(13) the Urban District of Melton Mowbray;
(14) the Urban District of Ross-on-Wye;

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

Seamen’s Savings Banks.

Mr. Cross presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Account of all deposits received and repaid by the Ministry of Shipping on account of Seamen’s Savings Banks, under the authority of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, and the Minister of Shipping (Transfer of Functions) Order 1939, during the year ended the 20th day of November 1939, and of the Interest thereon.

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

Greek Loan of 1832.

Captain Crookshank, presented, by His Majesty’s Command.—Account of Moneys paid out of the Consolidated Fund under the Acts 2 and 3 Will. 4, c. 127, and 6 and 7 Will. 4, c. 94, for Interest on 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 1940.

Savings Banks Act, 1920.

Captain Crookshank also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of a Draft of an Order proposed to be made under the Savings Banks Act, 1920, amending the Savings Banks (Limits of Annual Deposit) Order, 1929.

Appropriation Accounts of the Sums granted by Parliament for Civil Services, excluding the Ministry of Supply, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1940, 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 the 31st day of March 1940, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon, and upon Revenue and certain Store Accounts.

Account showing all the Sums which have been paid into the Treasury Chest and which Fund have been paid out of the same, between the 1st day of April 1939 and the 31st day of March 1940, and the Liabilities and Assets on the latter day, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Accounts and Balance Sheets of Trading or Trading Commercial Services conducted by Government Departments in 1939, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Copy of Regulations, made under the Finance (No. 1) Act, 1940, dated 26th December 1940, entitled the Purchase Tax (No. 2) Regulations, 1940.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Civil Appropriation Accounts, the Revenue Departments Appropriation Accounts, the Account relative to the Treasury Chest Fund and the Trading Accounts and Balance Sheets be printed.

Mr. Secretary Amery presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—India Act, 1935.

Copy of Amendments dated 13th December 1940, to the Reservation of Posts (Officers in His Majesty’s Forces) Rules, 1938, made under the Government of India Act, 1935.

Copy of Amendments dated 13th December 1940, to the Reserved Posts (Other Services) Rules, 1938, made under the Government of India Act, 1935.

Statement showing the number of appointments made to the Burma Civil Service (Class I) and the Burma Police (Class I) and the number of vacancies remaining therein.

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

Mr. Lyttelton presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Accounts of the Gas Fund for the year ended the 31st day of March 1940.

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 Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of the City of Leicester.

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

Colonel Moore Brabazon presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, 1920.—Copy of Provisional Regulations made under
Accounts of the Commissioners of Church Temporalities in Wales for the year ended the Temporalities (Wales), No. 14.

Accounts of the Commissioners of Church Temporalities in Wales for the year ended the 31st day of December 1939, and from the 24th day of September 1914 to the 31st day of December 1939, in respect of transactions under the Welsh Church Act, 1914, and the Welsh Church (Temporalities) Act, 1919, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Schedule containing a List of Particulars of certain classes of Documents existing or accruing in the Offices of the Ministry of Shipping which are not considered of sufficient public value to justify their preservation in the Public Record Office.

Account of the Cinematograph Fund showing the Receipts and Payments during the year ended the 31st day of March 1940, with a Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Account showing the Receipts of, and Issues Post Office out of, the Post Office Fund in the year ended the 31st day of March 1940, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Account of the Unemployment Fund showing the Receipts and Payments for the year ended the 31st day of March 1940, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.


Accounts of Receipts and Payments by the Local Loans Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt in respect of the Capital and Income of the Local Loans Fund for the year ended the 31st day of March 1940, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

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

Copy of a Scheme made under the Union of Benefits Measures, 1923 to 1936, for effecting the division of the Parish of the Benefice of Leicester, Saint Luke, and the union of all the several parts thereof to the Parishes of the three Benefices of Leicester, Christ Church, Leicester, Saint Matthew, and Leicester, Saint George, all of which Benefices are situate in the County of Leicester and in the Diocese of Leicester.

Ordered, That the said Accounts be printed.

Peter Frederick Blaker Bennett, Esquire, New Member for the Borough of Birmingham (Edgbaston Division), was sworn.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit until one minute before Four of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
Wednesday, 22nd January, 1941.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report
from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the Petitions for the following Bills the Standing Orders have been complied with, viz. —

Cannock Urban District Council.
Great Western Railway (Superannuation Fund).
Great Western Railway (Variation of Directors Qualification).
Kent Electric Power. 
London Midland and Scottish Railway. 
Railway Clearing System Superannuation Fund Corporation. 
Southern Railway (Superannuation Fund).

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report
from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in respect of Bills comprised in the List reported by the Chairman of Ways and Means as intended to originate in the House of Lords, he has certified that the Standing Orders have been complied with, viz. —

Camborne Water. 
Cardiff Corporation. 
Derwent Valley Water. 
East Surrey Gas. 
Mid Southern Utility. 
Portsmouth Water.

Mr. Secretary Morrison 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 November 1940 to 30th November 1940.

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

Mr. Malcolm MacDonald presented, pursuant to the Diseases of Animals Acts, 1894 to 1937, Copy of an Order made under the Diseases of Animals Acts, 1894 to 1937, dated 26th January 1941, prohibiting the landing of animals shipped from Eire, Northern Ireland and Isle of Man (Order No. 6,028.)

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

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.—Adjournment. (Mr. James Stuart.)

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behalf of the Supreme Court of Judicature, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Appropriation Account of the Sums granted by Parliament for Navy Services for the year ended the 31st day of March 1940, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon, and upon other Navy Accounts.

Abstract Account of the Receipts into, and Payments out of, the Road Fund in the year ended the 31st day of March 1940, 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 the 31st day of March 1940, 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.

Copy of an Order made under the Emergency Powers (Defence) Act, 1939, dated 17th January 1941, entitled the Cold Storage (Control of Undertakings) (Charges) Order, 1941.

Abstract Account of the Receipts into, and Issues out of, the Development Fund in the year ended the 31st day of March 1940, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Copy of a Treasury Minute dated 10th December 1940, relative to the Fiduciary Note Issue.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table, and that the said Accounts and the Paper relative to the Bank of England be printed.

Sir John Anderson presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Orders in Council made under the Chartered and Other Bodies (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1939, dated 15th January 1941, entitled—

(1) the Great Yarmouth Port and Haven Commissioners’ Orders (Occasional Vacancies) Order, 1941 ; and

(2) the Southampton Harbour Board (Extension of Term of Office) Order, 1941.

Copies of Two Orders in Council, dated 19th December 1940, approving Admiralty Memorials under the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865.

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

Mr. Secretary Morrison 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 from 1st December 1940 to 31st December 1940.

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

Mr. Malcolm MacDonald presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of the First Annual Report of the National Camps Corporation, Limited, being a Report for the year ended the 31st day of March 1940.

Copy of a Scheme made under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937, by the West Bromwich County Borough Council, and approved by the Minister of Health.

Copy of a Scheme made under the Town and Country Planning Act, 1932, entitled the Hunslet (Templenewsm) Town Planning Scheme Varying Scheme (No. 3).

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 Sums received into and paid out of the Herring Fund Advances Account in the year ended the 31st day of March 1940, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon and an audited Statement with respect to the application of Moneys advanced to the Herring Industry Board.

Account of the Transactions of the Accountant-General of the Supreme Court under the County Court Funds Rules for 1939, and Account of the National Debt Commissioners for the same year in respect of Funds held by them on behalf of the County Court Funds Investment Account, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Accounts of the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board for the year ended the 1st day of July 1940.

Ordered, That the Papers relative to the Herring Fund Advances Account and to County Courts 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. Chancellor of the Exchequer, supported by Mr. Bevin, Mr. Secretary Brown, Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, and Captain Crookshank, presented a Bill to abolish the requirement that, in determining the need and assessing the needs of applicants for unemployment assistance or supplementary pensions the resources of all members of their households must be taken into account, to make further provision for the determination of need and the assessment of needs in the case of such applicants and in connection with financial assistance to blind persons, and to provide for the winding up of the Unemployment Assistance Fund: 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 Adjournment, day, do adjourn till Tuesday next.—(Mr. James Stuart.)
December].

Ways and goods, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of—

(a) payments in respect of war damage to immovable property occurring during the period between the third day of September, nineteen hundred and thirty-nine, and the thirty-first day of August, nineteen hundred and forty-one;

(b) any expenses incurred by the Board of Trade under the said Act in operating schemes for insuring against war damage to goods, or in making, in accordance with general directions given by the Treasury, payments in respect of war damage to goods otherwise than under the schemes;

(c) any expenses incurred by the Commissioners of Inland Revenue under the said Act;

(d) any expenses incurred by the Board of Trade under the said Act in paying remuneration to, or expenses incurred by, persons employed to act as agents of the Board for the purposes of any such scheme;

(e) any such increase in the sums authorised to be paid out of such moneys or out of the Consolidated Fund by the War Risks Insurance Act, 1939, as is attributable to any amendment (whether retrospective or not) of that Act by the said Act of the present Session or by any Defence Regulation extending the scope of compulsory insurance under the War Risks Insurance Act, 1939;

(f) any expenses incurred by the Treasury in paying remuneration or allowances to the members, officers or servants of any War Damage Commission constituted by the said Act of the present Session.

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

Sir Walter Womersley reported from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 18th day of December last a Resolution, which was read as followeth:

War Damage.

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make provision with respect to war damage to immovable property and to goods:—

(1) It is expedient—

(a) to authorise the payment into the Exchequer of all sums received by the Commissioners of Inland Revenue under the said Act in respect of contributions made thereunder towards the expense of making payments in respect of war damage to immovable property, of all sums received by the Board of Trade thereunder in respect of the operation of schemes for insuring against war damage to goods, and of the proceeds of disposal under any power conferred by the said Act of materials of a building or of other land;

(b) to authorise any such increase in the sums payable into the Exchequer and issuable out of the Consolidated Fund under subsection (3) of section sixteen of the War Risks Insurance Act, 1939, and any such increase in the money that may be raised and the securities that may be created under section seventeen of that Act, as may be attributable to any amendment of that Act (whether retrospective or not) by the said Act of the present Session; and

(c) to authorise the extension by Defence Regulation of the scope of compulsory insurance under the said Act or under the War Risks Insurance Act, 1939;

(2) Payments made in or towards discharge of liability in respect of any such contributions, expenditure on making good war damage in so far as a payment is made under the said Act or under any such scheme in respect thereof, and premiums payable under any such scheme, shall not be deducted in computing profits or gains for the purposes of any tax and shall not be included for the purposes of the Income Tax Acts in computing expenses of management or supervision, or the cost of maintenance, repairs or insurance.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved War Damage itself into a Committee on the War Damage Bill.

(Ways and Means [18th December].)

Clause No. 1 (Constitution and functions of War Damage Commission.

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 17, to leave out subsection (2).—(Major Milner.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word “ this,” in l. 18, stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (Payments to be made in respect of war damage.

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, to leave out ll. 5 and 6.—(Sir Robert Gower.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word “ payment,” in l. 5, stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 7, to leave out subsection (2).—(Mr. Woodburn.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 12, at the end, to insert the words,—

"Provided that a block of tenement dwellings owned by a local authority for the purposes of the Housing Act, 1939, shall be deemed to constitute a unit for the purposes of this subsection."—(Mr. Silkin.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 12, at the end, to insert the words,—

"( ) An appeal shall lie from any determination of the Commission as to the land
which is to constitute a unit for the said purposes, at the instance of any person who is an owner or mortgagee of any proprietary interest in such land or any part thereof, to one of the panel of referees appointed under Part I of the Finance (1909-10) Act, 1910, and the provisions of the Second Schedule to this Act shall have effect in relation to any such appeal."—(Sir Harold Webe.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 13, to leave out subsection (3).—(Mr. Woodburn.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out to the end of l. 28 stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 28, at the end, to insert the words,—

"And provided that there shall be included in a hereditament that comprises agricultural land all buildings ordinarily occupied or used with, or in connection with such land."—(Mr. Spens.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 3 (Claims for payments.)

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 36, after the word "period," to insert the words "not being less than three months after the date when the person making such claim shall have received notice of the fact that war damage to such hereditament or land has occurred."—(Mr. Spens.)

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

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 5, after the word "Treasury," to insert the words "or in such other form and at such time as may be considered satisfactory by the Commission."—(Mr. Woodburn.)

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

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 8, at the end, to add the words,—

"(4) Regulations made under this section shall provide for a claim for a payment under this Part of this Act being made within such period as shall be fixed or specified for that purpose by the owner of any proprietary interest in, or by any mortgagee of, a hereditament on failure of the direct contributor to make a claim in respect of such hereditament within the period fixed or allowed under the preceding provisions of this section."—(Mr. Silkin.)

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

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 4 (Payments to be either of cost of works or by reference to value.)

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Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 13, at the end, to insert the words,—

"Provided that the Commission may in their discretion make a payment of cost of works in respect of part of a hereditament and a value payment in respect of the remainder of the same hereditament and may for that purpose treat such respective parts as separate hereditaments."—(Mr. Spens.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, to leave out il. 21 to 26.—(Mr. Spens.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 26, at the end, to insert the words "and if a lessee reinstates a building with such omission he and any superior lessee shall be deemed to have performed any covenant to rebuild, repair or reinstate the premises contained in any lease affecting the hereditament."—(Mr. Silkin.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.

And it being Four of the clock, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

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

Resolved, That the Orders made by the Sunday Secretary of State under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, extending Section 1 of that Act to the undermentioned areas, viz. :

(1) the City of Bath,
(2) the Borough of Stourbridge,
(3) the Borough of Abergavenny,
(4) the Urban District of Oadby,
(5) the Urban District of New Hunstanton,
(6) the Borough of Louth,
(7) the Urban District of Wellington, Salop,
(8) the Urban District of Horncastle,

copies of the first five of which were presented to this House on the 17th day of December last, and copies of the remainder on the 11th day of December last, be approved.—(Mr. Peake.)

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till two minutes after Four of the clock, adjourned till Tuesday next, pursuant to the Resolution of the House this day.
Tuesday, 28th January, 1941.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

[No. 17.]

MR. ROBERT HUDSON presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order made by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries relating to a Scheme submitted by the River Great Ouse Catchment Board under Section 4 (i) (b) of the Land Drainage Act, 1930: 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.

Parliamentary Papers (Adjournment.)

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

 Copies of Letters exchanged between the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and General de Gaulle concerning Commercial and Economic Relations between the United Kingdom and the Camerons under French Mandate. London, 21st January 1941.

Copy of Agreements between the Government of the United Kingdom and the Belgian Government relating to the Belgian Congo in respect of Finance and the Purchase of Commodities. London, 21st January 1941.

Civil Estimates (Supplementary Estimates, 1940.)

No. 34.

Vote of Credit (Supplementary), 1940. (Expenditure arising out of the War.)

No. 35.

Vote of Credit, 1941. (Expenditure arising out of the War.)

No. 36.

[No. 18.]

LORD WILLIAMSON presented a Bill to make provision for the payment of Land Drainage Grants 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.

Captain CROokshank also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Appropriation Account of the Sums granted by Parliament for Army Services for the year ended 31st March 1940, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon, and upon other Army Accounts.

Appropriation Account of the Sums granted by Parliament for Air Services for the year ended 31st March 1940, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon, and upon other Air Services Accounts.

Appropriation Account of the Sums granted by Parliament for the Ministry of Supply for the year ended 31st March 1940, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon, and upon other Ministry of Supply Accounts.

Ordered, That the said Estimates be referred to the Committee of Supply and be printed; that the said Accounts do lie upon the Table; and that the Army Appropriation Account, the Air Services Appropriation Account and the Ministry of Supply Appropriation Account be printed.

Mr. Secretary Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Emergency Orders in Council, made under the Emergency Powers (Defence) Acts, 1939 and 1940; dated 15th January 1941, as follows:—

(1) adding Regulations 26A and 27A to the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939, substituting a new Regulation for Regulation 27A thereof and amending the Third Schedule thereto; and

(2) adding Regulations 32AA and 68AB to, and amending Regulations 50, 63, 73 and 79 of, the Defence (General) Regulations, 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 Statistical Abstract for British India from 1928-29 to 1937-38.

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

Mr. Ransbotham presented, pursuant to the Education directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Act, 1921, Provisional Regulations, made under the Education Act, 1921, dated 11th January 1941, entitled the Higher Education Grant Provisional Amending Regulations, 1941.

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 Orders made under the Poor Law Act, 1930,—

(1) dated 21st November 1940, entitled the Smethwick (Adjudicating Officers) Order, 1940; and
(2) dated 27th November 1940, entitled the Lincoln (Adjudicating Officers) Order, 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:—

Public Records (Department of Overseas Trade.) Schedule containing a List and Particulars of certain Classes of Documents formerly belonging to the Commission Internationale de Ravitaillement and now existing in the Department of Overseas Trade which are not considered of sufficient public value to justify their preservation in the Public Record Office.

Bank of England. 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 Service by the Governor and Company of the said Bank, in the year ending 5th January 1941, 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 1941 aforesaid; and 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 thereunder mentioned 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 proceedings on Government Business and the Motion relating to the suppression of the Daily Worker and the Week 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 expresses its detestation of the propaganda of the Daily Worker in relation to the war, as it is convinced that the future of democratic institutions and the expanding welfare of the people everywhere depend on the successful prosecution of the war till Fascism is finally defeated; but is of the opinion that the confidence of considerable numbers of people can be undermined if it can be shown to them that any newspaper can be suppressed in a manner which leaves that newspaper no chance of stating its case; and therefore regrets that the Home Secretary has not proceeded against the Daily Worker and the Week under the powers given to him for this purpose, but has taken action under Regulations which were justified to the House by the Government on the sole ground that they might be needed in circumstances of direct peril arising out of physical invasion.—(Mr. Aneurin Bevan)

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question in I. 7, by leaving out from the word “defeated,” to the end of the Question, and adding the words “and while anxious that the principle of freedom for the expression of minority opinions shall be maintained so far as possible and that the minimum use shall be made even in time of war of powers of repression, recognises that special and effective measures must be taken against the habitual and persistent publication of matter which is calculated to impede the national war effort and thus to assist the enemy, and approves the action of the Home Secretary in relation to the Daily Worker and the Week.”—(Mr. Lee-Smith), instead thereof:

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

The House divided.

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

Tellers for the 'Mr. Bevan, Yeas, {Mr. Horrabin : 6.
Tellers for the 'Mr. Munro, Noes, {Mr. Boulton : 323.

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. Munro, Yeas, {Mr. Boulton : 297
Tellers for the 'Mr. Maxton, Noes, {Mr. Gallacher : 11.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the Main Question, so amended, being put:

Resolved, That this House expresses its detestation of the propaganda of the Daily Worker in relation to the war, as it is convinced that the future of democratic institutions and the expanding welfare of the people everywhere depend on the successful prosecution of the war till Fascism is finally defeated; and while anxious that the principle of freedom for the expression of minority opinions shall be maintained so far as possible...
and that the minimum use shall be made even in time of war of powers of repression, recognises that special and effective measures must be taken against the habitual and persistent publication of matter which is calculated to impede the national war effort and thus to assist the enemy, and approves the action of the Home Secretary in relation to the Daily Worker and the Week.

War Damage Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the War Damage Bill:

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

Supply.

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

Air Raid Precautions (Postponement of Financial Investigation) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Air Raid Precautions (Postponement of Financial Investigation) Bill:

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

Determination of Needs Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Determination of Needs Bill:

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

And it being after half-past Four of the clock, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, it being then eight minutes before Five of the clock, till to-morrow.

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[No. 18.]

Wednesday, 29th January, 1941.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.


(1) dated 20th January 1941, entitled the Animals (Landing from Eire, Northern Ireland and Isle of Man) Order of 1941 (Order No. 6,033);

(2) dated 21st January 1941, entitled the Animals (Landing from Eire, Northern Ireland and Isle of Man) (Amendment) Order of 1941 (Order No. 6,034); and

(3) dated 24th January 1941, entitled the Animals (Landing from Eire, Northern Ireland and Isle of Man) (Amendment) Order of 1941 (No. 2) (Order No. 6,036).

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

Captain Crookshank presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Treasury Minute dated 21st January 1941, granting a retired allowance to Mr. Adolphus Alfred Carruthers Marshall, Foreman, Reserve Supply Depot, Deptford, under Section 2 of the Superannuation Act, 1887.

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

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

Copy of all the Applications made by the Bank of First Lord of the Treasury or the Chancellor of the Exchequer to the Governor and Deputy Governor of the Bank of England for Advances to Government authorised by Parliament, from 6th January 1940 to 5th January 1941, with a Copy of the Minutes of the Court of Directors thereon and the Answers of the said Court thereto.

The House, according to Order, resolved War Damage itself into a Committee on the War Damage Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 4 (Payments to be either of cost of works or by reference to value).

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 26, at the end, to insert the words "and if a lessee reinstates a building with such omission he and any superior lessee shall be deemed to have performed any covenant to rebuild, repair or reinstate the premises contained in any lease affecting the hereditament."

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 26, at the end, to insert the words:—

"Provided further that in the event of it being agreed between the insured contributor and the Commission that the reinstatement of the hereditament in a form other than that in which it existed immediately before the occurrence of the damage would be more acceptable and involve a less payment than required under this paragraph, the amount of the payment shall be the lesser amount required to reinstate the hereditament in the new form."

—(Mr. Woodburn.)

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. Graham White):—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question again proposed:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 41, after the word "circumstances," to insert the words "including the cost of demolition and the removal of debris where borne wholly or
partly by any owner or part-owner of a hereditament."—(Mr. Doland.)

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

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed in p. 3, l. 44, after the word "works," to insert the words "or the preparation and the negotiation of a claim either for payment of cost of works, or a value payment."—(Mr. Doland.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 47, to leave out from the word "equal," to the end of the subsection, and insert the words "to the difference between the value which the hereditament would have after the execution of the works necessary to make good the damage thereto and the value which it would have as a site clear of any buildings or works and with the damage so far as it affects the site not made good."—(Mr. Douglas.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 47, to leave out 11. 17 to 20, and insert the words, "Provided that in any case in which such value as aforesaid cannot readily be ascertained in the manner hereinbefore prescribed, such value shall be ascertained in accordance with such principles as the Treasury may from time to time by regulations prescribe."—(Mr. Spens.)

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

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 42, at the end, to add the words,—

"(7) The Commission shall have power at their discretion—

(a) where the obligations imposed by statutory authority for the safeguarding of buildings have not been fulfilled, to pay to the claimant such lesser compensation as seems to them equitable, and to apportion as seems to them equitable the reduced compensation amongst those entitled to share therein ;

(b) to pay expenses reasonably incurred in limiting or lessening damage caused by a fire."—(Rear-Admiral Beamish.)

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

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 5 (Cases in which payments of cost of works and value payments respectively are to be made.)

Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 22, to leave out from the word "interest," to the word "that," in l. 24.—(Mr. Douglas.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out, to the end of l. 22, stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 22, after the word "persons," to insert the words "(including any local authority having power to control the development of, or means of access to and from, the hereditament)."—(Sir Joseph Lamb.)

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

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 40, at the end, to add the words,—

"(c) in any case in which a local authority is the owner of a proprietary interest in land which has sustained war damage, the Commission shall make in respect of the damage either a payment of cost of works or a value payment as the local authority in their absolute discretion may request."—(Sir Joseph Lamb.)

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

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 6 (Additional payments in respect of temporary works.)

Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 45, after the word "executed," to insert the words "for clearing the site and."—(Mr. Spens.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 7.

And it being Four of the clock, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

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

Resolved, That the Orders made by the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, for extending Section 1 of that Act to the under-mentioned areas, viz.:

(1) the City and County of the City of Exeter
(2) the County Borough of Ipswich
(3) the Borough of Aldeburgh
(4) the Borough of Henley-on-Thames
(5) the Borough of Kettering
(6) the Borough of Ossett
(7) the Borough of Tewkesbury
(8) the Urban District of Bude-Stratton ;

copies of which were presented to this House on the 21st day of this instant January, be approved.—(Mr. Peake.)

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till two minutes after Four of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
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 York West Riding (Doncaster Division), in the room of John Morgan, Esquire, deceased. —(Sir Charles Edwards.)

Copy of an Order, made under the Emergency Powers (Defence) Act, 1939, dated 25th January, 1941, entitled the Cold Storage (Control of Undertakings) (Charges) Amendment Order, 1941.

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

Mr. Secretary Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of various Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order made by the Governor of Northern Ireland in Council under Section 61 of the Supreme Court of Judicature Act (Ireland), 1877, as amended by Section 12 of the Supreme Court of Judicature (Ireland) (No. 2) Act, 1897, dated 19th April, 1940, substituting new Rules for the Rules of Order LVI and altering and annulling certain Rules of the Supreme Court (Northern Ireland), 1936.

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 the Anglo-Spanish, Anglo-Roumanian, Anglo-Italian, and Anglo-Turkish Clearing Offices showing the Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31st March 1940, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Accounts of the Coal Commission for the year ended 31st March 1940, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor-General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Accounts be printed.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 25, after the word " planning," to insert the words " the improvement of public amenities."—(Mr. Woodburn.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 25, after the word " services," to insert the words " the acquisition by a local or public authority of any land required by the authority for the purpose of any of its powers or duties."—(Mr. Douglas.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 29, to leave out from the word " importance," to the end of the subsection.—(Sir Harold Webbe.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 30, at the end, to insert the words,—

" Provided that before giving directions relating to the area of any local authority or any part of such area the Treasury shall inform such authority of the proposed directions and shall consider any representations which such authority may make in regard thereto."—(Major Milner.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 4, at the end, to insert the words,—

" Provided that the Commission shall, before imposing any general requirements affecting land in which any local authority has a proprietary interest, consult such associations representing local authorities as appear to them to be concerned; and also shall, before imposing any special requirements affecting particular land in which a local authority has a proprietary interest, consult that local authority."—(Sir Joseph Lamb.)

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

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 5, to leave out paragraph (b).—(Sir Harold Webbe.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out to the word " or," in l. 9, stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 17, at the end, to insert the words:—

" (d) where under this section the Commission shall decide that a value payment is appropriate to any hereditament in respect of which a claim for payment is made, the obligation to comply with the provisions (whether expressed or implied) of any lease or mortgage in respect of such hereditament shall, during the operation of this Act, be deemed to have been extinguished."—(Mr. Selley.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 23, to leave out the words, " or any share of such payment."—(Mr. Douglas.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 25, to leave out the words " observe conditions as to the application of," and insert the word " apply."—(Sir Harold Webbe.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 27, after the word " building," to insert the words " on a site approved by the person or all the persons (if more than one) having a proprietary interest or proprietary interests in such hereditament."—(Mr. Spens.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 29, at the end, to insert the words,—

" Provided that—

(i) if any such person as aforesaid is under any obligation, whether under the Landlord and Tenant (War Damage) Act, 1939, or under the terms of any lease, mortgage or other instrument or otherwise, to restore or replace the building comprised in such damaged hereditament or any part thereof, the Commission shall require such person (subject as herein-after provided) to enter into an undertaking with the Commission to apply the whole or a sufficient part of such payment in restoring or replacing such building or such part thereof as aforesaid; and

(ii) if such restoration or replacement is impracticable or, in the opinion of the Commission, undesirable for reasons arising out of the national interest then any such payment shall be made free from any condition and any such obligation as aforesaid shall be deemed for all purposes to be discharged, either absolutely or upon such terms and conditions (if any) as the Commission shall decide."—(Mr. Spens.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 30, to leave out the word " such," and insert the words " of such a character."—(Sir Ernest Shepperson.)

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

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 48, at the end, to insert the words,—

" (5) Any notice published or requirement imposed by the Commission by virtue of this section shall be deemed to be a local land charge within the meaning of Part VI of the Land Charges Act, 1925."—(Sir Joseph Lamb.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 8, l. 7, at the end, to add the words,—

"(6) Before exercising the foregoing powers in this section for the purpose of giving effect to any such directions the Commission shall consult with any local or public authority as appear to them to be concerned, and in such event that authority shall furnish the Commission with such information as they may require.

(7) Any local or public authority may make representations to the Commission with respect to the exercise by the Commission of the foregoing powers in this section for the purpose of giving effect to any such directions in any case in which it appears to that authority that the exercise of any powers, or the performance of any duties, of the authority are, or may be, prejudiced or otherwise affected, and the Commission shall give consideration to such representations."—(Mr. Silkin.)

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

Clause No. 9 (Time when payments may be made.)

Amendment proposed, in p. 8, l. 13, to leave out the words "or after."—(Sir Harold Welbe.)

Question proposed, That the words "or after," stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 8, l. 19, to leave out subsection (2).—(Mr. Spens.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out to the word "good," in l. 21, stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 8, l. 31, to leave out the word "two," and insert the word "four."—(Sir Herbert Williams.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 9, l. 8, to leave out the words "five hundred," and insert the words "one thousand."—(Mr. Woodburn.)

Question proposed, That the words "five hundred" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Ordered, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Grimston.)

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.

Resolved, That the Orders made by the Secretary of State under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, extending Section 1 of that Act to the under-mentioned areas viz:—

1. the Urban District of Exmouth,
2. the Urban District of Hinckley,
3. the Urban District of Ilfracombe,
4. the Urban District of Matlock,
5. the Urban District of Melton Mowbray,
6. the Urban District of Ross-on-Wye,
7. the Urban District of Tring:
copies of which were presented to this House on the 21st day of this instant January, be approved.—(Mr. Grimston.)

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour before Five of the clock, adjourned till Tuesday next, pursuant to the Resolution of the House this day.

[No. 20.]

Tuesday, 4th February, 1941.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

The Clerk at the Table informed the House of Mr. Speaker's unavoidable absence through indisposition of Mr. Speaker from this day's sitting:—Whereupon Sir Dennis Herbert, the Chairman prayed for Ways and Means, proceeded to the Table and, after Prayers, took the Chair as Deputy Speaker pursuant to the Standing Order.

A Bill to modify the provisions of the Cannock Urban District Council Act 1919 with regard to the period within which the consent of a Local Authority to the continuance of the running of omnibuses under that Act within their district should be obtained; to provide that a consent given in accordance with the provisions of this Act shall be deemed to have been given in accordance with and for the purposes of the said Act; to make such further provisions as may be incidental to the matters aforesaid; and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to provide for a superannuation fund for certain of the salaried staff of the Great Western Railway Company in substitution for the Great Western Railway Superannuation Scheme established under the provisions of the Great Western Railway Superannuation Scheme Act 1908; and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.
A Bill to authorise persons holding offices or places of trust or profit under the Great Western Railway Company to become Directors of the said Company; and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to amalgamate the undertakings of the South East Kent Electric Power Company Limited and the West Kent Electric Company Limited with the undertaking of the Kent Electric Power Company; to confer further powers on the Kent Electric Power Company; and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to empower the London Midland and Scottish Railway Company to acquire lands; to amend the London Midland and Scottish Railway Superannuation Scheme; to authorise the Midland and Great Northern Railways Joint Committee to acquire lands; and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to provide for reorganisation of the affairs of the Railway Clearing System Superannuation Fund; for alteration of the benefits to which contributing members of the Fund are entitled and the contributions payable to the Fund by contributing members and bodies; for admission of women to the Fund; for sectional division of the Fund and for guarantees of solvency; for amendment of the Railway Clearing System Superannuation Fund Acts 1873 to 1914 and Rules made thereunder; and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to substitute new rules for certain of the existing rules of the Southern Railway Superannuation Fund established by the Southern Railway (Superannuation Fund) Act 1927; to amend that Act; and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

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 under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, extending Section 1 of the Act to—

(1) the County Borough of Wolverhampton;
(2) the Borough of Barnstable;
(3) the Borough of Thetford;
(4) the Urban District of Brixham;
(5) the Urban District of Marlow; and
(6) the Urban District of Ware.

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

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills; that they had considered the Order contained in the Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Shipley) Bill; that they were of opinion that the said Order ought to be confirmed; and 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.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords National to request that their Lordships will be pleased to give leave to the Lord Beaverbrook to attend to be examined as a Witness before the Select Committee on National Expenditure.—(Sir John Wardlaw-Milne.)

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the said Message.

Notice being taken that Strangers were present:

Mr. Deputy Speaker pursuant to Standing Question put, Mr. Attlee.

Ordered, That paragraphs (a), (c), (d) and (e) Sittings of the House, &c., to be moved by the Lord Privy Seal, be held in Secret Session.—(Mr. Attlee.)

Ordered, That paragraphs (a), (c), (f) and (e) Sittings of the Order relative to Sittings of the House &c., made upon the 21st day of November last shall cease to have effect, and, during the present Session, Standing Orders Nos. 1, 6, 7, 8 and 14 shall have effect, until this House otherwise orders, as if, for any reference to a time mentioned in the first column of the following table there were substituted a reference to the time respectively mentioned in the second column of that table;

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and accordingly the Order relative to Sittings of the House (Air Raid Warnings) made upon the 21st day of November last shall have effect as if for any reference to 2 p.m. there were substituted a reference to 2.30 p.m.—(The Prime Minister.)

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, by His War Damage Majesty’s Command, acquainted the House that His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to War Damage [Money] (No. 2), 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. 60, resolved itself into Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make provision with respect to war damage to immovable property and to goods, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament—

(a) of such sums as may be required to be paid into the Road Fund for the purpose of the payment thereout of grants to local authorities in Great Britain in respect of contributions required by or under the said Act to be made by them towards the expense of making payments in respect of war damage to highways; and

(b) of any expenses incurred by the Public Works Loan Commissioners in discharging any liability imposed upon them by virtue of any provisions of the said Act relating to contributions.

—(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 House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the War Damage Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 10 (Persons to whom payments are to be made.)

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 11, l. 10, to leave out from the word " to," in l. 13, stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 11, l. 13, after the first word " a," to insert the words " payment or."—(Mr. Spens.)

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

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 11, l. 15, at the end, to add the words,—

"(8) In any case where the Commission are not prepared to make an immediate payment, the Commission may, in its discretion, lend sums up to fifty per cent. of the value destroyed, and charge interest at the rate of two-and-a-half per cent. per annum, provided the Commission is satisfied that there is urgent need for temporary relief of the difficulties of the contributor, arising from the damage concerned."—(Mr. Woodburn.)

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

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses No. 11 to No. 13 agreed to.

Clause No. 14 (Properties liable to contribution.)

Amendment proposed, in p. 12, l. 9, at the end, to insert the words " being land."—(Mr. Wakefield.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 12, to leave out ll. 10 to 19, and insert the words " the full amount of which is insured against fire risk."—(Sir Frank Sanderson.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 12, l. 19, at the end, to insert the words,—

" Provided that property subject before the third day of September 1939 to the operation of an Order declaring an unhealthy area to be a clearance area or which has been condemned by a local authority as unfit for human habitation, shall, if not demolished, be excepted from the operations of this section."—(Sir Robert Tasker.)

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

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

" Provided that in the case of either of such properties the contributory value shall be reduced by an amount equal to so much of any annuity in respect of the redemption of tithe rent-charge payable in respect of the property under section four of the Tithe Act, 1918, as consists of interest."—(Brigadier-General Clifton Brown.)

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

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 13, l. 8, at the end, to insert the words,—

(4) " A property which consists of a structure or work used exclusively as an advertising station for poster advertising shall not be deemed to be a contributory property for the purposes of this Part of this Act but shall be deemed to be goods to be included in a business scheme under Part II of this Act."—(Sir Herbert Williams.)

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

Another Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 15 (Contribution to be payable by instalments.)

Amendment proposed, in p. 13, l. 15, to leave out the word " five," and insert the word " ten."—(Sir Herbert Williams.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 13, l. 24, at the end, to insert the words,—

" In any case where it is shown to the satisfaction of the Commissioners of Inland
Revenue that the payment of the contribution by the five annual instalments would involve hardship, the Commissioners shall have power to spread the amount by instalments over a longer period not exceeding ten years."—(Sir Harold Webbe.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 13, l. 32, to leave out the word "or."—(Mr. Silkin.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 13, l. 32, at the end, to insert the words "or" (c) shootings or fishings."
—(Major Neven-Spence.)

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

An Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 16 (Alteration of contributions.)

Amendment proposed, in p. 13, l. 40, to leave out from the word "may" to the word "whether," and insert the words "each year."—(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.

Clauses No. 17 and No. 18 agreed to.

Clause No. 19 (Rights over against mortgagees in certain cases.)

Amendment proposed, in p. 15, l. 16, to leave out from the word "mortgage," to end of l. 25, and insert the words "he shall be entitled to be indemnified by the mortgagee against the same proportion of his nett liability as the amount of the mortgage bears to the value of that interest."—(Sir Irving Albery.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out to the word "value," in l. 20, stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 15, l. 20, to leave out the word "value," and insert the words "price of the acquisition."—(Mr. Benson.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 15, l. 25, at the end, to insert the words,—

"(c) If a valuation payment made to the mortgagee under subsection (4) of section ten is entirely retained by the mortgagee, no balance payment being left available for the direct or indirect contributor, he shall be entitled to be indemnified by the mortgagee against all contributions made by the said direct or indirect contributor."
—(Sir Irving Albery.)

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

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 16, l. 32, at the end, to insert the words,—

"Any difference arising between the persons concerned as to the value of any property for the purposes of this subsection shall be referred for determination by the Commission and the provisions of section seven of this Act shall have effect in relation to any such reference."—(Mr. Silkin.)

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

And it being Five of the clock, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

Ordered, That Sir Geoffrey Ellis be discharged National Expenditure and that Mr. Cary be added to the Committee.—(Mr. Paling.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment.

proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Paling); And it being half an hour after Five of the clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, till to-morrow.

[No. 21.]

Wednesday, 5th February, 1941.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

P R A Y E R S.

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

The Lords give leave to the Lord Beaverbrook National Expenditure to attend in order to his being examined as a Witness before the Select Committee appointed by this House on National Expenditure, if his Lordship think fit.
5th February.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to request that their Lordships will be pleased to give leave to the Lord Hyndley to attend to be examined as a Witness before the Sub-Committee on Transport Services appointed by the Select Committee on National Expenditure.

—(Sir Arnold Gridley.)

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the said Message.

Complaint being made by Mr. Spens, Member for the Ashford Division of the County of Kent, of a Letter dated 30th January 1941, written by Messrs. Joynson Hicks & Company, and published in The Times Newspaper of the 31st day of January last, reflecting on the proceedings of the Select Committee on the Conduct of a Member, and the conclusions embodied in their Report, which was agreed to by this House on the 28th day of January last:

A copy of the said Newspaper was delivered in and the Letter complained of read, as followeth:

To the Editor of The Times,

Sir,—

In your issue of January 22 you published the Report made by the Boothby Select Committee, and now that the debate in the House of Commons has terminated we are asked by Mr. Weininger, for whom we act as solicitors, to refer to one of their conclusions which personally and seriously affects our client’s character. The conclusion is that in which it is stated that our client promised to pay Mr. Boothby a considerable sum of money in return for services to be rendered by way of political speeches and pressure upon Ministers and Treasury officials. This, were it true, would be an odious as well as a serious charge. Mr. Weininger has, however, no means of dealing with it other than through us and, as we trust we may expect, through the publicity which The Times always affords in a proper case.

Mr. Weininger’s answer is that there is absolutely no foundation for any such conclusion. He gave evidence at length before the Committee and at no time, nor by any question addressed to him, was it suggested that such a bargain existed. We would recall that in the first instance our client, who had known Mr. Boothby for some years, approached him in a purely business capacity as a member of a well-known and reputable financial house in the City. Mr. Boothby was to try to negotiate with the Czech Government the release of the Weininger family assets blocked in Prague. With the entry of Germany into Czechoslovakia this became impossible, and the agreement between Mr. Weininger and Mr. Boothby came to an end. Thereafter the position of Mr. Boothby’s personal finances became exceedingly acute and there followed the promise by Mr. Weininger to assist him to the whole extent of his personal fortune. This promise arose out of the undoubtedly deep and true friendship between the two men and was unclouded by any base suggestion of services to be rendered.

These are the facts as we know them, and we trust that you will deem it only fair that they should be recorded through the medium of your newspaper.

Yours, &c.,

JOYNSON-HICKS & Co.

Lennox House,
Norfolk Street, W.C.2.

January 30.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Matter of the Complaint be referred to the Committee of Privileges.—(Mr. Spens);

And a Debate arising thereupon:

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.

—(Colonel Gretton.)

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Tuesday next.

Colonel Llewellyn reported from the Committee on War Damage, that the Select Committee on War Damage (Money) No. 2, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make provision with respect to war damage to immovable property and to goods, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament—

(a) of such sums as may be required to be paid into the Road Fund for the purpose of the payment thereout of grants to local authorities in Great Britain in respect of contributions required by or under the said Act to be made by them towards the expense of making payments in respect of war damage to highways; and

(b) of any expenses incurred by the Public Works Loan Commissioners in discharging any liability imposed upon them by virtue of any provisions of the said Act relating to contributions.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the War Damage Bill. (In the Committee.)

Clause No. 19 (Rights over against mortgagees in certain cases.)

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 16, l. 33, to leave out subsection (6).—(Sir Harold Weir.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 17, l. 3, to leave out subsection (6).—(Sir Harold Weir.)

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

Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clause No. 20 (Indemnities to be paid notwithstanding covenants to pay outgoings.) Amendment proposed, in p. 17, to leave out l. 14 to 17.—(Mr. Silkin.) Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses No. 21 and No. 22 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 23 agreed to.

Clause No. 24 (Power to pay contribution in advance.) Amendment proposed, in p. 18, l. 49, to leave out from the word "annum," to the end of the Clause, and add the words "such interest shall be subject to assessment to income tax."—(Mr. Benson.) Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses No. 25 and No. 26 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 27 agreed to.

Clause No. 28 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 29 (Property held for charitable purposes.) Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 22, l. 4, at the end, to insert the words,—
"(2) Nursery schools, wholly or mainly supported by charity and approved by local authorities, shall have their liability under this clause reduced to nil."—(Mr. Woodburn.) Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 22, l. 6, to leave out from the word "purposes," to the end of l. 12, and insert the words "in respect of which exemption from income tax would be granted under the Income Tax Acts, 1918 to 1940."—(Mr. Clement Davies.) Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 22, l. 12, after the word "education," to insert the word "learning."—(Mr. Pichtorn.) Question proposed, That the word "learning" be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 22, l. 12, at the end, to insert the words,—
"Provided that any hereditament owned or occupied by a local authority for any of the purposes specified in paragraphs (a), (b), (c) or (d) of this subsection shall be deemed not to be held for charitable purposes for the purposes of this section."—(Mr. Silkin.) Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Other Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 22, l. 43, at the end, to insert the words,—
"(6) For the purpose of giving effect to any directions given by the Treasury under section eight of this Act, the Commission shall have power, where war damage occurs to a hereditament which satisfies the conditions specified in subsection (1) of this section, and which is held for the advancement of education, science, or research, and where it is in the national interest on the ground of the purpose for which the property is occupied, or of the historic or artistic interest of the buildings damaged that the war damage should be made good, to make a payment of the reasonable cost of the work in a style and with materials appropriate to the surroundings of the buildings and to the purpose. This subsection shall have effect notwithstanding anything contained in subsection (5) of section twenty-nine."—(Mr. Pichtorn.) Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses No. 30 (Properties occupied by public utility undertakers.) Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 23, l. 18, to leave out the words "light railway, tramway, trolley vehicle."—(Sir Francis Fremantle.) Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 23, l. 31, at the end, to insert the words,—
"(4) If any part of a sewerage or sewage-disposal undertaking referred to in subsection (3) of this section is not a contributory property, such part shall nevertheless be deemed to be a contributory property for the purposes of this section."—(Mr. Silkin.) Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 31, agreed to.

Clause No. 32 (Requisitioned land.) Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 26, l. 9, at the end, to insert the words,—
"(5) For the purposes of the provisions of this section the direct contributor shall be at once notified by the user of a requisitioned hereditament to enable him to give effect to the provisions of section three of this Act."—(Mr. Liddall.) Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses No. 33 and No. 34, agreed to.
Clause No. 35 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 36 (Contribution to be treated as a capital liability.)

Amendment proposed, in p. 28, l. 5, at the end, to insert the words,—

"(2) Liabilities of contributors being a capital liability shall not be included as an expense in any ascertainment in coalmine accounts or in any other calculation by which the amounts or rates of wages are determined."—(Mr. Woodburn.)

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

Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses No. 37 to No. 40 agreed to.

Clause No. 41 (Interpretation of Part I.)

Amendment proposed, in p. 30, l. 7, at the end, to insert the words,—

"(b) in relation to land comprised in any such hereditament as aforesaid the valuation of which in a valuation list under the Rating and Valuation Acts, 1869 to 1940, or the Rating and Valuation (Metropolis) Acts, 1890 to 1940, is ascertained by reference to the accounts, receipts or profits of the undertaking carried on therein, the expression ‘land’ includes all mains, pipes, lines, apparatus, plant and machinery comprised in that hereditament.”

—(Sir Harold Webbe.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 30, l. 17, to leave out paragraph (c).—(Sir George Court-Hope.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out, to the first word “not,” in l. 18, stand part of the Clause.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 31, l. 9, at the end, to insert the words,—

"(c) ‘town and country planning’ includes planning, the construction or improvement of roads, the development of frontages, building restrictions, control of the use of land and the preservation of amenities.”

—(Sir Joseph Lamb.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Silkin.)

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.

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

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

[No. 22.]

Thursday, 6th February, 1941.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

P R A Y E R S.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Dumbarton County Writ, to take out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the County of Dumbarton, in the room of Thomas Cassells, Esquire who, since his election for the said County, hath accepted the Office of Sheriff Substitute of Inverness, Elgin and Nairn at Fort William.—(Sir Charles Edwards.)

The House, according to Order, proceeded Ministry Order (Shipley) Bill amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Tuesday next.
Mr. Ramsbotham presented, pursuant to the directions of an
Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations made under the Edu-
cation Act, 1921, dated 17th January 1941, entitled the
Adult Education Amending Regulations No. 2, 1941.

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

Mr. Secretary Morrison presented, pursuant
to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—
Copy of an Order in Council, made under the
Chartered and Other Bodies (Temporary Pro-
visions) Act, 1939, dated 29th January 1941,
entitled the Wimbledon and Putney Commons
Conservators (Temporary Provisions) Order,
1941.

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 by the County Council
of East Sussex, under the Local Government
Superannuation Act, 1937, dated 17th January
1941, entitled the Wimbledon and Putney Commons
Conservators (Temporary Provisions) Order,
1941.

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

Mr. Speaker, in answer to a Question, made
the following statement to the House:—

The question which the honourable Gentle-
man raises is one to which I have been giving
consideration. It is a question which does
not appear to have arisen in the course of
the last war, and it must therefore be decided
without the assistance of precedent. I have
causd inquiries to be made as to the procedure
which is adopted by the Service Departments
before the names of persons are gazetted in the
casualty lists as presumed to have been killed
on active Service, and I am satisfied that all
precautions are taken to ensure that such
entries are not made until there is no longer
any reason, unfortunately, to doubt that
presumption corresponds with fact. It seems
to me, therefore, that the House might accept
the proposition to come made to me, that one of
its Members is presumed to have been killed
on active Service as sufficient evidence of the
existence of a vacancy in the seat of that
Member through his death. But, in view of
the fact that some element of doubt, however
slight, must persist about such cases, and in
view, further, of the obvious difficulties that
might arise if such doubt proved in a particular
case to be justified, I feel it my duty to give
Members an opportunity of thinking over what
is really a new departure in our practice, before
I decide to put it into effect. I propose,
therefore, to wait for a week, during which any
Member who has any objection to raise or
suggestion to make with regard to this matter
may communicate with me. If, by the end of
that period, I have received no such objection
or suggestion, I will assume that Members
generally are in agreement with the procedure
which I have outlined, and I will make a further
statement to the House, proposing that this
procedure be put into operation as from that
date.
of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1942, the sum of £1,000,000,000 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, that the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon 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.

War Damage Bill.

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

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, 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 twenty-nine minutes after Five of the clock, adjourned till Tuesday next, pursuant to the Resolution of the House this day.

[No. 23.]

Tuesday, 11th February, 1941.

The House met at Eleven 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 Captain the Right Honourable David Evan Wallace, M.C., late Member for the Borough of Hornsey, and desire to express our sense of the loss we have sustained and our sympathy with the relatives.

Dorset County (Southern Division) Writ.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the County of Dorset (Southern Division), in the room of the Right Honourable Robert Arthur James Cecil, commonly called Viscount Cranborne, called up to the House of Peers. — (Mr. James Stuart.)

Cannock Urban District Council Bill.

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

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

Ordered, That the Great Western Railway (Variation of Directors Qualification) Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Ordered, That the Kent Electric Power Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 25th day of this instant February.

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

The Railway Clearing System Superannuation Fund Corporation Bill was read a second time, and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Southern Railway (Superannuation Fund) Bill was read a second time, and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Shipley) 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 the 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, — Abstract Accounts of the Commissioners of Crown Lands, for the year ended 31st March 1940, 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; and that the said Account do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Robert Hudson presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, — Copy of an Order, made under the Diseases of Animals Acts, 1894 to 1937, entitled the Animals (Landing from Eire, Northern Ireland, and Isle of Man (Amendment) Order of 1941 (No. 3) (Order No. 6,047).

Copy of Regulations, made under subsection (2) of Section 27 of the Agricultural Development Act, 1939, as amended by subsection (2) of Section 11 of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous War Provisions) Act, 1940, dated 30th December 1940, entitled the Ploughing Grants Regulations, 1940.

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

Mr. Alexander presented, pursuant to the Naval Prize Money.

Dorset County (Southern Division) Writ.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the County of Dorset (Southern Division), in the room of the Right Honourable Robert Arthur James Cecil, commonly called Viscount Cranborne, called up to the House of Peers. — (Mr. James Stuart.)

Cannock Urban District Council Bill.

Captain Lytton presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Drafts of Special Orders proposed to be made under the Gas Undertakings Acts, 1920 to 1934, on the application of—

(1) the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Bangor; and

(2) the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Wallingford.

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

Mr. Secretary Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order in Council, made under the Emergency Powers (Defence) Acts, 1939 and 1940, dated 29th January 1941, adding Regulations 23cc and 6ox to, and amending Regulation 62 of, and the Third Schedule to, the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939.

Copies of Orders made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, extending Section 1 of the Act to—

(1) the Borough of Beccles; and

(2) the Urban District of Hitchin; and

(3) the Urban District of Newton Abbot.

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

Colonel Moore-Brabazon presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1936, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity Supply Act, 1919, and the Public Works Facilities Act, 1930, in respect of the Urban District of Stanley in the County of Durham and certain small areas adjoining formerly part of the Urban District.

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

Mr. Malcolm MacDonald presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Summary of Returns made to the Minister of Health of the Income and Expenditure of Local Authorities in England and Wales for the year ended 31st March 1938.

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

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by a Copy of a Special Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, extending Section 1 of the Act to—

(1) the Borough of Beccles; and

(2) the Urban District of Hitchin; and

(3) the Urban District of Newton Abbot.

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

Mr. Malcolm MacDonald presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Summary of Returns made to the Minister of Health of the Income and Expenditure of Local Authorities in England and Wales for the year ended 31st March 1938.

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

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

The Lords 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 his Lordship think fit.

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

Mr. Secretary Brown, supported by the Lord Advocate, Mr. Solicitor-General for Scotland and Mr. Westwood, presented a Bill to make further provision for the drainage of agricultural land in Scotland: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

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The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate upon the Question proposed upon the 5th day of this instant February, That the Matter of the Complaint made to the House of a Letter, dated 30th January 1941, written by Messrs. Joynson-Hicks and Company, and published in The Times Newspaper of the 31st day of January last, as reflecting on the proceedings of the Select Committee on the Conduct of a Member, and the conclusions embodied in their Report which was agreed to by this House on the 29th day of January last, be referred to the Committee of Privileges:

And the Question being again proposed:—

Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received the following Letters which he read to the House:

Lennox House,
Norfolk Street, W.C.2.
10th February, 1941.

To the Right Honourable The Speaker,
House of Commons, S.W.1.

Sir,

Our attention has been called to the proceedings in Parliament arising out of our letter published under the heading of "Mr. Weininger" in The Times issue of 31st January 1941.

As signatories to the letter we seek leave on behalf of our client and ourselves to offer to the honourable Members of the House of Commons a sincere and humble apology for the matter in respect of which you have ruled that a prima facie case exists which may constitute a breach of privilege.

May we add that it would appear from the reports in the press of the proceedings in the House that a phrase which we used in our letter would seem to have been construed differently from our intention. In using the words "These are the facts as we know them" we intended to convey that we had set out facts which, having been communicated to us by our client in the form of instructions, were within our personal knowledge. It never occurred to us that this expression could be construed as a challenge to the existence of those facts which were found by the Select Committee and we appreciate and greatly regret that this phrase was open to such an interpretation.

We have the honour to be,
Your respectful and obedient servants,
JOYNSON-HICKS & Co.

The Times,
Printing House Square,
6th February, 1941.

Sir,

I have read the report of the discussion in the House of Commons on Wednesday last, relating to the publication in The Times of January 31 of a letter from Messrs. Joynson-Hicks & Co. As Editor of The Times I naturally take full responsibility for the publication of the letter.

I see that you, Sir, have come to the conclusion that Mr. Spens made a prima facie case that the letter, in the form in which it
Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the Consolidated said Resolutions; and that the Chairman of Fund (No. 1). Ways and Means, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer and Captain Crookshank do prepare and bring it in.

Captain Crookshank accordingly presented a Consolidated 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 forty-one and one thousand nine hundred and forty-two: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved War Damage itself into a Committee on the War Damage Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 43 (Goods insurable under the scheme.)
Amendment proposed, in p. 33, l. 7, after the word "business," to insert the words,—

"Provided that any livestock being agisted by the owner thereof to another person shall be insured by the owner thereof and not by the person to whom it is agisted."—(Sir Joseph Lamb.)

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

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 33, l. 11, at the end, to insert the words,—

"Provided that if the Board of Trade are satisfied that goods held by any person for the purpose of any business are not owing to special circumstances being used beneficially by him in the course of that business they may if so requested exempt such goods from the provisions of this subsection subject to such conditions as may by order be laid down."—(Colonel Arthur Evans.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 33, l. 11, at the end, to insert the words "or"

(d) which are held by him in the course of his business as bailee.”—(Mr. Woods.)

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

Other Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 33, l. 32, at the end, to insert the words "or a vessel laid up in inland waters."—(Sir Irving Albery.)

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

Other Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 44 (Time for payment of losses under the schemes.)
Amendment proposed, in p. 33, l. 43, after the word "may," to insert the words "by regulation."—(Sir Joseph Lamb.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted,—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
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Another Amendment proposed, in p. 34, l. 33, to leave out from the word " damage," to the end of the Clause, and add the words " and interest at the said rate shall be payable periodically upon the twenty-fourth day of June and the twenty-fifth day of December in every year until the date when the payment is discharged upon such sum as the Board of Trade shall determine to be a reasonable estimate of the probable amount of that payment, any necessary adjustment being made upon the final determination and discharge of that payment."—(Brigadier-General Clifton Brown.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 45 (Insurance under business scheme to be compulsory.)

Amendment proposed, in p. 34, l. 47, to leave out paragraph (a).—(Mr. Walter Green.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word " such," in p. 35, l. 5, stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the "Mr. Munro:"

Mr. Holdsworth: 113.

Tellers for the "Mr. Woods:"

Mr. Walter Green: 35.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 35, l. 5, to leave out the words " such sum as may be prescribed," and insert the words " the sum of one thousand pounds."—(Sir Irvine Allen.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 35, l. 12, at the end, to insert the words:

" (d) a local authority shall be entitled if they think fit to be insured under the business scheme in respect of all or any of their goods but nothing in this Act shall operate so as to require a local authority to be so insured."—(Major Milner.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 35, l. 12, at the end, to insert the words:

" (d) notwithstanding anything in the Act contained, any bodies of persons (whether incorporated or not) who occupy premises for, or in connection with, the advancement of religion, education, science or research, shall not be compelled to insure under the business scheme the goods on such premises, but may at their discretion insure any or all of such goods (including such goods owned by persons living or employed in, or resorting to, the premises) either under the business scheme or under the private chattels scheme without limit of the sum insured.

Provided that for the purpose of this section goods which are kept normally on the premises, but have been temporarily removed elsewhere, shall be deemed to be goods on such premises."—(Mr. Pickthorn.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 35, l. 12, at the end, to insert the words:

" (d) a person (not being a railway company) who is the owner of a railway wagon or of a vehicle for the carriage of goods by road and by whom such wagon or vehicle has been let on hire or hire purchase shall be entitled but shall not be compelled to be insured in respect thereof under the business scheme."—(Mr. Rostron Duckworth.)

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

Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 46 (Power of Board of Trade to obtain information.)

Amendment proposed, in p. 36, l. 32, after the word " Kingdom," to insert the words " to which this Part of this Act applies."—(Mr. Silkin.)

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

An Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 47 (Limitation of indemnity provided under private chattels scheme.)

Amendment proposed, in p. 37, l. 34, to leave out from the beginning, to the end of l. 13, p. 38, and insert the words:

" (a) Subject to the provisions of this section where, after such date as may be prescribed, any person resides in the United Kingdom then, if at any time, in respect of private chattels which are insurable in relation to him under the private chattels scheme, there is not in force a policy of insurance issued in accordance with that scheme in respect of his chattels for a sum not less than the value thereof for the time being, as hereafter prescribed, he shall be guilty of an offence under this section;

(b) Any person guilty of an offence under this section shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding one hundred pounds and to a further fine not exceeding fifty pounds for every day on which the contravention continues."—(Mr. Rostron Duckworth.)

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

Sir Herbert Williams moved, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again, but the Chairman being of opinion that the Motion was an abuse of the rules of the House declined to propose the Question Rules.)

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

Resolved, That the Orders made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, extending section one of that Act to the undermentioned areas, viz. —
(1) the County Borough of Wolverhampton;
(2) the Borough of Barnstaple;
(3) the Borough of Thetford;
(4) the Urban District of Brixham;
(5) the Urban District of Marlow; and
(6) the Urban District of Ware;
copies of which were presented to this House on the 4th day of this instant February, be approved. —(Mr. Peake.)

Adjournment.
A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn. —(Mr. Grimston);
And it being half an hour after Five of the clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, till to-morrow.

[No. 24.]

Wednesday, 12th February, 1941.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Hants County (Petersfield Division) Writ.

ORDERED, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the County of Hants (Petersfield Division), in the room of Colonel the Right Honourable Sir Reginald Hugh Dorman-Smith who, since his election for the said County, hath accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of His Majesty’s Manor of Northstead in the County of York. —(Mr. James Stuart.)

Coal Act, 1938.

Mr. Grenfell presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Draft of Rules proposed to be made under the Coal Act, 1938, entitled the Coal (Valuation Procedure) Rules, 1941.

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

Captain Crookshank presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Estimates for Civil and Revenue Departments for the year ending 31st March 1942, with a Memorandum.

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

Mr. Secretary Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Report of the Under Secretary of State for the Home Department and the Inebriates, to the directions of an Act of Parliament, —Copy of a Scheme, made by the East Sussex County Council, under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937, and approved by the Minister of Health.

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 respecting Applications to, and the Proceedings of, the Minister under Part III of the Sea Fisheries Act, 1868, as amended by the 1940.)

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

Evelyn Walsden, Esquire, Member for the New Member County of York West Riding (Doncaster sworn. Division), was sworn.

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the practice of the House, the Consolidated Fund (No. 1) Bill be considered in Committee immediately after the Bill has been read a second time. —(Mr. Attlee.)

The Consolidated Fund (No. 1) Bill was, Consolidated 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.—(Mr. Thomas.)
Mr. Speaker's Certificate.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 and No. 2 agreed to.

Clause No. 3 (Power for the Treasury to borrow.) Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 7, to leave out the words "five pounds," and insert the words "two pounds ten shillings."—(Mr. Tinker.)

Question proposed, That the words "five pounds" stand part of the Clause.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 4 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 Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence (the time and passed.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time :—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Mr. Speaker's Certificate.

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

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 War Damage Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 47 (Limitation of indemnity provided under private chattels scheme.)

Amendment proposed, in p. 37, l. 34, to leave out from the beginning, to the end of l. 13, p. 38, and insert the words,—

"(a) Subject to the provisions of this section where, after such date as may be prescribed, any person resides in the United Kingdom then, if at any time, in respect of private chattels which are insurable in relation to him under the private chattels scheme, there is not in force a policy of insurance issued in accordance with that scheme in respect of his chattels for a sum not less than the value thereof for the time being, as hereafter prescribed, he shall be guilty of an offence under this section ;

(b) Any person guilty of an offence under this section shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding one hundred pounds and to a further fine not exceeding fifty pounds for every day on which the contravention continues;"

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.

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

The Bill was accordingly read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

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

Question put, and agreed to.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses No. 48 to No. 52 agreed to.

Clause No. 53 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 54 agreed to.

Clause No. 55 disagreed to.

Clause No. 56 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 57 agreed to.

Clause No. 58 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 59 (Definition of "war damage")

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 43, l. 26, at the end, to insert the words,—

"Provided further that the expression "war damage" shall be deemed to include damage to a hereditament consequential on the repair of the damage referred to in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of this subsection not having been executed if the Commissioners are satisfied that such repair could not reasonably have been executed."—(Mr. Woodburn.)

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

Other Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 60 agreed to.

Clause No. 61 (Certain expenses not to be a deduction for income tax, national defence contribution or excess profits tax.) Amendment proposed, in p. 44, l. 21, to leave out from the beginning to the first word "the," in l. 23, and insert the words,—

"It is hereby provided that the amount paid by a contributory property shall be deducted from the annual value in computing the liability under this Act of any person for any purpose of the Income Tax Acts, but not so as to include."—(Sir Frank Sanderson.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 62 agreed to.

Clauses No. 63 to No. 65 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 66 agreed to.

Clause No. 67 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 68 (Interpretation.) Amendment proposed, in p. 48, l. 29, to leave out from the word "that," to the end of l. 32, and insert the words,—

"'agricultural land' includes all lands occupied with such agricultural cottages, farm buildings, farm houses and mansion houses as are appropriate to the property of which they form part and that 'agricultural buildings' includes all such cottages, farm buildings, farm houses and mansion houses as are appropriate to the property of which they form part;"

—(Brigadier-General Clifton Brown.)

Mr. Speaker's Certificate.

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

The Bill was accordingly read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

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

Question put, and agreed to.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses No. 48 to No. 52 agreed to.

Clause No. 53 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 54 agreed to.

Clause No. 55 disagreed to.

Clause No. 56 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 57 agreed to.

Clause No. 58 amended, and agreed to.

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An Amendment made.

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"Provided further that the expression "war damage" shall be deemed to include damage to a hereditament consequential on the repair of the damage referred to in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of this subsection not having been executed if the Commissioners are satisfied that such repair could not reasonably have been executed."—(Mr. Woodburn.)

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

Other Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 60 agreed to.

Clause No. 61 (Certain expenses not to be a deduction for income tax, national defence contribution or excess profits tax.) Amendment proposed, in p. 44, l. 21, to leave out from the beginning to the first word "the," in l. 23, and insert the words,—

"It is hereby provided that the amount paid by a contributory property shall be deducted from the annual value in computing the liability under this Act of any person for any purpose of the Income Tax Acts, but not so as to include."—(Sir Frank Sanderson.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 62 agreed to.

Clauses No. 63 to No. 65 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 66 agreed to.

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"'agricultural land' includes all lands occupied with such agricultural cottages, farm buildings, farm houses and mansion houses as are appropriate to the property of which they form part and that 'agricultural buildings' includes all such cottages, farm buildings, farm houses and mansion houses as are appropriate to the property of which they form part;"

—(Brigadier-General Clifton Brown.)
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 50, l. 25, at the end, to add the words,—

"(i) for the purpose of determining the amount of a value payment to be made by the Commission in respect of any hereditament comprising dwelling-houses to which the Increase of Rent and Mortgage Interest (Restrictions) Act, 1920, applies or applied, no regard shall be paid to any increase of owners' rates paid by the owner of such hereditament over the amount of owners' rates paid for the year ending Whitsunday 1920."

—(Major Lloyd.)

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

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 70 disagreed to.

Clause No. 71 agreed to.

A Clause (Avoidance of duplication of payments in respect of war damage.)—(Mr. Attorney-General),—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Contributions and premiums to be treated as capital outgoings.)—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer),—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Highways.)—(Captain Crookshank),—brought up, and read the first and second time.

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in l. 35, to leave out the word "may," and insert the word "shall."—(Mr. Silkin.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in l. 38, after the word "exceeding," to insert the words "subject as hereinafter mentioned in this subsection."—(Sir Joseph Lamb.)

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

Other Amendments made.

Proposed Clause, as amended, added.

Another Clause (Land compulsorily acquired under existing enactments whilst in a damaged condition.)—(Mr. Attorney-General),—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Definition of “owner” in relation to proprietary interest.)—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer),—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Destination of payments in certain cases.)—(Captain Crookshank),—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Rights enforceable notwithstanding transmission of interest.)—(Mr. Attorney-General),—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Recovery of instalments of contribution from mortgagees in possession.)—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer),—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Whereupon a Message having been brought from the Lords, the Chairman left the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Message from 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 Consolidated Fund (No. 1) Bill, without any Amendment.

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 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:

Consolidated Fund (No. 1) Act, 1941.

Then the House again resolved itself into a Committee on the War Damage Committee on the War Damage Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Another Clause (Deduction of indemnities from rent and mortgage payments.)—(Captain Crookshank),—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Exclusion of certain goods from commodity insurance schemes.)—(Mr. Lytton),—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Expenses of Public Works Loan Commissioners as mortgagees.)—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer),—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Set-off of certain payments under Parts I and II against loans out of Vote of Credit.)—(Mr. Attorney-General),—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.
Another Clause (Application to Northern Ireland).—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer),—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Repeal in part of 2 & 3 Geo. 6, c. 32 (N.I.)).—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer),—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Amendment of 2 & 3 Geo. 6, c. 34 (N.I.)).—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer),—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Set-off of certain payments under Parts I and II against loans under s. 3 of 2 & 3 Geo. 6, c. 34 (N.I.)).—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer),—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Application of Part III to Isle of Man).—(Captain Crookshank),—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Insurance under Part II of War Risks Insurance Act, 1939, of certain goods).—(Captain Waterhouse),—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Liability of trustees, &c., in respect of instalments of contribution).—(Mr. Attorney General),—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Wages and conditions of persons employed consequent upon war damage).—(Mr. Woodburn),—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 (Restriction upon disclosure of information).—(Brigadier-General Clifton Brown),—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Question, That the Clause be added, put, and negatived.

Another Clause (Power of Ecclesiastical Commissioners and Queen Anne’s Bounty to apply money in defraying repairs).—(Sir George Courthope),—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Compensation in respect of looting of chattels).—(Mr. Woodburn),—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 (Non-provided schools).—(Sir Joseph Lamb),—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 (Grants in aid of contributions).—(Sir Joseph Lamb),—brought up, and read the first time.

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

First Schedule.

Amendment proposed, in p. 52, l. 8, at the end, to insert the words—

“2. A vice-chairman may be appointed to preside over that part of the Commission which shall deal with claims arising in Scotland and which shall normally work in Scotland.”

(Mr. Woodburn.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 52, l. 14, to leave out paragraph 3.—(Major Milner.)

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

Schedule agreed to.

Second Schedule.

Amendment proposed, in p. 53, l. 5, to leave out from the word “ shall” to the end of l. 16, and insert the words “ be subject to appeal to the High Court.”—(Sir Herbert Williams.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out to the word “ or,” in l. 13, stand part of the Schedule:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 53, l. 13, to leave out from the word “ or,” to the word “ of,” in l. 16.—(Mr. Woodburn.)

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

Schedule agreed to.

Third Schedule disagreed to.

Fourth to Sixth Schedules 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 Thursday, the 20th day of this instant February, and be printed.

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

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

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

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

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

And it being Five 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-nine minutes after Five of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
MR. Secretary Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order in Council made under the Emergency Powers (Defence) Acts, 1939 and 1940, dated 15th January 1941, amending Regulation 2 of, and adding Regulation 38 to, the Defence (Trading with the Enemy) Regulations, 1940.

Copies of Orders made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, extending Section 1 of the Act to—
(1) the Borough of Honiton; and
(2) the Urban District of Long Eaton.

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

Mr. Alexander presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Estimate of the further Sum required to be voted for the Navy for the year ending 31st March 1941.

Estimates for the Navy for the financial year 1941.

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

Captain Crookshank presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Accounts of all Sums received from and paid to Trustees during the year ended the 10th day of November 1940, with Statement showing the aggregate Amount of the Liabilities of the Government to Trustees of Savings Banks and of Friendly Societies on the 10th day of November 1940, 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.

Account of the Receipts and Payments of the Commissioners of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea (for Services other than those voted by Parliament), in the year ended 31st March 1940, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

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

Colonel Moore-Brabazon presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Estimates of the pooled Revenue Receipts and Expenses and resultant net Revenue of the Controlled Railway Undertakings for 1940.

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

Mr. Secretary Eden presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of a Convention between His Majesty in respect of the United Kingdom and His Majesty the King of the Hellenes respecting the relations of Learning and Culture between Great Britain and Greece. Athens, 30th December 1940 [The Convention has not been ratified by His Majesty].

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

The Order of the day being read for the Determination of Needs (Money) proposed to be moved, under the Motion relating to Determination of Needs (Money) proposed to be moved, under Standing Order No. 69, resolved itself into Committee.

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

Resolved, That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to abolish the requirement that in determining the need and assessing the needs of applicants for unemployment assistance or supplementary pensions the resources of all members of their households must be taken into account, to make further provision for the determination of need and the assessment of needs in the case of such applicants and in connection with financial assistance to blind persons and to provide for
the winding-up of the Unemployment Assistance Fund (hereinafter referred to as "the said Act") it is expedient to authorise—

I. the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any amounts by which the sums required for the payment of allowances under the Unemployment Assistance Act, 1934, and of supplementary pensions under the Old Age and Widows' Pensions Act, 1940 are increased—

(a) by reason of any provisions of the said Act altering the statutory requirements as to the determination of the need and the assessment of the needs of applicants who are members of households; and

(b) by reason of any provisions of the said Act requiring that in computing the resources of any person whose resources are taken into account in determining the need or assessing the needs of applicants for such allowances and supplementary pensions as aforesaid, any money and investments treated as capital assets of that person up to the amount of his war savings, but not exceeding three hundred and seventy-five pounds, shall be disregarded, together with the income therefrom in addition to any money and investments which would be otherwise disregarded;

and of such sums as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the Assistance Board, including the amount of the allowances issued under the Unemployment Assistance Act, 1934; and

II. the payment into the Exchequer of all sums received by the Assistance Board.

—(Mr. Bevin.)

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Tuesday next.

Resolved, That the draft of a Special Order proposed to be made by the Board of Trade under the Gas Undertakings Acts, 1920 to 1934, on the application of the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Keighley, which was presented to this House on the 28th day of November last, and published, be approved.—(Captain Waterhouse.)

Resolved, That the Draft of an Order proposed to be made under the Chartered and Other Bodies (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1939, entitled the Chartered and Other Bodies (Methodist Church) Order, 1949, a copy of which was presented to this House on the 11th day of December last, be approved.—(Mr. Peake.)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

—(Mr. Grimston.)

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

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Tuesday, 18th February, 1941.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE Great Western Railway (Variation of Directors Qualification) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Mr. Secretary Margesson presented, by His Majesty's Command, Estimates of the Great Western Railway (Variation of Directors Qualification) Bill.

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

Secretary Sir Archibald Sinclair presented, by His Majesty's Command, Estimates of the further Sum required to be voted for Air Services for the year ending 31st March 1941.

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

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

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 have taken into consideration the Provisional Orders for which they have presented to one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State on or before the 27th day of November 1940, and are of opinion that the Orders be allowed to proceed, subject to such recommendations as they may hereafter make with respect to the several Orders.

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

Captain Crookshank presented, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of the 4th day of March 1879,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 27th January 1941, authorising the temporary application of Surpluses on certain Army Votes for the year 1939 towards meeting Deficits on other Army Votes for the same year.

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

Mr. Secretary Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order made by the Council...
of the City of Birmingham under the Shops Acts 1912 to 1938, and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department.

Copy of an Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department under the Coroners (Amendment) Act, 1926, for the alteration of the division of the County of Brecon into Coroners' Districts.

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:

- National Health Insurance Funds.
- Public Records (Ministry of Works and Buildings).
- Union of Benefices Measures, 1923 to 1936.
- House of Commons Disqualification (Temporary Provisions) Bill (Bill 14).

The Prime Minister; supported by Mr. Attlee, Mr. Greenwood, Secretary Sir Archibald Sinclair and Mr. Attorney General presented a Bill to make temporary provision for enabling persons required in the public interest to be employed for purposes connected with the war in offices and places under the Crown to be so employed without being disqualified for membership of the House of Commons: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

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

(In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates, Supplementary Estimates, 1940.

Class II

Vote 5. Dominion Services.

1. £21,000 (Supplementary) for the salaries and expenses of the Department of His Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Vote 7. Colonial Office.

2. £601,500 (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.

Vote 8. Colonial and Middle Eastern Services.

3. £19,250 (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.

Vote 1. Foreign Office.

4. £291,000 (Supplementary) for expenditure in connection with the building of a Mosque and Islamic Cultural Centre in London.

Vote 2. Diplomatic and Consular Services.

5. £291,000 (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 other services.

Class VII.


7. £50 (Supplementary) for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Works and Buildings.

Vote 3. Labour and Health Buildings, Great Britain.

8. £162,755 (Supplementary) for expenditure in respect of labour and health buildings, Great Britain.


9. £18,720 (Supplementary) for expenditure in respect of miscellaneous legal buildings.

Vote 7. Public Buildings, Great Britain.

10. £914,710 (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.


11. £256,000 (Supplementary) for expenditure in respect of Customs and Excise, Inland Revenue, Post Office and telegraph buildings in Great Britain, certain post offices abroad, and for certain expenses in connection with boats and launches belonging to the Customs and Excise Department.

Class IV.


12. £200,000 (Supplementary) for a grant in aid of the British Broadcasting Corporation.
Class V.

13. £1,100,000 (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 (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.

Unclassified Services.

Vote 1. Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (War Services).
14. £10 (Supplementary) for the cost of the war services of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

Class VI.

Vote 8. Milk (England and Wales).
15. £50,000 (Supplementary) for payments in respect of milk used for manufacture in England and Wales, payments for improving the quality of the milk supply in England and Wales, and contributions towards certain expenses of the Milk Marketing Board in England and Wales.

Vote 20. Milk (Scotland).
16. £50,000 (Supplementary) for payments in respect of milk used for manufacture in Scotland, payments for improving the quality of the milk supply in Scotland and contributions towards certain expenses of Milk Marketing Boards in Scotland.

Unclassified Services.

Vote 5. Ministry of Health (War Services).
17. £10 (Supplementary) 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.

Class IX.

Vote 1. Exchequer Contributions to Local Revenues, England and Wales.
18. £106,000 (Supplementary) for the General Exchequer Contribution and certain other grants to local authorities in England and Wales.

Vote 2. Exchequer Contributions to Local Revenues, Scotland.
19. £1,273 (Supplementary) for the General Exchequer Contribution and certain other grants to local authorities in Scotland.

Class I.

Vote 2. House of Commons.
20. £2,200 (Supplementary) for the salaries and expenses of the House of Commons, including a grant in aid to the Kitchen Committee.

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Vote 5. Privy Council Office.
21. £2,775 (Supplementary) for the salaries and expenses of the Department of His Majesty's most Honourable Privy Council.

Class VII.

Vote 12. Rates on Government Property.
22. £171,070 (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.

Unclassified Services.

23. £10 (Supplementary) for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Home Security.

Class VI.

Vote 17. State Management Districts.
24. £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.

Unclassified Services.

Vote 9. Ministry of Shipping.
25. £10 (Supplementary) for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Shipping.

Vote 10. Ministry of Supply.
26. £10 (Supplementary) for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Supply, including the expenditures of the Royal Ordnance Factories.

Vote 12. Ministry of Aircraft Production.
27. £10 (Supplementary) for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Aircraft Production. Resolutions to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

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

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

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Determination of Needs (Money).

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.
Adjournment.

Resolved, That the Cold Storage (Control of Undertakings) (Charges) Order, 1941, dated 17th January 1941, 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 23rd day of January last, be approved.—(Mr. Holdsworth.)

Resolved, That the Cold Storage (Control of Undertakings) (Charges) Amendment Order, 1941, dated 28th January 1941, 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 30th day of January last, be approved.—(Mr. Holdsworth.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Diplomatic Privileges (Extension) 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 Air Raid Precautions (Postponement of Financial Investigation) 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 Diplomatic Privileges (Extension) Bill [Lords];

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Land Drainage (Scotland) Bill;

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

Resolved, That the Draft of the Rules proposed to be made by the Central Valuation Board, with the approval of the Board of Trade, under the Coal Act, 1938, entitled the Coal (Valuation Procedure) Rules, 1941, a copy of which was presented to this House on the 12th day of this instant February, be approved.—(Mr. Holdsworth.)

Resolved, That the Cold Storage (Control of Undertakings) (Charges) Amendment Order, 1941, dated 28th January 1941, 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 23rd day of January last, be approved.—(Mr. Holdsworth.)

Order, That the said Accounts do lie upon the Table.

Sir John Anderson presented, pursuant to Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865.

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

Mr. Secretary Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Two Orders in Council, dated 9th January 1941, approving Admiralty Memorials under the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865.

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

Mr. Ramsbotham presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Act, 1921.

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

Mr. Ramsbotham presented, pursuant to the Education directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Act, 1921.

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

Mr. Ramsbotham presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Account of the Sugar Industry (Research and Education) Fund showing the Revenue and Expenditure attributable to the year ended the 31st day of March 1940; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

The House, according to Order, resolved Supply (1st allotted Day.)

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

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

CAPTAIN Crookshank presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Accounts of the Agricultural Research Council.
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 1942, viz.:—

Civil Estimates.

Class VI.

Mines Department of the Board of Trade... £ 94,000

Class I.

- House of Lords Offices - - 25,000
- House of Commons - - 155,000
- Registration of Electors - - 20,000
- Treasury and Subordinate Departments - - 104,000
- Privy Council Office - - 5,550
- Privy Seal Office - - 2,500
- Charity Commission - - 3,000
- Civil Service Commission - - 13,250
- Exchequer and Audit Department - - 75,000
- Government Actuaries - - 11,300
- Government Chemist - - 31,800
- Import Duties Advisory Committee - - 19,000
- The Mint - - 10
- National Debt Office - - 50
- National Savings Committee - - 93,000
- Public Record Office - - 14,000
- Public Works Loan Commission - - 7,500
- Repayments to the Local Loans Fund - - 36,000
- Royal Commissions, &c. - - 10,000
- Miscellaneous Expenses - - 17,000
- Secret Service - - 10
- The Redevelopment Commission - - 10

Scotland —

Scottish Home Department - - 79,000

Class II.

- Foreign Office - - 270,000
- Diplomatic and Consular Services - - 900,000
- League of Nations - - 75,000
- Dominions Office - - 24,000
- Dominions Services - - 30,000
- Oversea Settlement - - 5,000
- Colonial Office - - 80,000
- Colonial and Middle Eastern Services - - 1,800,000
- Development and Welfare (Colonies, &c.) - - 220,000
- Development and Welfare (South African High Commission Territories, &c.) - - 8,000
- India and Burma Services - - 720,000
- Imperial War Graves Commission - - 50

Class III.

- Home Office - - 475,000
- Broadmoor Criminal Lunatic Asylum - - 15,500
- Police, England and Wales - - 6,600,000
- Prisons, England and Wales - - 650,000
- Approved Schools, &c., England and Wales - - 180,000
- Supreme Court of Judicature, &c. - - 10
- County Courts - - 20,000
- Land Registry - - 52,000
- Public Trustee - - 9,000
- Law Charges - - 60,000
- Miscellaneous Legal Expenses - - 35,000

Scotland —

Police - - 275,000
- Prisons - - 55,000
- Approved Schools, &c. - - 24,000
- Scottish Land Court - - 3,500
- Law Charges and Courts of Law - - 20,000
- Register House, Edinburgh - - 9,000

Ireland —

Northern Ireland Services - - 3,500
- Supreme Court of Judicature, &c., Northern Ireland - - 17,400
- Irish Land Purchase Services - - 624,500

Class IV.

- Board of Education - - 10,000,000
- British Museum - - 72,000
- British Museum (Natural History) - - 45,000
- Imperial War Museum - - 4,200
- London Museum - - 1,400
- National Gallery - - 11,000
- National Maritime Museum - - 3,500
- National Portrait Gallery - - 3,000
- Wallace Collection - - 4,300
- Scientific Investigation, &c. - - 120,000
- Universities and Colleges, Great Britain - - 1,000,000
- Broadcasting - - 2,000,000

Scotland —

Public Education - - 3,400,000
- National Galleries - - 4,500
- National Library - - 1,500

Class V.

- Ministry of Health - - 7,000,000
- Board of Control - - 82,000
- Registrar-General's Office - - 67,800
- National Insurance Audit Department - - 57,000
- Friendly Societies Registry - - 17,000
- Old Age Pensions - - 17,700,000
- Widows', Orphans', and Old Age Contributory Pensions - - 6,500,000
- Ministry of Labour and National Service - - 12,450,000
- Grants in respect of Employment Schemes - - 800,000
- Commissioner for Special Areas (England and Wales) - - 10
- Assistance Board - - 6,500,000
- Special Areas Fund - - 500,000
- Financial Assistance in Special and other Areas - - 70,000
- Supplementary Pensions - - 10,000,000

Scotland —

- Department of Health - - 1,550,000
- Board of Control - - 6,500
- Registrar-General's Office - - 12,200
- Commissioner for Special Areas (Scotland) - - 10

Class VI.

- Board of Trade - - 220,000
- Mercantile Marine Services - - 120,000
- Department of Overseas Trade - - 150,000
- Export Credits - - 125,000
- Office of Commissioners of Crown Lands - - 12,000
- Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries - - 1,600,000
- Land Fertility Improvement - - 600,000
- Surveys of Great Britain - - 200,000
- Forestry Commission - - 150,000
- Ministry of Transport - - 250,000
- Roads, &c. - - 3,000,000
- Development Fund - - 200,000
- Development Grants - - 172,990
- Department of Scientific and Industrial Research - - 210,000
- State Management Districts - - 10
- Clearing Offices - - 10

Scotland —

- Department of Agriculture - - 175,000
- Fisheries - - 13,200
- Herring Industry - - 30

Class VII.

- Art and Science Buildings, Great Britain - - 64,000
- Houses of Parliament Buildings - - 27,000
- Labour and Health Buildings, Great Britain - - 153,000
- Miscellaneous Legal Buildings, Great Britain - - 45,000
- Osborne - - 8,000
- Ministry of Works and Buildings - - 30,000
- Public Buildings, Great Britain - - 1,044,000
- Public Buildings Overseas - - 40,000
- Royal Palaces - - 37,000
- Revenue Buildings - - 499,000
- Royal Parks and Pleasure Gardens - - 75,000
- Rates on Government Property - - 2,300,000
- Stationery and Printing - - 1,350,000
- Peterhead Harbour - - 6,000
- Works and Buildings in Ireland - - 17,000
Adjournment.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

CAPTAIN Crookshank presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,— Account of the Receipts and Disbursements of the Duchy of Lancaster in the year ended the 21st day of December 1940:— And a separate Account of the Capital of the said Duchy to the same date.

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

Since I made my statement to the House on 6th February about the procedure to be adopted in connection with the issue of writs in the room of Members presumed to have been killed on active service I have, as I informed the House, received suggestions which have required and received careful consideration. I have had to delay my final statement in order to see to what extent it is possible to adapt my original proposals to these suggestions.

It has been suggested to me that it is desirable that the House should have a more direct responsibility for determining when a vacancy through presumption of death has arisen, and also that any scheme of procedure should be sufficiently comprehensive to include other cases of presumed death through enemy action as well as the case of Members presumed to have been killed on active service.

I think these are valuable suggestions and I have taken them into account in the procedure which I now suggest to the House.

For the purpose of determining the existence of vacancies through the presumption of death I propose to secure the assistance of a panel of advisers consisting of Members representative of the various sections of opinion in the House. When the presumed death of a Member through any form of enemy action has been notified to me I will, at my discretion, consult two members of this panel and, if satisfied, will then be allowed to elapse during which it would be open to any Member of the House to address a request to me for further information. After the expiration of a week it would be permissible to move a writ in the room of the Member presumed to be dead.

I have invited the following Members to serve on the proposed panel:— the Right honourable and gallant Gentleman, the Member for Rye; the Right honourable Gentleman,
Adjournment.  

Resolved, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn till Tuesday next.—(Mr. Attlee.)

Supplementary Report.

Captain Austin Hudson reported from the Committee of Supply of the 18th day of this instant February several Resolutions; which were read, as follows—

Civil Estimates, Supplementary Estimates, 1940.

Class II.

Vote 5. Dominion Services.

1. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £10, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1941, for sundry Dominion services, including certain grants in aid, and for expenditure in connection with Ex-Service Men in Eire, and for a grant in aid to Eire in respect of compensation to transferred officers.

Vote 7. Colonial Office.

2. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £21,000, 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 Department of His Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Vote 8. Colonial and Middle Eastern Services.

3. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £691,500, 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 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.

Vote 9c. Site for Moslem Mosque.

4. That a 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 1941, for the purchase of a site in connection with the building of a Mosque and Islamic Cultural Centre in London.

Vote 1. Foreign Office.

5. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £19,250, 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.

Vote 2. Diplomatic and Consular Services.

6. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £291,000, 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 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 other services.

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 1941, for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Works and Buildings.

Vote 3. Labour and Health Buildings, Great Britain.

8. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £562,755, 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 labour and health buildings, Great Britain.


9. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £18,720, 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 miscellaneous legal buildings.

Vote 7. Public Buildings, Great Britain.

10. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £194,710, 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 sundry public buildings in Great Britain, not provided for on other Votes, including historic buildings, ancient monuments, Brompton Cemetery and certain housing estates.


11. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £256,600, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1941, for expenditure in respect of Customs and Excise, Inland Revenue, Post Office and telegraph buildings in Great Britain, certain post offices abroad, and for certain expenses in connection with boats and launches belonging to the Customs and Excise Department.

Class IV.


12. 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 1941, for a grant in aid of the British Broadcasting Corporation.
13. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £1,100,000, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 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.


14. 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 1941, for the cost of the war services of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

Vote 8. Milk (Scotland).

15. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £50,000, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1941, for payments in respect of milk used for manufacture in England and Wales, payments for improving the quality of the milk supply in England and Wales, and contributions towards certain expenses of the Milk Marketing Board in England and Wales.

Vote 20. Milk (Scotland).

16. 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 1941, for payments in respect of milk used for manufacture in Scotland, payments for improving the quality of the milk supply in Scotland and contributions towards certain expenses of Milk Marketing Boards in Scotland.

Vote 5. Ministry of Health (War Services).

17. 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 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.

Vote 17. State Management Districts.

18. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £106,000, 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 General Exchequer Contribution and certain other grants to local authorities in England and Wales.

Vote 2. Exchequer Contributions to Local Revenues, Scotland.

19. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £3,273, 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 General Exchequer Contribution and certain other grants to local authorities in Scotland.

Vote 2. House of Commons.

20. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £2,200, 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 1941, for the salaries and expenses of the House of Commons, including a grant in aid to the Kitchen Committee.

Vote 5. Privy Council Office.

21. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £3,773, 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 most Honourable Privy Council.

Vote 12. Rates on Government Property.

22. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £171,070, 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 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.

Unclassified Services.


23. 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 1941, for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Home Security.

Vote 17. State Management Districts.
of March 1941, 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.

Unclassified Services.

Vote 9. Ministry of Shipping.

25. 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 1941, for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Shipping.

Vote 10. Ministry of Supply.

26. 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 1941, for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Supply, including the expenses of the Royal Ordnance Factories.

Vote 12. Ministry of Aircraft Production.

27. 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 1941, for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Aircraft Production.

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

The Land Drainage (Scotland) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. Thomas.)

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

Mr. Secretary Johnston, by His Majesty’s Command, acquainted the House that His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Land Drainage (Scotland) [Money], proposed to be moved, under Standing Order No. 69, in Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

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

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That, for the purpose of any Act of the present Session to make further provision for the drainage of agricultural land in Scotland, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of the expenses to be incurred by the Secretary of State under the said Act and in so far as those expenses are recovered in the manner provided by the said Act to provide for their payment into the Exchequer.—(Mr. Secretary Johnston.)

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Tuesday next.

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Tuesday, 25th February, 1941.

The House met at Eleven 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 Mr. J. H. Harbord, C.B.E., J.P., Member for the Borough of Great Yarmouth, and I desire on behalf of the House to express our sense of the loss we have sustained and our sympathy with the relatives of the honourable Member.

Copies of Orders made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department under the Sunday Entertainment Act, 1932, extending Section 1 of the Act to—

1. the Borough of Bebington;
2. the Borough of Chard;
3. the County Borough of Eastbourne;
4. the Urban District of Shipley; and
5. the Urban District of Witham.

Mr. Secretary Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Orders made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department under the Sunday Entertainment Act, 1932, extending Section 1 of the Act to—

(1) the Borough of Bebington;
(2) the Borough of Chard;
(3) the County Borough of Eastbourne;
(4) the Urban District of Shipley; and
(5) the Urban District of Witham.

Mr. Speaker made the following statement:—

I informed the House last Thursday that I had invited certain Right Honourable Gentlemen to serve on a panel for determining the existence of vacancies resulting from the presumed death of Members through enemy action. I am glad to be able to inform the House that these Gentlemen have signified their willingness to serve on this panel. I have also to inform the House that I have invited and received the acceptance of the Right Honourable Gentleman the Member for South Molton.
The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the War Damage Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

The House immediately resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Constitution and functions of War Damage Commission).

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 2 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 3 disagreed to.

Clauses No. 4 to No. 9 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 10 (Persons to whom payments are to be made).

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 10, l. 49, at the end, to insert the words,—

"(5) Notwithstanding any provision in this section the Commission is hereby empowered to ensure that in no case will the owner of the property receive no share of the value payment and it shall be within the discretion of the Commission to pay such proportion of the value payment to the owner as may seem to them fair and equitable having regard to all the circumstances."—(Mr. Robert Gibson.)

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

Another Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 11 amended, and agreed to.

Clauses No. 12 to No. 14 agreed to.

Clauses No. 15 to No. 18 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 19 agreed to.

Clause No. 20 amended, and agreed to.

Clauses No. 21 and No. 22 agreed to.

Clause No. 23 disagreed to.

Clauses No. 24 to No. 26 agreed to.

Clauses No. 27 and No. 28 amended, and agreed to.

Clauses No. 29 to No. 32 agreed to.

Clause No. 33 (Property held for Charitable purposes).

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 25, l. 4, to leave out the word "science."—(Mr. Robert Morgan.)

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

Other Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses No. 34 and No. 35 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 36 agreed to.

Clause No. 37 (Requisitioned land).

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 32, l. 12, at the end, to add the words,—

"(4) It shall be an obligation on the competent authority, which has exercised emergency powers on behalf of His Majesty, to notify the owner of the requisitioned land of any war damage occurring during the risk period immediately after such occurrence."—(Mr. Harvey.)

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

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 38 agreed to.

Clause No. 39 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 40 to No. 44 agreed to.

Clause No. 45 amended, and agreed to, and transferred to the end of l. 42, on p. 33, as Clause No. 41 of the Bill.

Clauses No. 46 to No. 49 agreed to.

Clause No. 50 disagreed to.

Clause No. 51 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 52 (Insurance schemes).

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 41, l. 34, to leave out the word "five," and insert the word "two."—(Sir Stanley Reed.)

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

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 53 (goods insurable under the schemes).

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 42, l. 20, at the end to insert the words "or other employee engaged for work in or about the household of the insured."—(Mr. Silkin.)

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

Another Amendment made.

Clause No. 54 and No. 55 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 56 agreed to.

Clause No. 57 amended, and agreed to.

Clauses No. 58 and No. 59 agreed to.

Clause No. 60 amended, and agreed to.

Clauses No. 61 to No. 64 agreed to.

Clause No. 65 disagreed to.

Clauses No. 66 to No. 68 agreed to.

Clause No. 69 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 70 agreed to.

Clause No. 71 (Definition of "War Damage").
Amendment proposed, in p. 54, l. 18, to leave out the word "direct."—(Sir Joseph Lamb.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 72 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 73 agreed to.

Clause No. 74 amended, and agreed to.

Clauses No. 75 to No. 77 agreed to.

Clause No. 78 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 79 agreed to.

Clause No. 80 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 81 agreed to.

Clauses No. 82 to No. 85 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 86 agreed to.

Clause No. 87 amended, and agreed to.

Clauses No. 88 and No. 89 agreed to.

A Clause (Commission not to be required to entertain claims for payment of under five pounds),—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer),—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Notification of damage and claims for payments),—(Captain Crookshank),—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Power to increase amount of value payments on Commission's report as to altered circumstances),—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer),—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Provision for deduction from payment, &c., for failure to minimise damage),—(Mr. Attorney General),—brought up, and read the first and second time.

Amendment proposed, in l. 1, after the word "is," to insert the words "caused or."—(Rear-Admiral Beamish.)

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

Clause added.

Another Clause (Temporary use or occupation of land owing to war to be disregarded for purposes of contribution),—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer),—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Air-raid shelters),—(Captain Crookshank),—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Shooting, fishing and other rights),—(Mr. Attorney General),—brought up, and read the first and second time, amended, and added.

Another Clause (Indemnities payable and recoverable notwithstanding agreements to the contrary),—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer),—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Assignment of proceedings arising under this Act to special judges),—(Mr. Attorney General),—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Restriction on disclosure of information),—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer),—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Power to enter premises),—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer),—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Variation of rate of premium under private chattels scheme with amount of indemnity provided),—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer),—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Provisions as to regulations and orders),—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer),—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Liability of Northern Ireland government departments as mortgagees),—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer),—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Wages and conditions of employment for works the subject of payments under Part I),—(Mr. Douglas),—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

First Schedule amended, and agreed to.

Second Schedule agreed to.

Third and Fourth Schedules amended, and agreed to.

Fifth 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.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee and on re-committal be now taken into consideration.

The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

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.—(Captain Dugdale.)

And it being Five 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-seven minutes after Five of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
Wednesday, 26th February, 1941.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAyERS.

Mr. Secretary Eden presented, by His Majesty's Command, Copy of Supplementary List of Ratifications, Accessions, Withdrawals, &c., 1940.

Copy of Index to Treaty Series, 1940.

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

Mr. Ernest Brown presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations made under the National Health Insurance Act, 1936, dated 18th December, 1940, entitled the National Health Insurance (Approved Societies) Amendment Regulations, 1940.

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

Mr. Secretary Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Act, 1932.

Copies of Orders made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, extending Section 1 of the Act to:

1. the Urban District of Aldridge;
2. the Borough of King's Lynn;
3. the Urban District of St. Neot's; and
4. the City and County Borough of Wakefield.

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

Colonel Moore-Brabazon presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Report by the Minister of Transport of his Proceedings under the General Pier and Harbour Act, 1861, and the General Pier and Harbour Act, 1861, Amendment Act.

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

General Sir George Darell Jeffreys, K.C.B., K.C.V.O., C.M.G., Member for the County of Hants (Petersfield Division), was sworn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the War Damage Bill:

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

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives His Consent, as far as His Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

And Notice being taken, that the interest of His Majesty, as Duke of Lancaster, is concerned therein:

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives His Consent, as far as His Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time and passed.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Diplomatic Privileges (Extension) 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 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 House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Air Raid Precautions (Postponement of Financial Investigation) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 and No. 2 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

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

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

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.
Mr. Whiteley reported from the Committee on Land Drainage (Scotland) (Money), a Resolution; which was read, as follows:

That, for the purpose of any Act of the present Session to make further provision for the drainage of agricultural land in Scotland, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of the expenses to be incurred by the Secretary of State under the said Act and in so far as those expenses are recovered in the manner provided by the said Act to provide for their payment into the Exchequer.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Land Drainage (Scotland) Bill.

(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. 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.

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 Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of the City of Leicester, which was presented to this House on the 21st day of January last, and published, be approved.—(Mr. Whiteley.)

Resolved, That the Orders made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, extending Section 1 of the Act to the undermentioned areas, viz.—

(1) the Borough of Honiton;  
(2) the Urban District of Long Eaton;  
(3) the City and County of Kingston-upon-Hull;  
(4) the Urban District of Leighton Buzzard;  
(5) the Urban District of Milford Haven;  
(6) the Rural District of Wincanton; and  
(7) the Urban District of Wymondham; copies of the first two of which were presented to this House on the 13th day of this instant February, and copies of the remainder on the 19th day of this instant February, be approved. —(Mr. Mabane.)

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till Four of the clock, adjourned till tomorrow.

Thursday, 27th February, 1941.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

ORDERED, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the County of Hertford (Hitchin Division) Writ.  
Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the County of Cornwall (Bodmin Division) Writ.

Captain Crookshank presented, pursuant to Trustee Savings Banks, copies of Orders made under the Prevention of Fraud (Investments) Act, 1939, dated 11th February 1941, entitled the Prevention of Fraud (Investments) Act Licensing (Amendment) Regulations, 1941.

Mr. Lyttelton presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations made under the Prevention of Fraud (Investments) Act, 1939, dated 11th February 1941, entitled the Prevention of Fraud (Investments) Act Licensing (Amendment) Regulations, 1941.

Mr. Robert Hudson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders made made under the Diseases of Animals Acts, 1894 to 1937—

(1) dated 11th February 1941, amending the Animals (Landing from Eire, Northern Ireland and Isle of Man) (Amendment) Order of 1941 (No. 3) (Order No. 6,660);
(2) dated 13th February 1941, authorising the landing of animals from Northern Ireland (Order No. 6,064); and
(3) dated 22nd February 1941, authorising the landing of Birkenhead of animals from Northern Ireland (Order No. 6,072).

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

Crown Lands.
No. 57.

Ordered, That the Abstract Accounts relative to Crown Lands, which were presented to this House on the 11th day of this instant February, be printed.

Sugar Industry (Research and Education) Fund.
No. 58.

Ordered, That the Account relative to the Sugar Industry (Research and Education) Fund, which was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House on the 19th day of this instant February, 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.

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.

Resolved, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn till Tuesday next.—(Mr. Attlee.)

The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the House of Commons Disqualification (Temporary Provisions) Bill:
And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:
An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question by leaving out from the word "That," to the end of the Question, and adding the words "this House declines to proceed with the Second Reading of the Bill before the matter has been considered and reported upon by a Select Committee."—(Mr. Pickthorn), 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:
Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time.
The Bill was accordingly read a second time.
Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Captain Dugdale.)

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

Resolved, That the Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1936, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1939, and the Public Works Facilities Act, 1939, in respect of the Royal Burgh of Inveraray and part of the County of Argyll, a copy of which was presented to this House on the 21st day of January last, be approved.—(Mr. Montague.)

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

And it being Five of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed without Question put.

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

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

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

(2) the Borough of Workington.

(1) the Urban District of Newquay, and

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

Sir John Anderson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations made under the National Health Insurance Act, 1939, dated 17th February 1941, entitled the National Health Insurance (Seamen’s Medical Benefit) Amendment Regulations, 1941.

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

Mr. Secretary Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Statute made by the University of Oxford under the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1923, on the 26th day of November 1940, amending Statutes of the University.

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

Mr. Secretary Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Orders made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, extending Section 1 of the Act to—
(1) the Urban District of Newquay, and
(2) the Borough of Workington.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.
Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 15, to leave out from the word "repealed," to the end of the Clause.—(Mr. Mander.)

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, 
Mr. Munro, 
Mr. Edmondson 
135.
Tellers for the Noes, 
Sir Irving Albery, 
Mr. Bevan 
36.

Clause 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.

Resolved, That the Orders made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, extending Section 1 of the Act to the under-mentioned areas, viz.—

(1) the County Borough of Eastbourne; 
(2) the Borough of Bebington; 
(3) the Borough of Chard; 
(4) the Urban District of Witham; and 
(5) the Urban District of Shipley in the West Riding of Yorkshire; 

copies of which were presented to this House on the 25th day of February last, be approved.

—(Mr. Secretary Morrison.)

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

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

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 10th 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 on Determination of Needs (Money):

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

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

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.
Offices or Places of Profit under the Crown.

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the law and practice governing the disqualifications for Membership of the House of Commons by reason of the holding, or the acceptance of, offices or places of profit under the Crown, and to make recommendations.—(Mr. Attlee.)

Adjournment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Captain Dugdale.)

And it being Five of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed without Question put.

Adjournment.

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

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

[No. 33.]

Wednesday, 5th March, 1941.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

P R A Y E R S.

Mr. Ernest Brown presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders made under the Poor Law Act, 1930—

(1) dated 23rd January 1941, entitled the North Wales Joint Vagrancy Committee Order, 1941; and

(2) dated 25th February 1941, entitled the North Western Casual Poor Assistance Authority Order, 1941.

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

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.—(Mr. Alexander.)

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question by leaving out from the word "That," to the end of the Question, and adding the words "this House, recognising the arduous conditions of service in sea-going ships and in remote bases of the Royal Navy and taking note of the additional facilities to be provided for those desirous of entering upon a naval career through Dartmouth College, is of opinion that every endeavour should be made to promote the health and welfare of the officers and men concerned,"—(Mr. Latham),—instead thereof.

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

And the Main Question being put;

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

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

(In the Committee.)

Navy Estimates, 1941.

Vote A. Numbers.

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 1942.

Vote 1.

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, 1940.

£10 (Supplementary) for expenditure beyond the sum already provided in the grants for Navy Services for the year.

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1. Wages, &c., of Officers and Men of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines, and of certain other personnel serving with the fleet.

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

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.

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

(Mr. Munro.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty minutes before Four of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
MR. Secretary Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order made by the Council of the City and County of Bristol under the Shops Act, 1912, and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department.

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

Ordered, That the Account relative to Chelsea Hospital (Army Prize Money and Legacy Funds, &c.), which was presented to this House on the 13th day of February last, 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 had been brought from the Lords by Sir General Sir William Pulteney, G. C. B., V. O., K. C. B., D.S.O., Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker, the Lords have agreed to the House of Commons Disqualification (Temporary Provisions) Bill, without any Amendment.

Resolved, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn till Tuesday next.—(Mr. Attlee.)

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:—(Mr. Secretary Margesson.)

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, and for prolonging the present Parliament, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers, where a Commission under the Great Seal was read, giving, declaring and notifying the Royal Assent to the several Acts therein mentioned; and the Lords, thereby authorised, declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts, as follows:

1. Diplomatic Privileges (Extension) Act, 1941.

And the Question being again proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question by leaving out from the words "That," to the end of the Question, and adding the words "in the opinion of this House the Army Agricultural Scheme should be given every encouragement, in view of the urgent necessity for producing food in this country and saving shipping tonnage,"—(Colonel Boles), 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 again proposed;

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).—(Mr. James Stuart.)

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Supply Chair.

The House accordingly resolved itself into Supply, the Committee of Supply;

(In the Committee.)

Arms Estimates, 1941.

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, 1942.

Vote 1. £100 for the Pay, &c., of the Army.

2. £30,000,000 for expenditure beyond the sum already provided in the grants for Army Services for the year.

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Resolutions to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received upon 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 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.

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 Borough of Wallingford, which was presented to this House on the 11th day of February last and published, be approved. — (Captain Waterhouse.)

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 Borough of Bangor, which was presented to this House on the 11th day of February last and published, be approved. — (Captain Dugdale.)

Resolved, That the Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1936, and confirmed by the Minister of Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1939, and the Public Works Facilities Act, 1930, in respect of the Urban District of Stanley in the County of Durham and certain small areas adjoining formerly part of the Urban District, a copy of which was presented to this House on the 11th day of February last and published, be approved. — (Captain Waterhouse.)

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

Mr. Deputy Speaker laid upon the Table, — Provisional Order Bill.

Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading applicable, thereof, no Standing Orders are applicable, viz. :-

Land Drainage Provisional Order Bill.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Kent Electric Second Reading of the Kent Electric Power Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 25th day of this instant March.

Captain Crookshank presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, — Emergency Powers (Defence) Act, 1939—

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

(1) dated 28th February 1941, entitled the Cold Storage (Control of Undertakings) (Charges) (No. 2) Order, 1941 ; and

(2) dated 4th March 1941, entitled the Sulphuric Acid (Charges) (No. 1) Order, 1941.

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

Mr. Lyttelton presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Orders made under the Emergency Powers (Defence) Acts, 1939 to 1934, on the application of the Cardigan and Fishguard Gas Company Limited.

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

Mr. Secretary Morrison 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 Cardigan and Fishguard Gas Company Limited.

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

Mr. Secretary Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

— Provisional Order Bill.

— Acquisition of Guaranteed Securities Fund for the year ended the 31st day of March 1940, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

— Accounts of the Cattle Fund and Livestock Commission showing the Receipts and Payments for the year ended the 31st day of March 1940, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

— Account of the Sum received into and paid out of the Essential Commodities Reserve, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

— Annual Return of Proceedings of the Corporation of the City of London in respect of the Metropolitan Cattle Market; with an Account of Moneys received and paid by the Chamberlain of the City of London in relation to the said Market for the year ended the 31st day of March 1940, and also an Account of Extraordinary Works executed, other than General Repairs, for the same period.

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:

— Provisional Order Bill.

— Account of the Acquisition of Guaranteed Securities Fund for the year ended the 31st day of March 1940, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

— Accounts of the Cattle Fund and Livestock Commission showing the Receipts and Payments for the year ended the 31st day of March 1940, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

— Account of the Sums received into and paid out of the Essential Commodities Reserve.

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Fund for the year ended on the 31st day of March 1940, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Account of the Special Areas Fund, showing the Receipts and Payments for the year ended on the 31st day of March 1940; and Accounts of the Receipts and Payments of the Commissioner for the Special Areas in England and Wales, and of the Commissioner for the Special Areas in Scotland for the same year, with the Reports of the Comptroller and the Auditor General thereon.

Account of the Unemployment Assistance Fund, showing the Receipts, &c., and the Payments out of the Fund for the year ended on the 31st day of March 1940, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Account of the War Risks (Commodities) Insurance Fund for the period ended on the 31st day of March 1940, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Account of the War Risks (Marine) Insurance Fund for the period ended on the 31st day of March 1940, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Captain Alexander Victor Edward Paulet Montagu, commonly called Viscount Hinchingbrooke, Member for the County of Dorset (Southern Division), was sworn.

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

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the said proposed Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That," to the end of the Question, and adding the words "this House, realising that the quality of our pilots, aircraft and equipment, opposed to the great numbers of the enemy, has been the main cause of our success in the air war, urges His Majesty's Government to mobilise all the means of research at its disposal so that we may retain this all-important advantage of quality in the struggle which lies ahead of us".—(Captain Crookshank.) 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. Deputy Speaker do now leave the Chair.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

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 1942.


2. £100 for the Pay, &c., of the Air Force.

Vote 8. Civil Aviation.

3. £500 for Civil Aviation.

Air Services Supplementary Estimate, 1940.

4. £10 (Supplementary) for expenditure beyond the sum already provided in the grants for Air Services for the year.

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Resolutions to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received 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.)

1. Resolved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1941, the sum of £4,020,383 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 1942, the sum of £192,055,400 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom. —(Captain Crookshank.)

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

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

The Clerk at the Table informed the House of the unavoidable absence, through indisposition, of Mr. Speaker from this day's sitting: Whereupon Sir Dennis Herbert, the Chairman of Ways and Means, proceeded to the Table and, after Prayers, took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Standing Order.

The Land Drainage Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

Sir John Anderson presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Orders in Council made under the Chartered and Other Bodies (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1939, dated 28th February 1941, entitled—

(1) the Methodist Church (Temporary Provisions) Order, 1941 ; and
(2) the Ipswich Dock Commission (Extension of Term of Office) Order, 1941.

Sir John Anderson presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Orders in Council made under the Foreign Jurisdiction Acts, 1890 and 1913, dated 28th February 1941, entitled—

(1) the Pacific Order in Council, 1941 ; and
(2) the Northern Rhodesian (Legislative Council) Amendment Order in Council, 1941.

Mr. Secretary Amery presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Act made by the Governor-General of India under the procedure prescribed by Section 678 of the Ninth Schedule to the Government of India Act, 1935, entitled the Indian Finance (No. 2) Act, 1940.

Mr. Secretary Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Two Orders made by the Council of the County Borough of West Hartlepool under the Shops Acts, 1912 to 1938, and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department.

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

Adam Storey McKinlay, Esquire, Member for the County of Dumbarton, made and subscribed the Affirmation required by Law.

Mr. Boulton reported from the Committee on Determination of Needs [Money]: a Resolution which was read, as followeth:

That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to abolish the requirement that in determining the need and assessing the needs of applicants for unemployment assistance or supplementary pensions the resources of all members of their households must be taken into account, to make further provision for the determination of need and the assessment of needs in the case of such applicants and in connection with financial assistance to blind persons and to provide for the winding-up of the Unemployment Assistance Fund (hereinafter referred to as 'the said Act ') it is expedient to authorise—

I. The payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any amounts by which the sums required for the payment of allowances under the Unemployment Assistance Act, 1934, and of supplementary pensions under the Old Age and Widows' Pensions Act, 1940, are increased—

(a) by reason of any provisions of the said Act altering the statutory requirements as to the determination of the need and the assessment of the needs of applicants who are members of households; and

(b) by reason of any provisions of the said Act requiring that in computing the resources of any person whose resources are taken into account in determining the need or assessing the needs of applicants for such allowances and supplementary pensions as aforesaid, any money and investments treated as capital assets of that person up to the amount of his war savings, but not exceeding three hundred and seventy-five pounds, shall be disregarded, together with the income therefrom in addition to any money and investments which would be otherwise disregarded and of such sums as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the Assistance Board, including the amount of the allowances issued under the Unemployment Assistance Act, 1934; and

II. The payment into the Exchequer of all sums received by the Assistance Board.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved Determination of Needs Bill itself into a Committee on the Determination of Needs Bill.

Clause No. 1.

Question proposed, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.
Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer),—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (Provisions as to regulations for determining need and assessing needs of applicants who are members of households).

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 7, after the word "made," to insert the words "they shall be submitted to a Select Committee of the House of Commons for examination and report and if such report be agreed to by the House of Commons then".—(Mr. Ellis Smith.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 3 (Treatment of war savings).

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, to leave out ll. 33 to 41.—(Mr. Tinker.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 45, at the end to insert the words "and in the case of war savings certificates the growing produce thereof".—(Mr. Graham White.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clauses No. 4 to No. 8 agreed to.

First Schedule.

Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 7, at the end, to add the words,—"6. Save in exceptional circumstances, or at the request of the applicant, investigations into the needs of an applicant shall be carried out at the office of the Assistance Board and not at the domicile of the applicant".—(Mr. Graham White.)

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

Schedule agreed to.

Second Schedule agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be 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 Orders made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, extending Section 1 of the Act to the undermentioned areas, viz.:

(1) the Borough of King's Lynn;
(2) the City and County Borough of Wakefield;
(3) the Urban District of Aldridge;
(4) the Urban District of St. Neots;
(5) the Borough of Workington; and
(6) the Urban District of Newquay; copies of the first four of which were presented to this House on the 26th day of February last, and copies of the remainder on the 4th day of this instant March, be approved.—(Mr. Peake.)

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

And it being Five of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed without Question put.

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

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

[No. 37.]

Thursday, 13th March, 1941.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

The Clerk at the Table informed the House of Mr. Speaker's the unavoidable absence, through indisposition, of Mr. Speaker from this day's sitting:—Prayers.

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

Captain Crookshank presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, the Annual Account of Receipts and Disbursements of the Probate Division of the High Court in Northern Ireland for 1940.

Appropriation Account of the Royal Army (Royal Ordnance Factories for the year ended the 31st day of March 1940, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

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

Captain Crookshank presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, dated 6th March 1941, entitled the Merchant Shipping (Additional Life-Saving Appliances) (No. 3) Rules, 1941.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
5 Geo. VI. 13th March.

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 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 the 31st day of December 1940.

Lunacy.

Resolved, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn till Tuesday next.—(Mr. Attlee.)

Captain Crookshank reported from the Committee of Supply of the 19th day of February last, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

Civil Estimates and Estimates for Revenue Departments, 1941 (Vote on Account).

That a sum, not exceeding £192,035,000, 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 1942, viz.:

Civil Estimates.

Class VI.

Mines Department of the Board of Trade 94,000

Class I.

House of Lords Offices 25,000
House of Commons 155,000
Registration of Electors 20,000
Treasury and Subordinate Departments 594,000
Privy Council Office 5,550
Privy Seal Office 2,500
Charity Commission 13,600
Civil Service Commission 13,250
Exchequer and Audit Department 75,000
Government Actuary 11,300
Government Chemist 31,800
Import Duties Advisory Committee 19,000
The Mint 10
National Debt Office 500
National Savings Committee 93,000
Public Record Office 14,000
Public Works Loan Commission 7,500
Repayments to the Local Loans Fund 36,600
Royal Commissions, &c. 10,000
Miscellaneous Expenses 17,000
Secret Service 10
Tith Redemption Commission 10
Scotland: Scottish Home Department 79,000

Class II.

Foreign Office 370,000
Diplomatic and Consular Services 90,000
League of Nations 75,000
Dominions Office 24,000
Dominion Services 80,000
Oversea Settlement 5,000
Colonial Office 80,000
Colonial and Middle Eastern Services 1,800,000
Development and Welfare (Colonies, &c.) 220,000
Development and Welfare (South African High Commission Territories, &c.) 8,000
India and Burma Services 729,000
Imperial War Graves Commission 500

Class III.

Home Office 475,000
Broadmoor Criminal Lunatic Asylum 33,500
Police, England and Wales 6,600,000

Prisons, England and Wales 650,000
Approved Schools, &c., England and Wales 180,000
Supreme Court of Judicature, &c. 10
County Courts 70,000
Land Registry 52,000
Public Trustee 9,000
Law Charges 60,000
Miscellaneous Legal Expenses 35,000

Scotland:

Police 275,000
Prisons 55,000
Approved Schools, &c. 24,000
Scottish Land Court 3,500
Law Charges and Courts of Law 20,000
Register House, Edinburgh 9,000

Ireland:

Northern Ireland Services 3,500
Supreme Court of Judicature, &c., Northern Ireland 17,400
Irish Land Purchase Services 624,500

Class IV.

Board of Education 10,000,000
British Museum 72,000
British Museum (Natural History) 45,000
Imperial War Museum 4,200
London Museum 1,400
National Gallery 11,000
National Maritime Museum 3,500
National Portrait Gallery 3,000
Wallace Collection 4,300
Scientific Investigation, &c. 120,000
Universities and Colleges, Great Britain 1,000,000
Broadcasting 2,000,000

Scotland:

Public Education 3,400,000
National Galleries 4,500
National Library 1,500

Class V.

Ministry of Health 7,000,000
Board of Control 82,000
Registrar-General’s Office 67,800
National Insurance Audit Department 57,000
Friendly Societies Registry 17,000
Old Age Pensions 17,700,000
Widows’, Orphans’, and Old Age Contributory Pensions 6,500,000
Ministry of Labour and National Service 12,450,000
Grants in respect of Employment Schemes 800,000
Commissioner for Special Areas (England and Wales) 10
Assistance Board for Northern Ireland 6,500,000
Special Areas Fund 300,000
Financial Assistance in Special and other Areas 70,000
Supplementary Pensions 10,000,000

Scotland:

Department of Health 1,550,000
Board of Control 6,500
Registrar-General’s Office 12,200
Commissioner for Special Areas (Scotland) 10

Class VI.

Board of Trade 220,000
Mensaline Marine Services 320,000
Department of Overseas Trade 150,000
Export Credits 125,000
Office of Commissioners of Crown Lands 12,000
Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries 1,000,000
Land Fertility Improvement 600,000
Surveys of Great Britain 200,000
Forestry Commission 150,000
Ministry of Transport 250,000
Roads, &c. 3,000,000
Development Fund 200,000
Development Grants 172,990
Department of Scientific and Industrial Research 210,000
State Management Districts 10
Clearing Offices 10
A Motion was made, and the Question being put, that this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. James Stuart.)

And it being Five of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed without Question put.

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

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

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

The Clerk at the Table informed the House of Mr. Speaker's the unavoidable absence, through indisposition, of Mr. Speaker from this day's sitting:—Whereupon Sir Dennis Herbert, the Chairman of Ways and Means, proceeded to the Table and, after Prayers, took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Standing Order.

Ordered, That Mr. Deputy Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the County of Carmarthen (Carmarthen Division) in the room of Major Daniel Hopkin who since his election for the said County hath accepted the Office of a Magistrate of the Police Courts of the Metropolis.—(Mr. Whiteley.)

Mr. Deputy Speaker laid upon the Table,—Private Bills (Standing Orders not previously infringed into and complied with).

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.:

Great Western Railway (Superannuation Fund) Bill.

Great Western Railway (Variation of Directors Qualification) Bill.

Southern Railway (Superannuation Fund) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be committed.

Mr. Bevin presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copies of Reports of the Unemployment Insurance Statutory Committee on the Financial Condition of the General and the Agricultural Accounts of the Unemployment Fund as at the 31st day of December 1940.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table, and be printed.
Mr. Ernest Brown presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations made under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937, dated 28th February 1941, entitled the Local Government Superannuation (Actuarial Valuations) Amendment Regulations, 1941.

Copies of Schemes made by the undermentioned local authorities under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937, and approved by the Minister of Health:

1. the Cumberland County Council;
2. the Huddersfield County Borough Council;
3. the Sutton Coldfield Borough Council; and
4. the Wood Green Town Council.

Copy of Provisional Regulations made under the Poor Law Act, 1930, entitled the Public Assistance (Casual Poor) Amendment, 1941.

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

Mr. Lyttelton presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of a Memorandum explanatory of the policy of His Majesty’s Government with regard to the Concentration of Production.

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

Order for the Resolution of the House of the 4th day of March 1879, Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 24th February 1941, authorising the temporary application of Surpluses on certain Navy Votes for the year 1939 towards meeting Deficits on other Navy Votes for the same year.

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

Captain Crookshank presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 24th February 1941, authorising the temporary application of certain receipts as Appropriations in Aid of the Vote for the Ministry of Labour and National Service.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relative to Public Accounts (Navy Votes, 1939) be printed.

Mr. Secretary Johnston presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations made under the Local Government Superannuation (Scotland) Act, 1937, dated 27th February 1941, entitled the Local Government Superannuation (Actuarial Valuation) Amendment (Scotland) Regulations, 1941.

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

Colonel Moore Brabazon presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations made under the Road Traffic Acts, 1930 to 1934, dated 5th March 1941, entitled the Traffic Signs (Speed Limit) Regulations, 1941.

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

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

The Lords have agreed to the Air Raid Precautions (Postponement of Financial Investigation) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the War Damage Bill, with Amendments, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the War Damage Lords to the War Damage Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow, and be printed.

Bill 17.

Beatrice Frederika Rathbone, Member for the New Member County of Cornwall (Bedmin Division), was sworn.

Ordered, That this day, notwithstanding Business of anything in Standing Order No. 14, the Reports of Supplementary Estimates, 1940, and Business other than the Business of Supply may be taken before the time appointed for the interruption of Business; that the Proceedings on the Reports of Supply of the 6th, 5th and 11th days of this instant March may be taken after the time appointed for the interruption of Business; 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).—(Mr. Attlee.)

Six James Edmondson reported from the Supply Committee of Supply of the 5th day of this instant March several Resolutions which were read, as follow:

Army Estimates, 1942.

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 1942.

Vote 1. Pay, &c., of the Army.

2. That a sum, not exceeding £100, be Pay, &c., of granted to His Majesty, to defray the Expenditure of the Pay, &c., of the Army, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1942.

Army Supplementary Estimate, 1940.

3. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding Army Supplementary Estimate, 1940.

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

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Sir Victor Warrender reported from the Committee of Supply of the 5th day of this instant March, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Navy Estimates, 1941.

Vote A. Numbers.

1. 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 1942.

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 1942.

Navy Supplementary Estimate, 1940.

3. 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 1942, for expenditure beyond the sum already provided in the grants for Navy Services for the year.

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

Captain Crookshank reported from the Committee of Supply of the 11th day of this instant March, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Air Estimates, 1941.

Vote A. Number for Air Force Service.

1. 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 1942.


2. That a sum, not exceeding £100, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Expense of the Pay, &c., of the Air Force, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1942.

Vote 8. Civil Aviation.

3. That a sum, not exceeding £100, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Expense of Civil Aviation, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1942.

Air Services Supplementary Estimate, 1940.

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 1942, for expenditure beyond the sum already provided in the grants for Air Services for the year.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide, during twelve months, for the discipline and regulation of the Army and the Air Force; and that Mr. Secretary Margesson, Mr. Alexander, Secretary Sir Archibald Sinclair, Sir Edward Grigg, and Captain Balfour do prepare and bring it in.

Sir Edward Grigg accordingly presented a Bill to provide, during twelve months, for the discipline and regulation of the Army and the Air Force: And the same was read the first time and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow, and to be printed.

Then the remaining Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Mr. Peake reported from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 11th day of this instant March, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

1. That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1941, the sum of £4,020,383 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

2. That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1942, the sum of £102,055,400 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

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

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Report.
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Captain Crookshank accordingly presented a Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Fund for the service of the years ending on the thirty-first day of March, one thousand nine hundred and forty-one and one thousand nine hundred and forty-two: 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 Cold Storage (Control of Undertakings) (Charges) (No. 2) Order, 1941, dated 28th February 1941, 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 11th day of this instant March, be approved.—(Major Lloyd George.)

Mr. Noel Baker, Mr. Barnes, Sir George Davies, Sir Cuthbert Headlam, Sir Dennis Herbert, Mr. Neil Maclean, Mr. Mander, Mr. Maxton, Captain McEwen, Dr. Peters, Mr. Picthorn, and Mr. Charles Williams were nominated Members of the Select Committee on Offices or Places of Profit under the Crown.

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 Five be the quorum of the Committee.—(Major Dugdale.)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Major Dugdale.)

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

Mr. Secretary Morrison 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 February 1941 to 28th February 1941.

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

Colonel Moore-Brabazon presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, a copy of which was presented to this House on the 11th day of this instant March, be approved.—(Major Lloyd George.)

Accounts of the Czecho-Slovak Financial Claims Fund and of the Czecho-Slovak Refugee Claims Fund for the period ended the 31st day of March 1940, with the Report of the Comp-troller and Auditor General thereon.

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 the Czecho-Slovak Financial Claims Fund of the Czecho-Slovak Refugee Claims Fund for the period ended the 31st day of March 1940, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Accounts be printed.

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

The Lords have agreed to the Land Drainage (Scotland) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Land Drainage Lords to the Land Drainage (Scotland) Bill be printed.

Mr. Secretary Morrison, supported by Mr. Isle of Man Attorney General and Mr. Peake, presented a Bill to enable persons detained under powers conferred under the Emergency Powers (Defence) Acts, 1939 and 1940, or the Aliens Restriction Act, 1941, to be removed to and detained in the Isle of Man: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Mr. Bevin, supported by Mr. Secretary National Morrison, Mr. Secretary Johnston, Mr. Ernest Service Bill. Brown, Mr. Attorney General, Captain Crookshank, Mr. Mabane and Mr. Asheton, presented a Bill to make provision for calling up men for civil defence and to amend the National Service (Armed Forces) Act, 1939: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.
The Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Bill.

Clauses No. 1 to No. 4 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 Mr. Deputy Speaker's Table, and desire their concurrence (the Bill having been endorsed by Mr. Deputy Speaker with the following Certificate):

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

DENNIS HERBERT,
Deputy Speaker."
Account of Stock and Annuities transferred and of Sums of Money paid, to the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, in consideration of the grant of Life Annuities, Terms of Years Annuities, and Contracts for Payments on Death, and of the amount of such Annuities and Contracts which have been granted under the provisions of the Government Annuities Act, 1929, within the year ended the 5th day of January 1941.

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

Sir John Anderson presented, pursuant to Chartered and Other Bodies (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1939, dated 14th March 1941, entitled—

(1) the Drainage Authorities (Extension of Term of Office) Order, 1941; and
(2) the Port of London Authority (Extension of Term of Office) Order, 1941.

Copy of an Order in Council made under the Merchant Shipping (International Labour Conventions) Act, 1925, dated 14th March 1941, entitled the Merchant Shipping (Colonies) (Amendment) Order, 1941.

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

Mr. Bevin presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Interim Report by a Court of Inquiry concerning Stoppages of Work by Apprentices in Engineering and Shipbuilding Establishments in Scotland.

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

Mr. Secretary Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, other Bodies—Copies of Orders in Council made under the Emergency Powers (Defence) Acts, 1939 and 1940—

(1) dated 28th February 1941, amending Regulation 58A of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939 ;
(2) dated 28th February, 1941, adding Regulations 45 and 60D to the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939, and amending the Third Schedule thereto;
(3) dated 28th February 1941, amending Regulation 428A to, the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939 ; and
(4) dated 14th March 1941, adding Regulations 30A and 65A to, and amending Regulations 11, 264, 30 and 60C of, the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939.

Copy of an Order made by the Council of Shops Act, the Borough of Wolverhampton under the 1912 Shops Act, 1912, and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.
25th March, 1941.

Mr. Ernest Brown presented pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order made under the Poor Law Act, 1930, dated 12th March 1941, entitled the Kent (Adjudicating Officers) Order, 1941.

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

Colonel Moore-Brabazon presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, made under the Road Traffic Act, 1934, dated 14th March 1941, entitled the Pedestrian Crossing Places (Traffic Regulations), 1941.

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

Sir Walter Womersley presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,— Twenty-third Annual Report of the Minister of Pensions for the twelve months from 1st April 1939 to 31st March 1940.

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

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills; That they had considered the Order contained in the Land Drainage Provisional Order Bill; that they were of opinion that the said Order ought to be confirmed; and that they had gone through the Bill and directed him to report the same without Amendment.

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

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Southern Railway (Superannuation) Fund Bill, and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, and the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills; That they had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders, and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House; And the Report was brought up and read.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, and the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Report be printed.

The Order of the day being read for a consideration of the Complaint of a statement purporting to have been made by Mr. Boothby, Member for the County of Aberdeen and Kingcardine (East Division), and published in the Press and Journal newspaper of the 17th day of March 1941, as constituting a Breach of the Privileges of the House; And Mr. Boothby attending in his place, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 20th day of this instant March;

The House proceeded to take the said Complaint into consideration.

The Press and Journal newspaper of the 17th day of March 1941 was delivered in and the passage complained of read, as followeth:—

"I am in course of preparing a confidential memorandum which contains the full story, which could not be put before the Select Committee or anyone else at the present time."

"I propose to hand a copy of this memorandum to Colonel Duff and, as soon as the facts can be revealed, I will gladly appeal to the judgment of the constituency as a whole."

Mr. Boothby was heard in his place and then withdrew.

Resolved, That, having heard the statement of Mr. Boothby and a statement by the Chairman of the Select Committee on the Conduct of a Member, this House does not desire to entertain the matter further.—(The Prime Minister.)

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the War Damage Bill.

The Lords Amendment in p. 3, l. 40, leave out from (" possession ") to the second (" any ") and insert (" subject to ").

the first Amendment being read a second time;

And it appearing that the object of the Special Entry. Amendments was to carry out the intentions of the Commons, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 3, l. 42, after (" land ") insert (" any public right of way, right of common, or other right inuring for the
the next Amendment, being read a second time;

And it appearing that the object of the Special Entry Amendment was to make provision for special cases not previously contemplated by the Commons, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 24, l. 41, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 25, l. 7, after ("property") insert ("comprising land")

the next Amendment, being read a second time;

And it appearing that the object of the Special Entry Amendment was to make provision for special cases not previously contemplated by the Commons, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 25, l. 9, after ("rights") insert ("over the land") the next Amendment, being read a second time;

And it appearing that the object of the Special Entry Amendment was to make provision for special cases not previously contemplated by the Commons, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 25, l. 11, after ("rights") insert ("or to be computed by reference to an assessment or valuation in force at a time when the rights were not subsisting") the next Amendment, being read a second time;

And it appearing that the object of the Special Entry Amendment was to make provision for special cases not previously contemplated by the Commons, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 25, l. 15, at end insert ("or, as the case may be, to the fact that the contributory value of the property fell to be computed as aforesaid.

{ } Where a direct contributor in respect of a contributory property who would be under a liability under subsection (1) of this section to pay an instalment, or an apportioned part of an instalment, on any such rights over any land as are mentioned in section six of the Rating Act, 1874, proves that the fee simple in the contributory property comprising the rights was severed from the fee simple in the contributory property comprising the land, the liability in respect of the rights shall be discharged.")

the next Amendment, being read a second time;

And it appearing that the object of the Special Entry Amendment was to make provision for special cases not previously contemplated by the Commons, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 25, l. 16, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 25, l. 19, after ("or") insert ("in the case of such rights as are mentioned in section six of the Rating Act, 1874")

the next Amendment, being read a second time;

And it appearing that the object of the Special Entry Amendment was to make provision for special cases not previously contemplated by the Commons, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 25, l. 20, after ("from") insert ("the occupation of")
the next Amendment, being read a second time;

And it appearing that the object of the Amendment was to make provision for special cases not previously contemplated by the Commons, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 25, l. 20, at end insert:

("( ) Nothing in the preceding provisions of this section shall be construed as affecting any liability for an instalment of contribution in respect of a property which was the subject of a valuation for rating purposes by virtue of the occupation of land")

the next Amendment, being read a second time;

And it appearing that the object of the Amendment was to make provision for special cases not previously contemplated by the Commons, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 26, l. 10, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 26, l. 17, after ('"property"') insert ('"comprising land"')

the next Amendment, being read a second time;

And it appearing that the object of the Amendment was to make provision for special cases not previously contemplated by the Commons, the same was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 31, l. 6, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 31, l. 6, after ('" envoy "') insert ('"a person to whom immunities and privileges are for the time being extended under section one or two of the Diplomatic Privileges (Extension) Act, 1944")

the next Amendment, being read a second time;

And the Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the said Amendment was agreed to.

the next Amendment, being read a second time;

And the Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the said Amendment was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 33, l. 24, at end insert:

("(c) in respect of the cost of any work reasonably executed for temporarily meeting the circumstances created by the damage as to which, in consequence of the preceding provisions of this subsection, the provisions of section five of this Act do not have effect, the Commission may make to the person by whom such cost is incurred such payment as appears to them to be requisite in order to confer upon him the like benefit as he would have had under the provisions of that section")

the next Amendment, being read a second time;

And the Commons being willing to waive Special Entry

their privileges, the said Amendment was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 34, l. 3, leave out from ('"undertaking") to end of line 7 and insert ('"to which this section applies")

the next Amendment, being read a second time;

And the Commons being willing to waive Special Entry

their privileges, the said Amendment was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 34, l. 13, at end insert:

("(d) The undertakings to which this section applies are—")

(a) public utility undertakings;

(b) except in so far as Parliament may hereafter determine, any undertaking of such a character that the valuation for rating purposes of hereditaments in which the undertaking is carried on is made by reference to the accounts, receipts, profits or output of the undertaking;

(c) any other undertaking to which Parliament may hereafter determine that this section shall apply.")

the next Amendment, being read a second time;

And the Commons being willing to waive Special Entry

their privileges, the said Amendment was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 34, l. 27, leave out from ('"undertaking") to end of line 31, and insert ('"to which this section applies")

the next Amendment, being read a second time;

And the Commons being willing to waive Special Entry

their privileges, the said Amendment was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 42, l. 31, at end insert:

("(q) Where a value payment is to be made in respect of war damage to a hereditament and immediately before the occurrence of the damage a person had a right to remove from
the hereditament an article comprised therein to which he would have been entitled on removing it, and either—

(a) there was subsisting in the article a proprietary interest owned otherwise than by that person or owned by him otherwise than in the capacity in which he had the right to remove the article (being an interest against which his right to remove it was exercisable); or

(b) the article was included in a mortgage of a proprietary interest in the hereditament, and that person's right to remove it was exercisable against the mortgagee;

then, for the purposes of section nine of this Act the article shall be dealt with as a separate part of the hereditament, and

(i) in a case falling within paragraph (a) of this subsection, the said section nine and the other provisions of this Act as to the vesting and devolution of the right to receive a share of a value payment shall have effect as if the proprietary interest mentioned in that paragraph had been owned by the person who had the right to remove the article, or owned by him in the capacity in which he had the right to remove it, as the case may be; and

(ii) in a case falling within paragraph (b) of this subsection, subsection (4) of the said section nine shall not have effect in relation to the share of the value payment attributable to the article.

the next Amendment, being read a second time;

the Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the said Amendment was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 50, l. 12, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 50, l. 12, at end insert new Clause B: (Meaning of owner in relation to certain property falling within definition of "goods")

the next Amendment, being read a second time;

And the Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the said Amendment was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords' Amendment, as far as the Amendment in p. 61, l. 42, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 61, l. 42, at end insert:

"(a) For the purposes of the proviso to the last preceding subsection, any goods shall be deemed to be owned by the person in whom the property in the goods is vested:

Provided that any reference in that subsection to the owner of any goods—

(a) shall include a reference to any person for the time being entitled, either unconditionally or conditionally, to have the property in the goods vested in him;

(b) in relation to any goods—

(i) the property in which is vested in any person otherwise than in the course of a business carried on by him in the United Kingdom, or as respects which any person is entitled to have the property therein vested in him otherwise than in the course of such a business; and

(ii) which any person carrying on business in the United Kingdom is for the time being entitled to sell as agent, shall include a reference to the last-mentioned person,

and any reference to goods owned by any person shall be construed accordingly.")

the next Amendment, being read a second time;

the Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the said Amendment was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 50, l. 38, the next Amendment being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 51, leave out lines 21 to 25 and insert:

"in respect of war damage to goods insurable under the Scheme in question which appears to the Board of Trade to have occurred on any occasion if the amount recoverable under the Scheme in respect of the damage is less than two pounds "),

the next Amendment, being read a second time;

And the Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the said Amendment was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 51, l. 28, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 51, l. 34, leave out ("in the United Kingdom "), the next Amendment, being read a second time;

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And the Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the said Amendment was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 59, l. 12, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 59, l. 12, at end insert new Clause B: (Meaning of owner in relation to certain property falling within definition of "goods")

the next Amendment, being read a second time;

And the Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the said Amendment was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords' Amendment, as far as the Amendment in p. 61, l. 42, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 61, l. 42, at end insert:

"(a) would, apart from the provisions of this and the next two following subsections, any goods shall be substituted the words ' Save in so far as is otherwise expressly provided in this Part of this Act, any goods shall, subject to the provisions of this section, ')

the next Amendment, being read a second time;

And the Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the said Amendment was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 62, l. 28, at end insert:

"( ) In subsection (2) of the said section fifteen for the words ' Subject to the provisions of this and the next two following subsections, any goods shall ' there shall be substituted the words ' Save in so far as is otherwise expressly provided in this Part of this Act, any goods shall, subject to the provisions of this section, ')

the next Amendment, being read a second time;

And the Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the said Amendment was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 62, l. 34, leave out from (" thereof ") to end of line 39 and insert:

" (a) would, apart from the provisions of this subsection, have been deemed for the
pursposes of this Part of this Act to be owned at any time by the person from time to time carrying on the business;") 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.

The Lords Amendment in p. 62, l. 44, leave out from beginning to (" be ") in line 45 and insert (" then, notwithstanding that they would not, apart from the said provisions, be deemed for the said purposes to be owned by the person from time to time carrying on the business, the ship and any part thereof and any goods so appropriated as aforesaid shall, subject to the provisions of the next following subsection,") 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.

The Lords Amendment in p. 63, leave out lines 10 to 35, and insert :

(" (4A) The provisions of the last preceding subsection shall apply in relation to the construction under contract in the course of a business of part of a ship, not being part of a ship which is being, or has been, constructed by the person from time to time carrying on the business, as they apply in relation to the construction of a ship—

(a) with the substitution for references to a ship of references to part of a ship;

(b) where the contract for the part of the ship is with the person for whom the ship is being constructed, with the substitution for references to the acceptance of the ship under the contract in question of references to the acceptance of the ship under the contract for the construction thereof;

(c) where the contract for the part of the ship is with any other person, with the substitution for references to the acceptance of the ship under the contract in question of references to the acceptance of the part of the ship under the contract for the construction of the part by the person for whom it is being, or has been, constructed.") 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. 65, l. 21, at end, add,—

(" (1) Section twenty shall have effect as if—

(a) for paragraph (e) of the proviso to subsection (3) the following paragraph were substituted—

(e) which consisted of shootings or of fishings (other than salmon oyster or mussel fishings) or of any other incorporeal rights; and

(b) the words in subsection (3) from 'but nothing' to 'occupation of land' were omitted.") the next Amendment, being read a second time;

And it appearing that the object of the Amendment was to make provision for special cases not previously contemplated by the Commons, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 72, l. 14, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 75, l. 9, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 75, l. 9, at end, insert,—

(" (a) paragraphs (ii) and (iii) of the proviso to subsection (2) and the words from 'so however' to the end of the subsection were omitted and there were substituted the following:—

(ii) if the property consisted of salmon, oyster or mussel fishings ") the next Amendment, being read a second time;

And it appearing that the object of the Amendment was to make provision for special cases not previously contemplated by the Commons, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 75, l. 21, at end, add,—

(" ( ) Section twenty shall have effect as if—

(a) for paragraph (e) of the proviso to subsection (3) the following paragraph were substituted—

(e) which consisted of shootings or of fishings (other than salmon oyster or mussel fishings) or of any other incorporeal rights; and

(b) the words in subsection (3) from 'but nothing' to 'occupation of land' were omitted.") the next Amendment, being read a second time;

And it appearing that the object of the Amendment was to make provision for special cases not previously contemplated by the Commons, the same was agreed to.
The Lords Amendment in p. 75, l. 22, leave out subsection (11) and insert the following subsection —

"(11) A tenement comprising dwelling houses the rateable value of none of which exceeds thirty-five pounds shall, notwithstanding that some or all of its component parts may be separately assessed to Schedule A or separately entered in the valuation roll, be deemed for the purposes of section twenty-five to be a single contributory property to which that section applies ‘")"

the next Amendment, being read a second time).

And it appearing that the object of the Amendment was to make provision for special cases not previously contemplated by the Commons, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 75, l. 34, at end, add,—

"(1) Section twenty-six shall have effect as if—

(a) for any reference to rights mentioned in section six of the Rating Act, 1874, there were substituted a reference to shootings or fishings other than salmon oyster or mussel fishings; and

(b) subsections (3) and (5) were omitted ‘")"

the next Amendment, being read a second time.

And it appearing that the object of the Amendment was to make provision for special cases not previously contemplated by the Commons, the same was agreed to.

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 doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Public Works Loans Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. Whiteley.)

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

Mr. Secretary Morrison, by His Majesty’s Command, acquainted the House that His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Public Works Loans [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 purpose of any Act of the present Session relating to local loans, it is expedient to authorise the remission of arrears of principal and interest due to the Public Works Loan Commissioners in respect of Eyemouth Harbour.—(Captain Crookshank.)

Resolution to be reported.

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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 Isle of Man (Detention) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Major Dugdale.)

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Land Drainage (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 Sulphuric Acid (Charges) Emergency Powers (Defence) Act, 1939, a copy of which was presented to this House on the 11th day of this instant March, be approved.—(Mr. Harold Macmillan.)

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.—(Major Dugdale.)

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

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

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

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

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

Ordered, That Mr. Pickthorn be discharged National from the Select Committee on National Expenditure. and Mr. Douglas Cooke be added to the Committee.—(Major Dugdale.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Major Dugdale); And it being Five of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed without Question put.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Major Dugdale); And it being half an hour after Five of the clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, till to-morrow.
Wednesday, 26th March, 1941.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

Mr. Speaker's Absence.

Prayers.

Land Drainage Provisional Order.

The Clerk at the Table informed the House of the unavoidable absence, through indisposition, of Mr. Speaker from this day's sitting:—Whereupon Sir Dennis Herbert, the Chairman of Ways and Means, proceeded to the Table and, after Prayers, took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Standing Order.

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

Mr. Ernest Brown presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order made under the Poor Law Act, 1930, dated 17th March 1941, entitled the East Suffolk (Adjudicating Officers) Order, 1941.

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

Captain Crookshank presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—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 1940.

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

Mr. Secretary Morrison 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 28th February 1941, amending the Defence (Evacuated Areas) Regulations, 1940.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House Accounts of the Civil Contingencies Fund, 1939, showing (1) the Receipts and Payments in connection with the Fund in the year ended 31st March 1940; (2) the Distribution of the Capital of the Fund at the commencement and close of that year; with a copy of the Correspondence with the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.-(Captain Crookshank.)

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

The Lords have agreed to the Determination of Needs Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Shipley) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Consequential Amendment made by this House to the War Damage Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to make provision for promoting economy and efficiency in the carrying on of the work of public and certain other schools under war conditions; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Public and Other Schools (War Conditions) Bill [Lords] was read the first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow, and to be printed.

Captain John Seymour Berry, commonly called Captain the Honourable John Seymour Berry, Member for the County of Hertford (Hitchin Division), was sworn.

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

Resolved, That the Proceedings in connection with a statement to be made by the Prime Minister, and upon any consequential Motion relating to Adjournment and Business of the House be held in Secret Session.—(The Prime Minister.)

Resolved, That this House, at its rising on Thursday the 3rd day of April next, do adjourn until Monday the 7th day of April next, and that no questions for oral answer be taken on Monday the 7th day of April next, except questions which are of an urgent character and relate either to matters of public importance or to the arrangement of Business.—(The Prime Minister.)

The Order of the day being read for the National Service Bill;—And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time.


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

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

1. Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Act, 1941;
2. Air Raid Precautions (Postponement of Financial Investigation) Act, 1941;
3. Determination of Needs Act, 1941;
4. War Damage Act, 1941;
5. Land Drainage (Scotland) Act, 1941;
6. Ministry of Health Provisional Order Confirmation (Shipley) Act, 1941.

And the Question being again proposed, That the National Service Bill be now read a second time;

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

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Munro, Mr. Boulton: 176.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Maiton, Mr. McGovern: 4.

So 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. (Major Dugdale.)

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

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 National Service [Money] proposed to be moved, under Standing Order No. 69, in Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

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

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That for the purpose of any Act of the present Session to make provision for calling up men for civil defence and to amend the National Service (Armed Forces) Act, 1939, it is expedient to authorise the remission of arrears of principal and interest due to the Public Works Loan Commissioners in respect of Eyemouth Harbour.

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

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

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 to No. 6 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.

The Order of the day being read, for the Isle of Man Committee on the Isle of Man (Detention) Bill; (Detention) Bill.

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

Resolved, That the Orders made by the Sunday Entertainments Secretary of State for the Home Department under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, extending section one of that Act to the undermentioned areas, viz.—

(1) the County Borough of Bootle;
(2) the County Borough of Wallasey;
(3) the Borough of Bridlington;
(4) the City of Gloucester;

copies of which were presented to this House on the 20th day of this instant March, be approved.—(Mr. Peake.)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.— Adjournment. (Major Dugdale.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till ten minutes before Five of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
Mr. Speaker's Absence.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

The Clerk at the Table informed the House of Mr. Speaker's unavoidable absence, through indisposition, of Mr. Speaker from this day's sitting:—Whereupon Sir Dennis Herbert, the Chairman of Ways and Means, proceeded to the Table and, after Prayers, took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Standing Order.

Captain Crookshank presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 26th day of this instant March, for a Return relative to the Civil Contingencies Fund, 1939.

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

Dental Board.

Sir John Anderson presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, Account of the Income and Expenditure of the Dental Board of the United Kingdom for 1940.

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 1940.

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

Medical Councils.

Mr. Secretary Morrison 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 14th March 1941, amending Regulations 2, 3 and 4 of the Defence (War Zone Courts) Regulations, 1940.

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

Treaty Series

Mr. Secretary Eden presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of an Agreement between the Governments of the United Kingdom and the United States of America relating to the Bases leased to the United States of America and Notes exchanged, with Protocol between the Governments of the United Kingdom, Canada and the United States of America concerning the Defence of Newfoundland. London, 27th March 1941.

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

National Expenditure.

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 had directed Progress in the matters to them referred and had directed them 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.
Order III 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.—(The Deputy Chairman.)

Ordered, That the Chairman of Ways and Means have power to select from the panel appointed under Standing Order III 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 III.—(The Deputy Chairman.)

Ordered, That during the present Session the Committee of Selection have power to add to the panel appointed under Standing Order III.—(The Deputy Chairman.)

Ordered, That in the case of an Opposed Bill promoted by a municipal or other local authority containing clauses by which it is proposed to create powers relating to Police, Sanitary and other Local Government matters in conflict with, deviation from, or excess of the provisions of the general law, the Committee to which the Bill is referred shall, when considering such clauses as aforesaid, have the assistance of the Counsel to Mr. Speaker.—(The Deputy Chairman.)

Mr. Secretary Morrison presented,—Return to an Address to His Majesty, dated the 11th day of December last, for a Return relative to Aliens (Naturalisation).

Mr. Secretary Morrison also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Orders made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, extending Section 1 of the Act to—
(1) the Urban District of Rugby, and
(2) the Urban District of Welwyn Garden City.

Copy of the Ninetieth Report of the Church Estates Commissioners, being a Report for the year preceding the 1st day of March 1941.


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

Mr. Ernest Brown presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Provisional Regulations made under the Poor Law Act, 1930, dated 20th February 1941, entitled the Public Assistance (Amendment) Order, 1941.

Copy of a Scheme made by the Wiltshire County Council under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937, and approved by the Minister of Health.

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 Wheat Fund showing the Revenue and Expenditure attributable to the Cereal Year ended the 31st day of July 1940, with the Report of the Controller and Auditor General thereon.

Accounts of the Treasury Pensions Account, the Pensions Account, and the Pensions (Scotland) Account, and of the Treasury Special Pensions Account, the Special Pensions Account and the Special Pensions (Scotland) Account, showing the Receipts and Payments during the year ended the 31st day of March 1940, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Accounts be printed.

Miss Wilkinson reported, from the Committee on National Service (Money), a Resolution which was read, as followeth:—That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make provision for calling up men for civil defence and to amend the National Service (Armed Forces) Act, 1939, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenses incurred by a Secretary of State or other Minister of the Crown in consequence of the passing of the first-mentioned Act.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved that National Service Bill itself into a Committee on the National Service Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Liability to be called up for civil defence).

Amendment proposed in p. 1, l. 10, to leave out from the word "Crown," to the end of l. 12.—(Mr. Maxton.)

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Boult., Yeas, 200.
Tellers for the [Mr. Maxton, 2.
Mr. McGovern,

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 14, at the end, to insert the words “but no Member of the House of Commons shall be liable under this Act”.—(Mr. Pickthorn.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 25, at the end, to insert the words,—

“() if any conditionally registered conscientious objector notifies the Minister in the manner prescribed by the Minister that he desires to be allowed to continue to undertake the work specified by the tribunal as a condition of his registration, the Minister may suspend his liability to be called up for civil defence, and may also refer the application to the appellate tribunal which may recommend
that the condition of registration should continue in force or that it should be varied:—

(Mr. Harvey.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the 

Mr. Maxton, 

Yea,s, { Mr. McGovern: } 14.

Mr. Muirno, 

Noes, { Mr. Whiteley: } 216.

Clause agreed to.

Ordered, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. James Stuart.)

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Isle of Man (Detention) 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 Army and Air Force (Annual) Bill:

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that the Order in Council, dated 28th February 1941, made under the Emergency Powers (Defence) Acts, 1939 and 1940, amending Regulation 42B of, and adding Regulation 42BA to, the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939, a copy of which was presented to this House on the 25th day of March last, be annulled.—(Mr. Magnay.)

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the 

Mr. Magnay, 

Sir Francis 

Fremantle: } 144.

Tellers for the 

Colonel Sandeman 

Allen: } 136.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

Resolved, That the Draft of a Special Order proposed to be made by the Board of Trade under the Gas Undertakings Acts, 1920 to 1934, on the application of the Cardigan and Fishguard Gas Company, Limited, which was presented to this House on the 11th day of March last, and published, be approved subject to the following modifications:—

Clause 3, p. 2, ll. 46 and 47, leave out "thirty-first day of March 1941," and insert "date of this Order."

Clause 4, p. 3, ll. 22 to 25, leave out paragraph (b), and insert,—

(b) In Clause 2 the words "thirty day after the" shall be omitted.

—(Captain Waterhouse.)

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

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

[No. 45.]

Wednesday, 2nd April, 1941.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

The Clerk at the Table informed the House of Mr. Speaker's the unavoidable absence, through indisposition, of Mr. Speaker from this day's sitting:—

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

Ordered, That Mr. Deputy 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 Great Yarmouth, in the room of Sir Arthur Harbord, c.b.e., deceased. —(Mr. Holdsworth.)

The Great Western Railway (Variation of Directors Qualification) 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 made upon the 25th day of March last, That the Paper relative to the Ministry of Pensions do lie upon the Table, and be printed, was read and discharged.

Ordered, That the Paper be withdrawn.

Colonel Moore-Brabazon presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, —Act, 1930. Copy of Regulations made under the Road Traffic Act, 1930, dated 26th March 1941, entitled the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Track Laying Vehicles) Regulations, 1941.

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:

Public Records.

Copy of an additional Rule, dated 18th March 1941, relating to the Disposal of Documents existing or accruing in the Ministry of Aircraft Production which are not considered of sufficient public value to justify their preservation in the Public Record Office.

Orderd, That a Message be sent to the Lords to request that their Lordships will be pleased to give leave to the Lord Perry to attend to be examined as a Witness before the Co-ordinating Sub-Committee appointed by the Select Committee on National Expenditure.—(Sir John Wardlaw-Milne.)

Orderd, That the Clerk do carry the said Message.

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to enable powers conferred by section two of the Chartered and Other Bodies (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1930, to be exercised with respect to certain bodies incorporated by Royal Charter; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Romæ Moelwyn Hughes, Esquire, Member for the County of Carmarthen (Carmarthen Division), was sworn.

Notice being taken that Strangers were present.—Mr. Deputy Speaker pursuant to Standing Order No. 89, put forthwith the Question, That Strangers be ordered to withdraw.

And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Secret Session.

Resolved, That the Proceedings in connection with a statement to be made by the Lord Privy Seal, and upon any consequential Motion relating to the Sittings of the House be held in Secret Session.—(Mr. Attlee.)

Resolved, That this House do meet on Monday the 7th day of this instant April, at Two of the clock.—(Mr. Attlee.)

Orderd, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted at this day's Sitting from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Mr. Attlee.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply ; And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Deputy Speaker do now leave the Chair.—(Mr. James Stuart)

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 urges upon His Majesty's Government an effective and courageous use of the powers granted by Parliament so that all His Majesty's subjects of all classes who are not engaged in the armed forces or in duties essential to the life of the nation shall, in such manner as the Government may direct, use their industrial energies in the total war effort."—(Mr. Simmonds).—instead thereof.

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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. Deputy Speaker do now leave the Chair.

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

(In the Committee.) Civil Estimates, 1941.

Class I.

Vote 2. House of Commons.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum, not exceeding £327,700, be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1942, 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.—(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 House, according to Order, resolved National itself into a Committee on the National Service Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 2 (Enrolment notices.) Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 4, to leave out paragraph (a).—(Mr. Silkin.)

Question. That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "two," in l. 4, stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Amendments made.

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

The Committee divided.

 Tellers for the f Major Dugdale,
 Yea,  
 Mr. Whiteley :  172.

 Tellers for the f Mr. Maxton,
 Noes,  
 Mr. McGovern :  1.

Clause No. 3 (Terms of service.)

Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 15, at the end, to insert the words: "but such rules shall not operate to prevent the person serving with any civil defence force from forming or being members of a trade union for the purpose of maintaining and improving their condition of service as regards pay, allowances, clothing expenses and other matters."—(Mr. Maxton.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.
The Committee proceeded to a Division and the Chairman stated that he thought the Noes had it; and, on his decision being challenged, it appeared to him that the Division was unnecessarily claimed, and he accordingly called upon the Members who supported and who challenged his decision successively to rise in their places, and he declared the Noes had it. Two Members only who challenged his decision having stood up.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 18, after the word "Treasury," to insert the words, "and the Commons House of Parliament."—(Mr. Maxton.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. McGovern : } 0.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. Adamson : } 122.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 18, after the word "Treasury," to insert the words, "and after consultation with such associations of local authorities as appear to him to be concerned."—(Sir Joseph Lamb.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 39, at the end, to insert the words, 
"(d) he shall, if he be a person serving a local authority in any capacity specified in the first column of the Schedule to the Local Government Staffs (War Service) Act, 1939, immediately before he is called up for civil defence in pursuance of this Act, be treated for the purposes of the said Act of 1939 on such calling up as if he had ceased so to serve in such capacity as aforesaid in order to undertake service in any of the naval, military, or air forces of the Crown."

—(Mr. Messer.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 39, at the end, to insert the words, 
"(d) no eviction order for evicting his wife and family from their home shall be granted while he is in the service of the Crown."

—(Mr. McGovern.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 4 (Enforcement of requirements as to medical examination.)

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 17, to leave out paragraph (a).—(Mr. Silk.)

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

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses No. 5 to No. 7 agreed to.

Clause No. 8 (Postponement certificates.)

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 9, l. 39, at the end, to add the words, 
"(4) The proviso to subsection (3) of section six of the principal Act shall cease to have effect."—(Mr. Silk.)

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

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 9 agreed to.

Clause No. 10 amended, and agreed to.

Clauses No. 11 to No. 16 agreed to.

A Clause (Selection for civil defence.)—(Mr. Gordon Macdonald.)—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 (Provisions as to certain persons sentenced by the courts.)—(Mr. Harvey),—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. Harvey : } 5.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. Boulton : } 67.

Schedule agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the 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 Army and Air Force (Annual) Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the House will, to-morrow, 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 Army and Air Force (Annual) Bill;

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

Resolved, That the Orders made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, extending section one of that Act to the undermentioned areas, viz.:

(1) the Urban District of Welwyn Garden City, and

(2) the Urban District of Rugeley,
copies of which were presented to this House on the 1st day of this instant April, be approved.—(Mr. Mabane.)

Adjournment. Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Major Dugdale.)

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

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

Mr. Speaker’s Absence.  

The Clerk at the Table informed the House of the unavoidable absence, through indisposition, of Mr. Speaker from this day’s sitting:—Whereupon Sir Dennis Herbert, the Chairman of Ways and Means, proceeded to the Table and, after Prayers, took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Standing Order.

Ordered, That Mr. Deputy 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 Nottingham (Mansfield Division), in the room of Charles Brown, Esquire, deceased. —(Mr. Whiteley.)

Mr. Secretary Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Report of the Visit of Inspection made by Commissioners, Board of Control, to the Broadmoor Criminal Lunatic Asylum in 1940.

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

Mr. Secretary Margesson presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of a Statement relating to Allowances for Dependants of Men serving in His Majesty’s Forces during the present War.

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

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled an Act to confer further powers upon the East Surrey Gas Company and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords give leave to the Lord Perry to attend in order to his being examined as a Witness before the Co-ordinating Subcommittee appointed by the Select Committee appointed by this House on National Expenditure, if his Lordship think fit.  

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The East Surrey Gas Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

The Chartered and Other Bodies (Temporary Provisions) Bill [Lords] was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next.

Ordered, That this day, notwithstanding anything in Standing Order No. 14, Business other than the Business of Supply may be taken before the time appointed for the interruption of Business, 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).—(Mr. Attlee.)

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

(In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates, 1941.  

Class VI.

Vote 7. Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

Motion made and Question proposed, That a sum, not exceeding £32,359,683, 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 1942, for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, and of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, including grants and grants in aid and expenses in respect of agricultural education and research, eradication of diseases of animals, and improvement of breeding, &c., of live stock, land settlement, improvement of cultivation, drainage, &c., 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.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again.—(Major Dugdale),—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 Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Isle of Man (Detention) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Removal of detained persons to Isle of Man.)

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 14, at the end, to add the words, —

"Provided that such detention shall not be deemed lawful custody while any proceedings
in which the validity of the original detention is in issue remain undecided.”—(Mr. Silverman.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 14, at the end, to add the words,—

“Provided that no such removal shall take place under such conditions as would in any way impair the power of the House of Commons or of the Committee of Privileges of that House to order and enforce the attendance of any Member of Parliament who may be detained under any regulation made by a Secretary of State.”—(Sir Irving Albery.)

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

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 now read the third time.

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

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

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public and Other Schools (War Conditions) Bill [Lords];

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

And it being after half-past Five of the clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House, without Question put, it being then twenty-nine minutes after Six of the clock, till Monday next, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of the 26th day of March last.

[No. 47.]

Monday, 7th April, 1941.

The House met at Two of the clock.

The Clerk at the Table informed the House of Mr. Speaker’s unavoidable absence, through indisposition, of Mr. Speaker from this day’s sitting:—Whereupon Sir Dennis Herbert, the Chairman of Ways and Means, proceeded to the Table and, after Prayers, took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Standing Order.

The Vice-Chamberlain of the Household Emergency Powers (Defence) Acts, 1939 and 1940, reported to the House, That their Address of the 1st day of this instant April relative to the Emergency Powers (Defence) Acts, 1939 and 1949, 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 Order in Council, dated 28th February 1941, made under the Emergency Powers (Defence) Acts, 1939 and 1949, amending Regulation 428 of, and adding Regulation 428A to, the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939, be annulled.

I shall give directions in accordance with your Address.

I have received your Address praying that the Order in Council, dated 28th February 1941, made under the Emergency Powers (Defence) Acts, 1939 and 1949, amending Regulation 428 of, and adding Regulation 428A to, the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939, be annulled.

I shall give directions in accordance with your Address.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Great Western Railway (Superannuation Fund) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.
The House proceeded to take into consideration the Southern Railway (Superannuation Fund) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

War Finance.

Captain Crookshank presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of an Analysis of the Sources of War Finance and an Estimate of the National Income and Expenditure in 1938 and 1940.

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

Mr. Secretary Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order in Council made under the Emergency Powers (Defence) Acts, 1939 and 1940, dated 31st March 1941, adding Regulation 8(b) to the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939.

Mr. Lyttelton presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Orders made under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, extending the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the directions of an Act of Parliament, to the Borough of Lewes.

Copy of Orders made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, extending the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the directions of an Act of Parliament, to the Rural District of Easthampstead; and to the Borough of Lewes.

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

Mr. Lyttelton presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders made under the War Damage Act, 1941, dated 31st March 1941, entitled—

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

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.)

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

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).—(Mr. Atlee.)

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

CUST. 

Hops, &c., and Beer.

1. Resolved, That the period for which the following duties of customs are chargeable

(b) the additional duty now chargeable in respect of beer by virtue of that subsection.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

INCOME TAX.

Charge of Tax.

2. Resolved, That—

(a) income tax for the year 1941-42 shall be charged at the standard rate of ten shillings 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 1940-41, other than such enactments as by their terms relate only to tax for that year, shall have effect with respect to the income tax charged for the year 1941-42.

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 1940-41.

3. Resolved, That income tax for the year 1940-41 shall be charged at rates exceeding the standard rate in the case of individuals whose total incomes exceed two thousand pounds, and those rates shall be in the pound which respectively exceed the standard rate for that year by the amounts specified in the second column of the Table in subsection (1) of section seven of the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1940.

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.)

Reliefs and Exemption from tax.

4. Resolved, That the following enactments relating to reliefs and exemption from tax shall be amended as Parliament may provide by any Act of the present Session relating to income tax, namely:—

(a) 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);

(b) subsection (1) of section fifteen of the Finance Act, 1925, as so amended (which relates to relief in respect of...
earned income) and subsection (2) of that section, as so amended (which relates to persons over sixty-five years of age);

(c) section eighteen of the Finance Act, 1920, as so amended (which relates to the personal allowance);

(d) section nineteen of the Finance Act, 1935, as so amended (which relates to the exemption of incomes not exceeding one hundred and twenty pounds and a reduction of tax in the case of incomes less than one hundred and forty pounds).—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Farming.

5. Resolved, That farming (including the occupation of lands as nurseries and market gardens) shall be taxed as a trade under Schedule D, in accordance with such provisions as Parliament may determine by any Act of the present Session relating to income tax.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Concentration of Industry.

6. Resolved, That the trades of the persons who are parties to arrangements for concentrating industry or business in the hands of fewer persons shall be treated for income tax purposes as continuing and sums payable to them under the arrangements shall be treated for those purposes as trading receipts.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Payments in respect of war injuries to employees.

7. Resolved, That in computing profits or gains or total income for any income tax purpose, no deduction shall be made for payments to or in respect of employees who sustain war injuries or for premiums or contributions under policies, agreements, schemes or arrangements providing for such payments; and no such payments, premiums or contributions shall be included in computing expenses of management or supervision or the cost of maintenance, repairs or insurance.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Assessments under Schedule A.

8. Resolved, That—

(a) assessments made under Rule 8 of No. VII of Schedule A shall be valid although not made on the person who should have been assessed;

(b) further provision shall be made as to the persons from whom and the manner in which tax under Schedule A shall be recoverable;

(c) this Resolution shall apply to past and future assessments, for whatever year of assessment.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Rents under long leases, &c., in Scotland.

9. Resolved, That any payment made in respect of land in Scotland for a period ending on the fifteenth day of May in any year, being a payment to which section seventeen of the Finance Act, 1940 (which applies to rents under long leases and other annual payments in respect of land) applies, shall be treated for income tax purposes as if it had become due at the commencement of that period.

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.)

MISCELLANEOUS.

Excess Profits Tax.

10. Resolved, That the extent and incidence of excess profits tax (for past and future chargeable accounting periods) shall be varied so as to give effect to—

(a) to amendments as to standard profits and the computation of capital, the computation of profits and losses, succession and amalgamations, the avoidance of tax, interconnected companies, chargeable accounting periods falling partly before and partly after the end of March, nineteen hundred and forty, the relief to be given for deficiencies of profits and the relief to be given for excess profits tax in parts of His Majesty's dominions outside the United Kingdom;

(b) to provisions relating to arrangements for concentrating industry or business in the hands of fewer persons; and

(c) to provisions enabling persons liable to the tax to recover tax from persons who have received payments for services which have been disallowed under section thirty-two of the Finance Act, 1940.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

National Defence Contribution.

11. Resolved, That the extent and incidence of the National Defence Contribution (for past and future chargeable accounting periods) shall be varied so as to give effect to amendments as to the computation of profits and losses, and to provisions relating to arrangements for concentrating industry or business in the hands of fewer persons.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Power to borrow for certain financial purposes.

12. 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, 1930, instead of out of the permanent annual charge for the National Debt.—(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 and the Public Revenue, 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. James Stuart)—put, and agreed to.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Chairman of Ways and Means also acquainted the House, That the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the 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 Chartered and Other Bodies (Temporary Provisions) Bill [Lords];

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public and Other Schools (War Conditions) Bill [Lords];

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

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

[No. 48.]

Tuesday, 8th April, 1941.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

Mr. Speaker's Absence.

The Clerk at the Table informed the House of the unavoidable absence, through indisposition, of Mr. Speaker from this day's sitting—Whereupon Sir Dennis Herbert, the Chairman of Ways and Means, proceeded to the Table and, after Prayers, took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Standing Order.

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

East Surrey Gas Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

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 43 of the Government of Burma Act, 1935, entitled the National Service (European British Subjects) Act, 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 Volunteer Air Unit (Discipline) Ordinance (Extending) Ordinance, 1941 (Ordinance No. 1 of 1941).

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

Mr. Secretary Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order made by the Council of the County Borough of West Hartlepool under the Shops Acts, 1912 to 1938, and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department.

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

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

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

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

The Lords have passed a Bill intituled An Act to provide for the arrangement or the settlement of the affairs of persons financially affected by war circumstances; to amend the Courts (Emergency Powers) Acts, 1939 and 1940, and the Possession of Mortgaged Land (Emergency Provisions) Act, 1939; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill intituled An Act to require accountants' certificates as to compliance with the Solicitors' Accounts Rules, to establish a fund for relief in certain cases of losses due to dishonesty of solicitors, 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 Liabilities (War-Time Adjustment) Bill [Lords] was read the first time and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

The Liabilities (War-Time Adjustment) Bill [Lords] was printed.
The House, according to Order, resolve itself into the Committee of Ways and Means (In the Committee.)

Amendment of Law.

Question again proposed, That it is expedient to amend the law relating to the National Debt and the Public Revenue, and to make further provision in connection with Finance.

And it being Five of the clock, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Colonel Ponsonby 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 the Report from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 7th day of this instant April.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Chartered and Other Bodies (Temporary Provisions) Bill [Lords];

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public and Other Schools (War Conditions) Bill [Lords];

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.—(Major Dugdale.)

And it being half an hour after Five of the clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, till to-morrow.
Ways and Means.

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

(In the Committee.)

Amendment of Law.

1. Question again proposed, That it is expedient to amend the law relating to the National Debt and the Public Revenue, and to make further provision in connection with Finance.

Question put, and agreed to.

National Loans.

2. Resolved, That,—

(i) 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-two; and in addition a sum not exceeding two hundred and fifty million pounds;

(ii) further provision shall be made as respects the mode of transferring stock and bonds issued under the said Act and as respects the registration thereof and certificates of ownership thereof.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Commander Williams reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

Commander Williams also acquainted the House, That he was directed to move, That the Report from the Committee of Ways and Means, proceeds to the Table, Whereupon Sir Dennis Herbert, the Chairman, acquainted the House that His Majesty, according to Order, resolved to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 7th day of this instant April;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

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

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 7th day of this instant April;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

Resolved, That the Orders made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, extending Section I of the Act to the undermentioned areas, viz.:

(1) the Borough of Lewes; and

(2) the Bracknell Special Purpose Area in the Rural District of Easthampstead, copies of which were presented to this House on the 7th day of this instant April, be approved.—(Major Dugdale.)

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.

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the British Museum and the British Museum
(Natural History) consist of thirty thousand
pounds Two and one-half per cent. Consolidated
Annuities, the annual dividends whereof
amount to seven hundred and fifty pounds ;
of a bequest of the eighth Earl of Bridgewater,
the annual proceeds of which amount to about
four hundred and one pounds ; of a bequest of
Lord Farnborough, the annual proceeds of
which amount to about seventy-two pounds ;
of a bequest of the late Henry Louis Florence,
the annual proceeds of which amount to about
sixty-five pounds ; of a bequest of the late
Honourable Nathaniel Charles Rothschild, the
annual proceeds of which amount to about
four hundred and eighty-seven pounds ;
of a bequest of the late James Rose Vallentin, the
annual proceeds of which amount to about
three hundred and ninety-eight pounds ; and
of one eighth of the proceeds of 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.

United States

Mr. Secretary Eden presented, by His
Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Speech made
by Viscount Halifax, His Majesty's Ambassador
at Washington, on the 25th day of March 1941.

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

Unemployment Assistance Act, 1934.

Mr. Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Memorandum
by the Assistance Board explanatory of the Draft Unemployment Assistance (Determination of Need and Assessment of Needs) (Amendment) Regulations, 1941.

Mr. Bevin also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Orders made under the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1939, and the Unemployment Insurance (Emergency Powers) Act, 1939, dated 7th April 1941, entitled
(1) the Unemployment Insurance (Banking Industry Special Scheme) (Amendment) Order, 1941 ; and
(2) the Unemployment Insurance (Insurance Industry Special Scheme) (Amendment) Order, 1941.

Copy of Draft Regulations proposed to be
made under the Unemployment Assistance Act, 1934, dated 8th April 1941, entitled the
Draft Unemployment Assistance (Determination of Need and Assessment of Needs) (Amendment) Regulations, 1941.

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

Mr. Ernest Brown presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Memorandum
explanatory of the Draft Supplementary Pensions (Determination of Need and Assessment of Needs) (Amendment) Regulations, 1941, dated
9th April, 1941, proposed to be 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,
and the Determination of Needs Act, 1941.

Mr. Ernest Brown also presented, pursuant to
the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Draft Regulations, proposed to be
made under the Old Age and Widows' Pensions Act, 1940, dated 9th April 1941, entitled the
Draft Supplementary Pensions (Determination of Need and Assessment of Needs) (Amend-
ment) Regulations, 1941.

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

Colonel Moore-Brabazon presented, pursuant
Road Traffic
to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy
Insurance Act, 1930.

Copy of Regulations made under the Road
Traffic Act, 1930, dated 3rd April 1941, entitled
the Public Service Vehicles (Conditions of Fitness) Regulations, 1941.

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

Mr. Lyttelton presented, pursuant to the War Risks
directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy
Insurance Act, 1939.

Copy of an Order made under the War Risks
Insurance Act, 1939, dated 8th April 1941,
entitled the War Risks (Commodity Insurance)
(No. 2) Order, 1941.

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

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from
Order, 1941.
the Lords, one of their Clerks, as followeth :

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An
Camborne Water Bill
Camborne Water Company ; to confer addi-
tional powers upon the Company ; and for
other purposes ; to which the Lords desire the
agreement of this House.

The Camborne Water Bill [Lords] was read Camborne
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Camborne Water Company ; to confer addi-
tional powers upon the Company ; and for
other purposes ; to which the Lords desire the
agreement of this House.

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

Percy William Jowson, Esquire, Member for New Member
the Borough of Great Yarmouth, was sworn.

Resolved, That this House, at its rising this Adjournment
day, do adjourn till Tuesday, the 22nd day of
this instant April.—(Mr. Attlee.)

Mr. Montague reported from the Committee
Ways and Means of the 9th day of this Means
Order, 1941.
Sold on the 25th day of March 1941.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising this Adjournment
day, do adjourn till Tuesday, the 22nd day of
this instant April.—(Mr. Attlee.)

Mr. Montague reported from the Committee
Ways and Means of the 9th day of this Means
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National Loans.

2. 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-two; and in addition a sum not exceeding two hundred and fifty million pounds;
(2) further provision shall be made as respects the mode of transferring stock and bonds issued under the said Act and as respects the registration thereof and certificates of ownership thereof.

The First Resolution being read a second time;
Ordered, That the said Resolution be taken into further consideration upon Tuesday the 22nd day of this instant April.

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

National Loans. Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the Second Resolution, and that the Chairman of Ways and Means, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer and Captain Crookshank do prepare and bring it in.

Captain Crookshank accordingly presented a Bill to extend the powers of the Treasury to raise money under section one of the National Loans Act, 1939, and substitute other provisions for the provisions of paragraph 1 of the Second Schedule to that Act: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 22nd day of this instant April; and to be printed.

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


Mr. Deputy Speaker,

The Lords authorised by virtue of His Majesty's Commission, for declaring His Royal Assent to several Acts which are agreed upon by both Houses, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read.

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

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

1. Public Works Loans Act, 1941.
2. National Service Act, 1941.
3. Isle of Man (Detention) Act, 1941.

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

And it being Five of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed without Question put.

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

And it being half an hour after Five of the clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, till Tuesday the 22nd day of this instant April, pursuant to the Resolution of the House this day.
Captain Crookshank presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—List of the Pensions granted during the year ended the 31st day of March 1941, and payable under the provisions of subsection (3) of Section 15 of the Civil List Act, 1937.

Copy of an Order made under the Emergency Powers (Defence) Act, 1939, dated 28th March 1941, entitled the Timber (Charges) (No. 3) Order, 1941.

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

Mr. Secretary Johnston presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Minute by the Secretary for State for Scotland under the Education (Scotland) Act, 1918, dated 18th April 1941, entitled the Education Authorities (Scotland) Grant Regulations (Amendment) Minute, 1941.

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

Mr. Ramsbotham presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations made under the Education Act, 1921, dated 28th March 1941, entitled the Training of Teachers Supplementary Regulations, 1941.

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

Mr. Ernest Brown presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations made under the National Health Insurance Act, 1936, dated 24th March 1941, entitled the National Health Insurance (Reserve Forces) Amendment Regulations, 1941.

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

Copies of Schemes made by the undermentioned local authorities under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937, and approved by the Minister of Health:

(1) the Durham County Council; and
(2) the Kendal Borough Council.

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 the Securities held by the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt at the 31st day of March 1941, as Investments for Moneys, forming part of the Unemployment Fund, paid over to them by the Ministry of Labour and National Service under Sections 58 (3) and 114 (9) of the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1935.

Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.
Proclamation varying the same issued on the 2nd day of December 1939, copies of which were presented to this House on the 28th day of November 1939, and the 16th day of January 1940, respectively.—(Mr. Secretary Amery.)

The Chartered and Other Bodies (Temporary Provisions) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Major Dugdale.)

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

The National Loans Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Major Dugdale.)

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.—(Major Dugdale.)

And it being Five of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed without Question put.

Ordered, That this House do now adjourn. —(Major Dugdale.)

And accordingly the House,* having continued to sit till twenty-five minutes after Five of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 52.]

Wednesday, 23rd April, 1941.

The House met at Eleven of the clock at the Annexe.

PRAYERS.

THE Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Kent Electric Power Bill;

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

A Bill to regulate the expenditure on capital account and lending of money by the London County Council during the financial period from the first day of April one thousand nine hundred and forty-one to the thirtieth day of September one thousand nine hundred and forty-two and for other purposes, was presented and read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitioners for Private Bills.

Colonel Moore-Brabazon presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Nineteenth Annual Report of the Railway Rates Tribunal, being a Report for 1940.

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


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Captain Crookshank presented, pursuant to Egyptian guaranteed of 1885

Account up to the 31st day of March 1941, showing the total Sums issued from the Consolidated Fund, pursuant to the Act 48 Vic. cap. 11, in respect of the annuity of £315,000—which was guaranteed by His 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.

Account up to the 31st day of March 1941, Greek Loan of the total Sums issued from the Consolidated of 1898. Fund pursuant to the Greek Loan Act, 1898, in respect of the Annuity which was guaranteed by His 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.

Copy of a Treasury Minute under the Public Public Accounts and Charges Act, 1891, dated 21st April 1941, directing the application of certain receipts as Appropriations in Aid of the Vote for the Department of Agriculture, Scotland (War Services).

Statement of Guarantees given by the Development Treasury under Section 1 of the Development (Loan Guarantees and Grants) Act, 1929, up to its expiration on the 31st day of August 1932; Act, 1929.

And Account up to the 31st day of March 1941 of the total Sums issued from the Consolidated Fund in fulfilment of guarantees given under Section 1 of the Act, and of the Sums paid in or towards repayment of any Sums so issued.

Ordered, That the said Papers lie upon the Table.

The following Paper, pursuant to the Supreme Court 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 Powers) Act, 1939, dated 8th April 1941, entitled the Rules of the Supreme Court (No. 1), 1941.

Sir James Edmondson reported from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 7th day of this instant April several Resolutions which were read, as follow:

CUSTOMS.

Hops &c. and Beer.

1. That the period for which the following duties of customs are chargeable (which expires Customs, Hops &c. and Beer.
on the fifteenth day of August, nineteen hundred and forty-one) shall be extended by four years, namely:

(a) the duties now chargeable by virtue of subsection (1) of section one of the Finance Act, 1937, on hops, hop oil and extracts, essences or other similar preparations made from hops; and

(b) the additional duty now chargeable in respect of beer by virtue of that subsection.

Income Tax.

Charge of Tax.

2. That—

(a) income tax for the year 1941-42 shall be charged at the standard rate of ten shillings 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 1940-41, other than such enactments as by their terms relate only to tax for that year, shall have effect with respect to the income tax charged for the year 1941-42.

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 1940-41.

3. That income tax for the year 1940-41 shall be charged at rates exceeding the standard rate in the case of individuals whose total incomes exceed two thousand pounds, and those rates shall be rates in the pound which respectively exceed the standard rate for that year by the amounts specified in the second column of the Table in subsection (1) of section seven of the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1940.

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.

Reliefs and Exemptions from tax.

4. That the following enactments relating to reliefs and exemption from tax shall be amended as Parliament may provide by any Act of the present Session relating to income tax, namely:

(a) 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);

(b) subsection (1) of section fifteen of the Finance Act, 1925, as so amended (which relates to relief in respect of earned income) and subsection (2) of that section, as so amended (which relates to persons over sixty-five years of age);

(c) section eighteen of the Finance Act, 1930, as so amended (which relates to the personal allowance);

(d) section nineteen of the Finance Act, 1935, as so amended (which relates to the exemption of incomes not exceeding one hundred and twenty pounds and a reduction of tax in the case of incomes less than one hundred and forty pounds.)

Farming.

5. That farming (including the occupation Farming.
of lands as nurseries and market gardens) shall be taxed as a trade under Schedule D, in accordance with such provisions as Parliament may determine by any Act of the present Session relating to income tax.

Concentration of Industry.

6. That the trades of the persons who are Concentration.

parties to arrangements for concentrating of industry or business in the hands of fewer persons shall be treated for income tax purposes as continuing and sums payable to them under the arrangements shall be treated for those purposes as trading receipts.

Payments in respect of war injuries to employees.

7. That in computing profits or gains or Payments in respect of war injuries to employees.

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in total income for any income tax purpose, no deduction shall be made for payments to or in respect of employees who sustain war injuries or for premiums or contributions under policies, agreements, schemes or arrangements providing for such payments; and no such payments, premiums or contributions shall be included in computing expenses of management or supervision or the cost of maintenance, repairs or insurance.

Assessments under Schedule A.

8. That—

(a) assessments made under Rule 8 of Assessments under Schedule A.

No. VII of Schedule A shall be valid although not made on the person who should have been assessed;

(b) further provision shall be made as to the persons from whom and the manner in which tax under Schedule A shall be recoverable;

(c) this Resolution shall apply to past and future assessments, for whatever year of assessment.

Rents under long leases, &c., in Scotland.

9. That any payment made in respect of rents under long leases, &c., in Scotland.

in Scotland. any payment made in respect of land in Scotland for a period ending on the fifteenth day of May in any year, being a payment to which section seventeen of the Finance Act, 1940 (which applies to rents under long leases and other annual payments in respect of land) applies, shall be treated for income tax purposes as if it had become due at the commencement of that period.

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.
Miscellaneous.

Excess Profits Tax:

10. That the extent and incidence of excess profits tax (for past and future chargeable accounting periods) shall be varied so as to give effect to—:

(a) to amendments as to standard profits and the computation of capital, the computation of profits and losses, successions and amalgamations, the avoidance of tax, interconnected companies, chargeable accounting periods falling partly before and partly after the end of March, nineteen hundred and forty, the relief to be given for deficiencies of profits and the relief to be given for excess profits tax in parts of His Majesty’s dominions outside the United Kingdom;

(b) to provisions relating to arrangements for concentrating industry or business in the hands of fewer persons; and

(c) to provisions enabling persons liable to the tax to recover tax from persons who have received payments for services which have been disallowed under section thirty-two of the Finance Act, 1940.

Power to borrow for certain financial purposes.

12. 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.

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into further consideration the first of the Resolutions which, upon the 10th day of this instant April, were reported from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 9th day of this instant April; and the same was again read, as followeth:

Amendment of Law.

That it is expedient to amend the law relating to the National Debt and the Public Revenue, and to make further provision in connection with Finance.

And the said Resolution was agreed to.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the said Resolutions, and that the Chairman of Ways and Means, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer and Captain Crookshank do prepare and bring it in.

Captain Crookshank accordingly presented Finance Bill. a Bill to grant certain duties, to alter other duties, and to amend the law relating to the Public Revenue 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 House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the National Loans Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 to No. 3 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

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.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Chartered and Other Bodies (Temporary Provisions) Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 and No. 2 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

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

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

[No. 53.]

Thursday, 24th April, 1941.

The House met at Eleven of the clock at the Annexe.

Prayers.

The Kent Electric Power Bill was, according Kent Electric Power Bill.

to Order, read a second time, and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.
Adjournment.

Mr. Secretary Eden presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Notes exchanged between His Majesty's Government in the Commonwealth of Australia and the Portuguese Government regarding the establishment of an Air Service between Australia and Portuguese Timor. Lisbon, 11th December 1940.

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

Sir Walter Womersley presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Scheme made under the Personal Injuries (Emergency Provisions) Act, 1939, dated 10th April 1941, entitled the Personal Injuries (Civilians) Scheme, 1941.

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

Mr. Alexander presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Accounts of the Receipt and Expenditure of the Capital 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 the 31st day of March 1940, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

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

The Prime Minister presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Certificates, dated 17th April 1941, issued by the First Lord of the Treasury, for the purposes of subsection (1) of Section 1 of the House of Commons Disqualification (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1941, certifying—

1. That the appointment of Captain Sir Ian Fraser, C.B.E., a Member of the Commons House of Parliament, to be a Governor of the British Broadcasting Corporation, is required in the public interest for purposes connected with the prosecution of the present war; and

2. That the appointment of the Right Honourable Malcolm MacDonald, a Member of the Commons House of Parliament, to be High Commissioner in Canada for His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom, is required in the public interest for purposes connected with the prosecution of the present war.

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 Viscount Trenchard to attend to be examined as a Witness before the Sub-Committee on Air Services appointed by the Select Committee on National Expenditure.—(Sir Adam Maitland.)

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the said essage.

Resolved, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn till Tuesday next.—(Mr. Attlee.)

The Liabilities (War-Time Adjustment) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. Whiteley.)

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

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 Liabilities (War-Time Adjustment) [Money], proposed to be moved, under Standing Order No. 69, in Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

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

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to provide for the arrangement or the adjustment and settlement of the affairs of persons financially affected by war circumstances; to amend the Courts (Emergency Powers) Acts, 1939 and 1940, and the Possession of Mortgaged Land (Emergency Provisions) Act, 1939; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of such sums as may be necessary to defray the salaries or remuneration, and the expenses, of liabilities adjustment officers and their subordinate officers and servants.—(Mr. Attorney General.)

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Tuesday next.

The National Loans Bill was, according to Order, read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence (the Motion relating to Liabilities (War-Time Adjustment) [Money].)

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

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 Liabilities (War-Time Adjustment) [Money], proposed to be moved, under Standing Order No. 69, in Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

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

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to provide for the arrangement or the adjustment and settlement of the affairs of persons financially affected by war circumstances; to amend the Courts (Emergency Powers) Acts, 1939 and 1940, and the Possession of Mortgaged Land (Emergency Provisions) Act, 1939; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of such sums as may be necessary to defray the salaries or remuneration, and the expenses, of liabilities adjustment officers and their subordinate officers and servants.—(Mr. Attorney General.)

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Tuesday next.

The National Loans Bill was, according to Order, read the third time and passed.

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

I hereby certify that this Bill is a Money Bill, and that the House of Commons, in accordance with the provisions of the Parliament (Certification of Money Bills) Act, 1911, was, according to Order, read a second time.

E. A. FitzRoy,
Speaker.

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

(Mr. Whiteley.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-three minutes before Three of the clock, adjourned till Tuesday next, pursuant to the Resolution of the House this day.
Tuesday, 29th April, 1941.

The House met at Eleven of the clock at the Annex.

PRAYERS.

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

Kent Electric Power Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed.

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

Camborne Water Bill [Lords].

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

Mr. Secretary Eden presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of a Supplementary Loan Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom and the Spanish Government. Madrid, 7th April 1941.

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 a Draft of an Order proposed to be made under the Government of India Act, 1935, entitled the Government of India (Adaptation of Acts of Parliament) (Amendment) Order, 1941.

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

Mr. Secretary Johnston presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations made under the National Health Insurance Act, 1941, entitled the National Health Insurance (Inspection Committees and Panel and Pharmaceutical Committees) Amendment Regulations (Scotland), 1941.

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

Mr. Secretary Johnston presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations made under the National Health Insurance Act, 1939, entitled the National Health Insurance (Scotland), 1941.

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

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

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

Mr. Speaker delivered, by His Majesty’s Command, a Supplemen
tary Order of the House of Commons, dated 28th April 1941, entitled the Provisional Pensions (Determination of Need and Assessment of Needs) Amendment Regulations, 1941.

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

Mr. Secretary Eden presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of the Report of the Select Committee on National Expenditure, Expenditure, on the Receipts and Payments (not being Income and Expenditure) in the year ended the 31st day of March 1941; and the Balances in the Exchequer on that day.

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

Mr. Secretary Johnston presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations made under the National Health Insurance Act, 1941, entitled the National Health Insurance (Finance Committees) Amendment Regulations, 1941.

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

Mr. Secretary Johnston presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations made under the National Health Insurance Act, 1941, entitled the National Health Insurance (Finance Committees and Panel and Pharmaceutical Committees) Amendment Regulations (Scotland), 1941.

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

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

Account showing the Receipts and Expenditure in respect of the High Court of Justice and Court of Appeal during the year ended the 31st day of March 1941.

Resolved, That the Draft Unemployment Unemployment Assistance (Determination of Need and Assessment of Needs) Amendment Regulations, 1941, 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 10th day of this instant April, be approved.—(Mr. Bevin.)

Resolved, That the Draft Supplementary Old Age and Pensions (Determination of Need and Assessment of Needs) Amendment Regulations, 1941, made by the Minister of Health and the
Resolved, That the Timber (Charges) (No. 3) Order, 1941, dated 28th March 1941, 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 22nd day of this instant April, be approved.—(Mr. Ernest Brown.)

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

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

[No. 55.]

Wednesday, 30th April, 1941.

The House met at Eleven of the clock at the Annex.

PRAYERS.

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 26th March 1941, adding Regulation 4 to the Defence (Companies) Regulations, 1940;
(2) dated 26th March 1941, amending Regulations 6A, 29B, 56 and 56A of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939;
(3) dated 4th April 1941, making Regulations entitled the Defence (Good Friday) Regulations, 1941;
(4) dated 4th April 1941, revoking the Order in Council dated 28th February 1941, amending Regulation 42B of, and adding Regulation 42B to, the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939;
(5) dated 4th April 1941, adding Regulation 6B to, and amending Regulations 25B and 62A of, the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939;
(6) dated 4th April 1941, amending the Defence (Summer Time) Regulations, 1939; and
(7) dated 4th April 1941, amending Regulations 5B and 5l of the Defence (Finance) Regulations, 1939.

Copy of an Order in Council made under the Emergency Powers (Defence) Acts, 1939 and 1940, as extended to the Isle of Man by the Emergency Powers (Isle of Man Defence) Order in Council, 1939, and the Emergency Powers (Isle of Man Defence) (No. 2) Order in Council, 1940, dated 4th April 1941, adding Regulation 5B to, and amending Regulation 5l of, the Defence (Finance) Regulations (Isle of Man), 1939.

Report by the Secretary of State for the Home Department as to the Prevention of Violence, Registration, and Prohibition Orders made under the Prevention of Violence (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1939, during the period 1st January 1941 to 31st March 1941.

Copies of Orders made by the undermentioned local authorities under the Shops Act, 1912, and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department:

(1) the Wood Green Town Council; and
(2) the County Council of the West Riding of Yorkshire (for the Urban District of Barnoldswick).

Copies of Schemes made under the Workmen’s Compensation and Benefit (Byssinosis) Act, 1940, dated 14th April 1941, entitled—

(1) the Byssinosism (Workmen’s Compensation) Scheme, 1941; and
(2) the Byssinosism (Benefit) Scheme, 1941.

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

Copy of the Twelfth Annual Report and Accounts of the Racecourse Betting Control Board for 1940.

Mr. Secretary Morrison also presented, pursuant to Regulation 16 of the Defence (War Zone Courts) Regulations, 1940,—Copy of Rules made under the Defence (War Zone Courts) Regulations, 1940, dated 8th April 1941, entitled the War Zone Courts Rules, 1941.

Mr. Secretary Morrison also presented, pursuant to paragraph (6) of Regulation 18B of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939,—Report by the Secretary of State for the Home Department of action taken under Regulation 18B of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939, during the period 1st March 1941 to 31st March 1941.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relative to the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939 (Regulation 18B) be printed.

Colonel Moore-Brabazon presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations made under the Road Traffic Act, 1930, dated 21st March 1941, entitled the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations, 1941.

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

Mr. Secretary Eden presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of a Convention between His Majesty in respect of the United Kingdom, the Commonwealth of Australia and New Zealand, and the President of the United States of America amending the Convention of the 2nd day of March 1899 concerning the Disposal of Real and Personal Property. Washington, 27th May 1936. [Ratifications exchanged at Washington on the 10th day of March 1941.]
Treaty Series (No. 7, 1941).

Copy of an Agreement between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Turkish Government respecting Trade and Payhents (with agreed Minute and Agreement amending the Treaty of Commerce and Navigation of the 1st day of March 1930). London, 3rd February 1940.

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

Mr. George Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Minute of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, approved by the Treasury, regarding the grant to Sir Stewart Symes, K.C.M.G., K.B.E., D.S.O., of a pension under Section 9 (1) of the National Loans (Governors of Dominions, &c.) Act, 1911, as applied by the amending Act of 1936.

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

Captain Crookshank presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations made under the War Damage Act, 1941, entitled the War Damage (General) Regulations, 1941.

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 National Loans Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords give leave to the Viscount Trenchard 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.

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

(In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates, 1941.

Unclassified Services Vote 5. Ministry of Food.

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 1942, for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Food:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again,—(Major Dugdale)—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.

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

(Major Dugdale.)

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

[No. 56.]

Thursday, 1st May, 1941.

The House met at Eleven of the clock at the Annexe.

PRAYERS.

CAPTAIN Crookshank presented, pursuant Bank Notes. to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 30th April 1941, relative to the fiduciary note issue.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.
The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Copy of a Report to the Lord Chancellor of the Number of Visits made, the Number of Patients seen, and the Number of Miles travelled by the Visitors of Lunatics between the 1st day of October 1940 and the 31st day of March 1941.

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 Ebbw Vale Urban District Council [Lords], Petition for Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with.—That the parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.

2. That, in the case of the East Worcestershire Water [Lords], Petition for Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with.—That the parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.

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

Resolved, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn till Tuesday next.—(Mr. Attlee.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public and Other Schools (War Conditions) Bill [Lords]:

And a Motion being made, and the Question put, That the Bill be read a second time. The House divided.

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

Tellers for the [Mr. Boulton, Yeas, Mr. Whiteley:]
Tellers for the [Mr. Cove, Noes, Mr. Parker:]

So 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.—(Mr. Whiteley.)

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Personal Injuries (Civilians) Scheme, 1941, dated 10th April 1941, made under the Personal Injuries (Emergency Provisions) Act, 1939, a copy of which was presented to this House on the 24th day of April last, be annulled.—(Mrs. Tate.)

The House divided.

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

Tellers for the [Mrs. Tate, Yeas, Dr. Summerskill:]
Tellers for the [Major Dugdale, Noes, Sir James Edmondson:]

So it passed in the Negative.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—Adjournment. (Major Dugdale.)

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

[No. 57.]

Tuesday, 6th May, 1941.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

P R A Y E R S.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the 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.

Ordered, That the Camborne Water Bill [Lords], be read a second time to-morrow.


Trade Facilities Acts, 1934, and of the sums paid in or towards the repayment of any Sums so issued; and

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

Mr. George Hall presented, by His Majesty's west Africa.

Mr. George Hall also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Statement of Pensions granted under the Pensions (Governments of Dominions, &c.) Acts, 1911 to 1936, during the year ended the 31st day of March 1941.

Ordered, That the said Papers 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 25th April 1941—

(1) making Regulations entitled the Defence (Women's Forces) Regulations, 1941;

(2) adding Regulation 25A and a Sixth Schedule to the Defence (Agriculture and Fisheries) Regulations, 1939; and

(3) adding Regulations 67A and 69A to, and amending Regulations 1 and 100 of, the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939.

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

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

Mr. Secretary Eden presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Secret German Documents seized during the Raid on the Lofoten Islands on the 4th day of March 1941.

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

Colonel Llewellin presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations made under the Road Traffic Act, 1930, dated 12th April 1941, entitled the Public Service Vehicles (Equipment and Use) Regulations, 1941.

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 Railway Clearing System Superannuation Fund 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.

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 considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up, and read.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, and the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Report be printed.

Mr. Secretary Eden also presented, pursuant to Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(The Prime Minister.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being assistance proposed, That this House approves the policy to Greece of His Majesty's Government in sending help to Greece and declares its confidence that our operations in the Middle East and in all other theatres of war will be pursued by the Government with the utmost vigour.—(Mr. Secretary Eden.)—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

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

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

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the public and Private Business of the House;

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

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

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, and the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Report be printed.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on the Motion relating to Assistance to Greece be exempted, the House, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(The Prime Minister.)

Ordered, That the Report be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, and the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.
Prayers.

Wednesday, 7th May, 1941.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

T HE Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Camborne Water Bill [Lords];

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

Mr. Peake presented a Bill to confirm certain Principal Secretaries of State under the Marriages Validity (Provisional Orders) Acts, 1905 and 1924 ; And the same was read the first time.

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

The Order made upon the 6th day of this instant May that the Paper relative to the Coal Act, 1938, be printed, was read and discharged.

Mr. Secretary Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order made under the Workmen’s Compensation Act, 1925, dated 5th May, 1941, entitled the Workmen’s Compensation (Industrial Diseases) Order, 1941.

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

Mr. Ramsbotham presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Rules made under the Teachers (Superannuation) Act, 1925, dated 24th April 1941, entitled the Teachers Superannuation Amending Rules, 1941.

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

No. 58.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee on the Liabilities (War-Time Adjustment) [Money];

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Liabilities (War-Time Adjustment) Bill [Lords];

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

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

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

And it being after half-past Five of the clock, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then two minutes after Six of the clock, till to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 6th day of this instant May, that this House approves the policy of His Majesty’s Government in sending help to Greece and declares its confidence that our operations in the Middle East and in all other theatres of war will be pursued by the Government with the utmost vigour:

And the Question being again proposed:

Ordered, That this House approves the policy of His Majesty’s Government in sending help to Greece and declares its confidence that our operations in the Middle East and in all other theatres of war will be pursued by the Government with the utmost vigour:


Copies of Orders in Council made under the Chartered and Other Bodies (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1939, dated 25th April, 1941, entitled—

1. the Dundee Harbour Trustees (Extension of Term of Office) Order, 1941 ; and

2. the Newport Harbour Commissioners (Extension of Term of Office) Order, 1941.

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

Sir Arthur Salter presented, pursuant to the Merchant Seamen’s Fund, decryption.

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

Mr. Secretary Morrison, supported by Mr. Secretary Eden, Mr. Bevin, Mr. Secretary Johnston, Mr. Attorney General, the Lord Advocate, Mr. Peake, and Colonel Llewellyn, presented a Bill to make temporary provision for enabling allied and associated Powers to establish and maintain in the United Kingdom Maritime Courts for the trial and punishment of certain offences committed by persons other than British subjects ; to provide for the trial and punishment by British courts of similar offences committed by British subjects ; 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.

The Order of the day being read for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 6th day of this instant May, that this House approves the policy of His Majesty’s Government in sending help to Greece and declares its confidence that our operations in the Middle East and in all other theatres of war will be pursued by the Government with the utmost vigour:

And the Question being again proposed:

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

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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.

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

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

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Public and Other Schools (War Conditions) Bill [Lords];

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

Public and Other Schools (War Conditions) Bill [Lords].

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee on Liabilities (War-Time Adjustment) [Money];

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

Liabilities (War-Time Adjustment) [Money].

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Liabilities (War-Time Adjustment) Bill [Lords];

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

Finance Bill.

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

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

Adjournment.

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

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

[No. 59.]

Thursday, 8th May, 1941.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

P R A Y E R S.

Trade Disputes.

Mr. Bevin presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Second and Final Report by a Court of Inquiry concerning Stoppages of Work by Apprentices in Engineering and Shipbuilding Establishments in Scotland.

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

The Prime Minister presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Certificate, dated 7th May 1941, issued by the First Lord of the Treasury, for the purposes of subsection (1) of Section 1 of the House of Commons Disqualification (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1941, certifying that the appointment of the Right Honourable Ronald Hibbert Cross, a Member of the Commons House of Parliament, to be High Commissioner in the Commonwealth of Australia for His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom, is required in the public interest for purposes connected with the prosecution of the present war.

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.)

Sir James Edmondson reported from the Committee on Liabilities (War-Time Adjustment) [Money] a Resolution which was read, as followeth:

That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to provide for the arrangement or the adjustment and settlement of the affairs of persons financially affected by war circumstances; to amend the Courts (Emergency Powers) Acts, 1939 and 1940, and the Possession of Mortgaged Land (Emergency Provisions) Act, 1939; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of such sums as may be necessary to defray the salaries or remuneration, and the expenses, of liabilities adjustment officers and their subordinate officers and servants.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved Liabilities (War-Time Adjustment) Bill [Lords],

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Services of liabilities adjustment officers in effecting schemes of arrangement).

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 3, to leave out from the word "scheme," to the word "and," in l. 5, and insert:—

"(a) to which the debtor and a majority in number and value of such of the said creditors whose debts have been proved assent; or

(b) where there is one creditor whose debt has been proved or where there is one creditor whose debt constitutes a majority in value of the debts which have been proved, as to which the liabilities adjustment officer is satisfied:

Provided always in each case that the scheme appears to him to be equitable and reasonable."—(Mr. Hughes.)

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 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 3 (Application for adjustment of debtor's affairs).

Amendment proposed in p. 4, l. 19, to leave out the word "and," and insert the word "or.”—(Mr. Douglas.)

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

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Another Amendment proposed in p. 4, l. 24, after the word "be," to insert the words "in serious financial difficulties or."—(Mr. Hughes.)

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

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 11, at the end, to insert the words "and a copy of any such report shall be available for inspection by the debtor or any creditor."—(Major Milner.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 12, after the word "debtor," to insert the words "and after hearing the debtor or any creditor."—(Major Milner.)

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

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 4 agreed to.

Clause No. 5 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 6 (Powers of court with respect to leases and other contracts).

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 8, to leave out l. 20 to 23.—(Major Milner.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out to the third word "the," in l. 23, stand part of the Clause.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 8, l. 37, after the word "price," to insert the words "and not being less than such a sum as added to the amount already paid by the debtor in respect of the hire-purchase price will equal the value of the goods at the date of the order."—(Sir Herbert Williams.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 9, l. 3, at the end, to add the words, "Provided also that no contract shall be varied under this sub-section unless the parties to the contract have received notice of the proceedings before the court under this Act."—(Sir Herbert Williams.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 9, l. 46, to leave out subsection (4).—(Mr. Woodburn.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "profits," in p. 10, l. 1, stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 7 (Mortgagees).

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 9, l. 46, to leave out subsection (4).—(Mr. Woodburn.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "or capital"—(Mr. Harvey.)
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 and No. 3 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 acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

Resolved, That the Orders made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, extending section one of the Act to the undermentioned areas, viz.:

(1) the Borough of Boston; and
(2) the Borough of Falmouth;
a copy of the first of which was presented to this House on the 30th day of April last, and a copy of the second on the 6th day of this instant May, be approved.—(Mr. Peake.)

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

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

Tuesday, 13th May, 1941.

The House met at Eleven of the clock at the Annex.

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 Hornsey, in the room of Captain the Right Honourable David Euan Wallace, M.C., deceased.—(Mr. James Stuart.)

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Cannock Urban District Council Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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The London County Council (Money) Bill was read a second time, and committed.

The Camborne Water Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

Captain Crookshank presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Report by the Honourable Mr. Justice Simonds on Charges made in connection with the Construction of Militia Camps.

Captain Crookshank also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Statement of Guarantee by the Treasury in pursuance of Section 1 (3) of the Austrian Loan Guarantee Act, 1933; and Account up to the 31st day of March 1941, of the Sums issued out of the Consolidated Fund in fulfilment of such Guarantee.

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

Mr. Secretary Morrison presented, pursuant to paragraph (6) of Regulation 18b of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939,—Report by the Secretary of State for the Home Department of action taken under the said Regulation during the period 1st April 1941 to 30th April 1941.

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

Mr. Lyttelton presented, pursuant to the Cotton Board, directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Report of the Cotton Board on the discharge of its functions from the 14th day of March 1940 to the 31st day of December 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 Offices of the Assistance Board 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, Fourteenth Report.

That they 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, Fifteenth Report.

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 had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Great Western Railway (Superannuation Fund) Bill, without any Amendment.

Captain Basil Arthur John Peto, Member for the Borough of Birmingham (King’s Norton Division), was sworn.

The Allied Powers (Maritime Courts) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—[Mr. Munro].

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

Mr. Attlee, by His Majesty’s Command, acquainted the House that His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Allied Powers (Maritime Courts) [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 temporary provision for enabling allied and associated Powers to establish and maintain in the United Kingdom Maritime Courts for the trial and punishment of certain offences committed by persons other than British subjects, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenses incurred in connection with the establishment of local tribunals under the said Act or arising out of any jurisdiction exercisable by such tribunals.—[Mr. Secretary Morrison.]

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.

Adjournment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—[Mr. Munro]; And it being Five of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed without Question put.

Adjournment.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—[Mr. Whiteley.]

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

The House met at Eleven of the clock at the Annexes.

CAPTAIN Crookshank presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 27th May 1941, granting a retired allowance to Mr. Alfred William Irwins, Assistant Superintendent, Post Office, under Section 2 of the Superannuation Act, 1887.

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

Mr. Secretay Amery presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament—Copy of Amendments, dated 29th April 1941, to the Reserved Posts (Indian Police) Rules, 1938, made under the Government of India Act, 1935.

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 National Health Insurance Act, 1939, entitled the National Health Insurance (Approved Societies) Amendment Regulations, 1941.

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

Mr. Secretary Johnston, supported by the Lord Advocate, Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland, Mr. Symons and Mr. Westwood, presented a Bill to enable rating authorities in Scotland to grant relief from rates in respect of lands and heritages suffering war damage: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Mr. Secretary Johnston, supported by Mr. Secretary Johnston, Mr. Malone and Mr. Westwood, presented a Bill to provide for the reorganisation and improvement of the fire services of Great Britain, 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. Attorney General, supported by Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer and Mr. Ernest Brown, presented a Bill to amend the Landlord and Tenant (War Damage) Act, 1939: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

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

(In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates, 1941.

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 1942, for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Economic Warfare.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again,—(Major Dogdale)—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.

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.)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Major Dogdale.)

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

[No. 62.]

Thursday, 15th May, 1941.

The House met at Eleven of the clock at the Annexe.

PRAYERS.

THE House proceeded to take into consideration the Railway Clearing System Superannuation Fund Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Account relative to National Debt Annuities which was presented upon the 25th day of March last, be printed.

The Order made upon the 15th day of October 1940, that the Paper relative to the Prevention of Violence (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1939, be printed, was read, and discharged.

Captain Crookshank presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of Regulations made under the War Damage Act, 1941, dated 12th May 1941, entitled Vol. 196.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clause No. 3 agreed to.
Clause No. 4 amended, and agreed to.
Clause No. 5 (Institution of proceedings before Maritime Courts).
Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 14, to leave out from the word " forthwith, " to the end of the subsection.—(Mr. Silverman.)
Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause :— Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Clause agreed to.
Clause No. 6 and No. 7 agreed to.
Clause No. 8 (Detention for purposes of Maritime Courts, and recovery of fines and forfeitures).
Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 28, to leave out subsection (3).—(Mr. Harvey.)
Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause :— Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Clause agreed to.
Clauses No. 9 and No. 10 agreed to.
And it being Five of the clock, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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 Southern Railway (Superannuation Fund) Bill, with Amendments, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to provide for the establishment of supplemental lists of justices of the peace for limiting the powers and duties of justices whose names are entered in such lists; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Justices (Supplemental List) Bill [Lords.] 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 taking into consideration the Liabilities (War-Time Adjustment) Bill [Lords.], as amended in the Committee ;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Tuesday next.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty in pursuance of the provisions of Section 309 of the Government of India Act, 1935, praying that the Government of India Act, 1935, may be of his own nationality or a British subject. "—(Mr. Shinwell.)
Question proposed, That those words be there inserted :— Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 22, at the end, to insert the words,—
"(7) Any person brought before a Maritime Court for trial shall be entitled to be legally represented, and his legal representative may be of his own nationality or a British subject. "—(Mr. Shinwell.)
Question proposed, That those words be there inserted :— Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 30, to leave out the words " not being British subjects, " and insert the words " being persons who on the third day of September nineteen hundred and thirty-nine, had the status of nationals of that Power. "—(Mr. Silverman.)
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. 31, at the end, to insert the words " whether committed before or after the passing of this Act. "—(Mr. Peake.)
Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 31, at the end, to insert the words " not being acts or omissions committed more than six months before the passing of this Act. "—(Mr. Attorney General.)
Question put, That those words be there inserted:—
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the [Mr. Manno, Yeas, Sir James Edwardson:] 70.
Tellers for the [Mr. James Hall, Nocs, Mr. Silverman:] 14.
Another Amendment made.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 6, after the word " forming," to insert the words " the whole or. "—(Mr. Silverman.)
Question proposed, That those words be there inserted :— Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 8, at the end, to insert the words,—
" (4) No Maritime Court shall have power to inflict for any offence a penalty greater than such offence would entail under British law. "—(Mr. Shinwell.)
Question proposed, That those words be there inserted :— Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 17, at the end, to add the words " An interallied court of appeal shall be set up with jurisdiction to decide disputes arising under that Act as to nationality except as otherwise provided. " —(Mr. Mander.)
Question proposed, That those words be there added :— Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Mr. James Hall, Mr. Munro, Mr. Silverman.
The Cannock Urban District Council Bill was read the third time, and passed. Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords and desire their concurrence.

The East Surrey Gas Bill [Lords] was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments. Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments: and which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Votes of Credit, 1941–42.

Captain Crookshank presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of a Statement of services to be provided for in Votes of Credit, 1941–42.

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

The Prime Minister presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Certificates, dated 16th May 1941, issued by the First Lord of the Treasury, for the purposes of subsection (1) of Section 1 of the House of Commons Disqualification (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1941, certifying that the appointments—

1 of Robert CRAIGNYLE MORRISON, Esquire, a Member of the Commons House of Parliament, to be Chairman of the Waste Food Board appointed by the Minister of Supply; and

(2) of Miss MEGAN LLOYD GEORGE, a Member of the Commons House of Parliament, to be a member of the said Board;

are required in the public interest for purposes connected with the prosecution of the present war.

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

Mr. Secretary Eden presented, by His Treaty Series Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Notes exchanged between His Majesty’s Government in New Zealand and the Government of the United States embodying an Arrangement regarding Certificates of Airworthiness for Export. Wellington, 30th January 1940.

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

Mr. Bevin presented, by His Majesty’s Trade Disputes Command,—Copy of a Report by a Court of Inquiry in the matter of a Trade Dispute apprehended at Briggs Motor Bodies, Limited, Dagenham.

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

Mr. Secretary Amery presented, pursuant to the Coal Mines Act, directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Ordinance promulgated by the Governor of Burma under the powers conferred upon him by Section 42 of the Government of Burma Act, 1935, entitled the Burma Auxiliary Force Act (Amendment) Ordinance (Extending) Ordinance, 1941.

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

Mr. Lyttelton presented, pursuant to the War Damage directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order made under the War Damage Act, 1941, dated 16th May 1941, entitled the War Damage (Business Scheme) (No. 2) Order, 1941.

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

Mr. Secretary Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, —Copy by an Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, extending Section 1 of the Act to the Parish of Brandon, in the Rural District of Mildenhall.


(1) adding Regulations 23AA, 45E, 55A and 56AA to the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939, and amending Regulations 149, 196, 23, 56 and 606 thereof, and the Third Schedule thereto;
(2) amending Regulations 2A and 6 of the Defence (Finance) Regulations, 1939; and
(3) adding Regulations 8 and 9 to the Defence (Armed Forces) Regulations, 1939.

Shops Act, 1912.
Copy of an Order made by the Wood Green Borough of Nelson under the Shops Acts, 1912 to 1936, and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department.

Shops Acts, 1912 to 1939.
Copy of an Order made by the Council of the Borough of Nelson under the Shops Acts, 1912 to 1936, and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department.

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

London County Council (Money) Bill.
The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the London County Council (Money) Bill, and found 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 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.

London Midland and Scottish Railway Bill.
The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the London Midland and Scottish Railway Bill, and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

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Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, and the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Report be printed.

Camborne Water Bill [Lords.]
The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Camborne Water 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 directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up, and read.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, and the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Report be printed.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted at this day's Business of the House.

Ordered, That if the Fire Services (Emergency Provisions) Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House further proceeding on the Bill shall stand postponed; that any Resolution come to by the Committee on Fire Services (Emergency Provisions) [Money] may be considered this day as soon as it is reported from the Committee notwithstanding the practice of the House relating to the interval between consideration in Committee and on Report of such a Resolution; and that as soon as the proceedings on Report of the Resolution have been concluded the House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee on the Bill.—(The Prime Minister.)

The Fire Services (Emergency Provisions) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. Grimston.)

Further Proceeding was postponed, pursuant to the Order of the House this day.

Sir John Anderson, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House that His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Fire Services (Emergency 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 provide for the reorganisation and improvement of the fire services of Great Britain, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenses incurred by a Secretary of State or other Minister of the Crown in consequence of the passing of the said Act.—(Mr. Secretary Morrison.)

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 now received.

The Chairman of Ways and Means accordingly reported a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to provide for the reorganisation and improvement of the fire services of Great Britain, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenses incurred by a Secretary of State or other Minister of the Crown in consequence of the passing of the said Act.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.
The House, pursuant to the Order of the House this day, resolved itself into a Committee on the Fire Services (Emergency Provisions) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 and No. 2 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 3 agreed to.

Schedule amended, and agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

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

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 taking Liabilities (War Time Adjustments) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the 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 Second Reading of the Justices (Supplemental List) 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 Rating (War Damage) (Scotland) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Landlord and Tenant (War Damage) (Amendment) Bill;

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

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

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

And it being after half-past Five of the clock, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then twenty-one minutes after Six of the clock, till to-morrow.
[No. 64.]

**Wednesday, 21st May, 1941.**

The House met at Eleven of the clock at the Annex.

**Prayers.**

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Southern Railway (Superannuation Fund) 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 Railway Clearing System Superannuation Fund Corporation Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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


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.

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 Session. Sitting be a Secret Session.—(Mr. *Attlee.*)

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

And it being Five of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed without Question put.

**Resolved,** That this House do now adjourn.— Adjournment, (Major *Dugdale.*)

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

[No. 65.]

**Thursday, 22nd May, 1941.**

The House met at Eleven of the clock at the Annex.

**Prayers.**

Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received the following communication:—

The Parliamentary Press Gallery desire to offer their sympathy with the House of Commons in the loss it has suffered by the destruction of its historic Chamber, for nearly a century associated with the principles of free speech and a free Press. Members of the Press Gallery, sharing as they do in this loss, feel confident that the great traditions which the House of Commons enshrines are beyond the power of any enemy to destroy.

ARTHUR BAKER,  Chairman.
Copy of Notes exchanged between His Majesty's Government in Canada and the Government of Paraguay, regarding Commercial Relations. Washington, 21st May, 1940.

Copy of a Trade Agreement between the Government of Canada and the Government of Uruguay. Ottawa, 12th August, 1930. [Ratifications exchanged at Montevideo on the 15th day of April 1940.]

Copy of a Convention between His Majesty in respect of the Dominion of Canada and the President of the United States of America providing for Emergency Regulation of the Level of Rainy Lake and of the Level of other Boundary Waters in the Rainy Lake Watershed. Ottawa, 15th September, 1938. [Ratifications exchanged at Ottawa on the 3rd day of October, 1940.]

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

Captain Crookshank presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order made under the Import Duties Act, 1932, and the Import Duties (Emergency Provisions) Act, 1939, dated 21st May 1941, entitled the Import Duties (Exemptions) (No. 1) Order, 1941.

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

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: And the Report was brought up, and read.

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

Message from the Lords.

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

The Lords have agreed to the Fire Services (Emergency Provisions) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Allied Powers (Maritime Courts) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the East Surrey Gas Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Temporary Migration of Children (Guardianship) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Bill as circulated to this House be printed.

Resolved, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn till Tuesday next.—(Mr. Attlee.)
[No. 66.]

Tuesday, 27th May, 1941.

The House met at Eleven of the clock at the Annex.

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.—

Marriages Provisional Orders Bill.

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

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Camborne Water Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

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

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the London Midland and Scottish Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. Secretary Johnston presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1939, relating to Greencrook and Harbours: And the same was ordered, under Section 7 of the Act, to be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Bill be printed.

Mr. Lyttelton presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, —Copy of an Order made under the War Risks Insurance Act, 1939, dated 27th May 1941, entitled the War Risks (Commodity Insurance) (No. 3) Order, 1941.

Fifty-eighth Report of the Comptroller-General of Patents, Designs and Trade Marks, with Appendices, being his Report for 1940.

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


Copy of an Order made under the Coroners (Amendment) Act, 1926, for the alteration of the Coroners’ Districts in the North Riding of Yorkshire.

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 Rural District of Burnet; and

(2) the Parish of Holt in the Rural District of Erpingham in the County of Norfolk.

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

Mr. Robert Hudson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, —Copy Act, 1937, of an Order made under the Agriculture Act, 1937, dated 9th April 1941, entitled the Land Drainage Grants (Further Postponement of Prescribed Date) Order, 1941.

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

Captain Crookshank presented, pursuant to the Import Duties (No. 2) Order, 1941.

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

Mr. Secretary Eden presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Letters ex- (No. 2, 1941). changed between the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and General de Gaulle concerning Commercial and Economic Relations between the United Kingdom and French Equatorial Africa. London, 20th May 1941.

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

The Solicitors Bill [Lords] was read the first time and ordered to be read a second time [Lords], to-morrow; and to be printed. Bill 34.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords National to request that their Lordships will be pleased to give leave to the Viscount Bridgeman 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.

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Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the said Message.
The House proceeded to take into consideration the Liabilities (War-Time Adjustment) Bill [Lords], as amended in the committee.

Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 11, l. 1, by leaving out from the word "section," to the end of l. 16, and inserting the words "and notwithstanding subsection (1) of section thirty-three of the Bankruptcy Act, 1914, all debts or classes of debts shall rank equally among themselves,"—(Sir Leonard Lyle),—instead thereof;

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

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

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

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Mr. Attorney General, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives His Consent, as far as His Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time and passed, 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 Landlord and Tenant (War Damage) (Amendment) Bill was, according to order, read a second time:

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

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

The Temporary Migration of Children (Guardianship) Bill [Lords], was, according to order, read a second time:

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Major Dugdale.)

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

The Rating (War Damage) (Scotland) Bill was, according to order, read a second time:

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Major Dugdale.)

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 Justices (Supplemental List) Bill [Lords];

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

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

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

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Finance Committee

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

Ordered, That Mr. Robert Morrison be dis- charged from the Select Committee on National Expenditure, and that Mr. Kirby be added to the Committee.—(Major Dugdale.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjourned, proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Major Dugdale);
And it being Five of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed without Question put.

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

And it being half an hour after Five of the clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, till tomorrow.

The House met at Eleven of the clock at the Annexè.

Prayers.

The Vice-Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, That their Address of the 15th day of this instant May, relative to the Government of India Act, 1935, (Adaptation of Acts of Parliament (Amendment) 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) Order, 1941, be made in the form of the draft laid before Parliament.

I will comply with your request.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Greenock Port and Harbours Order Confirmation Bill.

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

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

Mr. Secretary Amery presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of the Combined Finance and Revenue Accounts of the Central and Provincial Government in India for 1939-40.

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

Mr. Hicks presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of the Report of the Committee on Cement Production.

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

Mr. Ernest Brown presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—the directions of the Yorkshire Casual Poor Assistance (Amendment) Order, 1941.

Copy of an Order made under the Poor Law Act, 193o, dated 16th May 1941, entitled the Yorkshire Casual Poor Assistance (Amendment) Order, 1941.

Copy of a Scheme made by the Surbiton Local Government Committee under the Local Government Act, 1937, and approved by the Minister of Health.

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 19th May 1941, entitled the Rules of the Supreme Court (King’s Birthday), 1941.

Ordered, That leave be given to the Committee on Group A of Private Bills to make a Special Report.

Sir Stanley Reed reported from the Committee on Group A of Private Bills, That they had agreed to a Special Report, which they had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

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

Sir Stanley Reed reported from the Committee on Group A of Private Bills, That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Kent Electric Power Bill, but the same not having been proved to their satisfaction, they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from one of their Clerks, as followeth:—

The Lords have agreed to the Great Western Great Western Railway (Variation of Directors Qualification) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Camborne Water Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to empower the Portsmouth Water Company to construct further works and to raise additional capital; to confer additional powers upon the Company; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Portsmouth Water Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

Ordered, That the Proceedings on the Temporary Migration of Children (Guardianship) Bill [Lords] and on the Rating (War Damage) Bill (Scotland) Bill, be exempted at this day’s sitting from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Mr. Attlee.)
Resolved, That the Central (Coal Mines) Scheme (Amendment) Order, 1941, a draft of which was presented to this House on the 20th day of this instant May, be made.—(Mr. Grenfell.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Temporary Migration of Children (Guardianship) 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 the House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Rating (War Damage) (Scotland) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 and No. 2 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

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

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

The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and the House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Solicitors Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 and No. 2 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Justices (Supplemental List) Bill [Lords];

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

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

Ordered, 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 Solicitors Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.
The House proceeded to take into consideration the London County Council (Money) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. Robert Hudson presented pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order made under the Diseases of Animals Acts, 1894 to 1937, dated 28th May 1941, authorising the landing at Birkenhead and Glasgow of animals from Londonderry, Northern Ireland. (Order No. 6,136.)

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

Mr. Ernest Brown presented, pursuant to the National Health Insurance Act, 1946, dated 10th May 1941, entitled the War Damage to Goods (General) Regulations, 1941.

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

Captain Crookshank presented, pursuant to War Damage to Goods (General) Regulations made under the National Health Insurance Act, 1946, dated 30th May 1941, entitled the War Damage to Goods (General) Regulations, 1941.

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

Sir John Anderson presented, pursuant to Foreign Jurisdiction Acts, 1900 and 1913, dated 9th May 1941, entitled the Somaliland (Military Administration) Order in Council, 1941.

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

Orders of Council made under the Chartered and other Bodies (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1939.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time.

The London, Midland and Scottish Railway Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords and desire their concurrence.
The House, according to Order, resolved Supply itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates, 1941.

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 1942, for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Home Security.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again 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 eight minutes after Six of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 70.]

Wednesday, 11th June, 1941.

The House met at Eleven of the clock at the Annexe.

PRAYERS.

CAPTAIN Crookshank presented, by His National Debt. Majesty's Command,—Copy of Papers relative to the position, as at the 31st day of March 1941, of certain Funds left in Trust for the Reduction of the National Debt.

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

Mr. Secretary Eden presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Notes exchanged between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Portuguese Government regarding the Delimitation of the Southern Rhodesia—Portuguese East Africa Frontier. London, 29th October 1940.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
Mr. Attlee reported from the Committee of Privileges, to whom the matter of the Complaint made upon the 27th day of May last of the publication in the Observer newspaper of the 25th day of May last of an article purporting to give an account of the Debate in secret session on Wednesday the 21st day of May last was referred, That they had considered the matter to them referred, and directed him to make a report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

No. 94. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

No. 94. Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

Mr. Lyttelton, supported by Mr. Attorney General, the Lord Advocate, Captain Crookshank and Captain Waterhouse, presented a Bill to make further provision to prevent excessive prices being charged for goods and excessive charges being made for performing services in relation to goods (including hiring and subjecting to a process), to amend the Prices of Goods Act, 1939, 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.

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 a Statement to be made by the Prime Minister be held in Secret Session. (The Prime Minister.)

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

(In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates, 1941.

Unclassified Services.


Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum, not exceeding £10,000, 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 1942, for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Home Security.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. James Stuart),—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.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. James Stuart); and it being Five of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed without Question put.

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Justices (Supplemental List) Bill [Lords];

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Solicitors Bill Second Reading of the Solicitors Bill [Lords]; (Lords).

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Landlord and Tenant (War Damage) (Amendment) Bill;

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, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That Mr. Hely-Hutchinson be dis-National charged from the Select Committee on National Expenditure, and that Miss Ward be added to the Committee.—(Major Dugdale.)

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

And it being half an hour after Five of the clock, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, till to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Landlord and Tenant (War Damage) (Amendment) Bill;

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

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

[No. 71.]

Thursday, 12th June, 1941.

The House met at Eleven of the clock at the Annex.

PRAYERS.

CAPTAIN CROOKSHANK presented, by His Finance Bill, Majesty’s Command,—Copy of a Memo-

randum on the Clauses of the Finance Bill relating to tax-free income.

Ordered, That the said Paper 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 24th May, 1941, entitled the Regulations for the Training of Teachers, 1941.

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

Message from the Lords.

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

The Lords have agreed to the Rating (War Damage) (Scotland) Bill, without any Amendment.

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, the Viscount Monsell and the Lord Hutchison to attend to be examined as Witnesses before the Select Committee on Offices or Places of Profit under the Crown.—(Sir Dennis Herbert.)

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the said Message.

Sir John Wardlaw-Milne reported from the Select Committee on National Expenditure, Sixteenth Report, No. 95. That the Committee 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.

Resolved, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn till Tuesday next.—(Sir John Anderson.)

Supply (10th allotted Day).

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

(In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates, 1941.

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 1942, for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Home Security.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

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

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A Message was delivered by Brigadier General Lord Esme 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. Temporary Migration of Children (Guardianship) Act, 1941.
2. Liabilities (War-Time Adjustment) Act, 1941.
3. Rating (War Damage) (Scotland) Act, 1941.
5. Great Western Railway (Variation of Directors Qualification) Act, 1941.

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

And it being Five of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed without Question put.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—Adjournment: (Major Dugdale.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour after Five of the clock, adjourned till Tuesday next, pursuant to the Resolution of the House this day.

[No. 72.]

Tuesday, 17th June, 1941.

The House met at Eleven of the clock at the Annexe.

PRAYERS.

The London County Council (Money) Bill London County Council (Money) Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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

The Portsmouth Water Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.
Captain Crookshank presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of a Certificate, dated 10th June 1941, issued by the First Lord of the Treasury for the purposes of subsection (1) of Section 1 of the House of Commons Disqualification (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1941, certifying that the appointment of Sir Peter Frederick Blaker Bennett, O.B.E., a Member of the Commons House of Parliament, to be Chairman of the Automatic Gun Board, appointed by the Minister of State, is required in the public interest for purposes connected with the prosecution of the present war.

Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 12th June 1941, granting a retired allowance to Mr. Herbert Joseph Hill, Assistant Superintendent, Post Office, Newport, Monmouthshire, under Section 2 of the Superannuation Act, 1887.

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

Mr. Alexander presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Provisional Rules made under the Naval Discipline Act, dated 2nd June 1941, entitled the Naval Detention Quarters (Amendment) Rules, 1941.

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

Inter-Allied Meeting (Miscellaneous) No. 1, 1941.

Mr. Secretary Eden presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of a Report of the Proceedings at the Inter-Allied Meeting held in London at St. James’s Palace, on the 12th day of June 1941.

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

Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932.

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 under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, extending section 1 of the Act to:

(a) the Borough of Huntingdon;
(b) the Urban District of Litherland; and
(c) the City of Liverpool.

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

Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1936.

Colonel Llewellyn presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Report by the Minister of War Transport respecting the applications to, and proceedings of, the Minister under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1936, from the 1st day of April 1940 to the 31st day of March 1941.

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

National Service (Armed Forces) Act, 1939.

Mr. Bevin presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations made under the National Service (Armed Forces) Act, 1939, dated 11th June 1941, entitled—

(a) the National Service (Adjustment of Contracts) (Amendment) Regulations, 1941; and
(b) the National Service (Prevention of Evasion) Regulations, 1941.

Copy of Regulations made under the National Service Acts, 1939 to 1941, dated 11th June 1941, entitled the National Service (Miscellaneous) (Amendment) Regulation, 1941.

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

Mr. Ernest Brown presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of a Special Order made under the National Health Insurance Act, 1936, dated 13th May 1941, entitled the National Health Insurance (Employment under Local and Public Authorities) Amendment Order, 1941.

Copy of a Scheme made by the Staffordshire, Wolverhampton and Dudley Joint Board for Tuberculosis under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937, and approved by the Minister of Health.

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

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

(In the Committee.)

Income Tax.—Tax-free payments, &c.

Resolved, That provision shall be made for modifying—

(a) obligations to pay sums free of income tax or free of income tax other than surtax or sums so calculated as to leave a specified amount after deduction of income tax;
(b) obligations to pay sums in respect of the income tax of another person.

—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

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

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

The House, according to Order, resolved Finance Bill, itself into a Committee on the Finance Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (Income tax for 1941-42).

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 16, to leave out the word "ten," and insert the word "nine."—(Mr. Hammansey.)

Question, That the word "ten" stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 3 agreed to.

Clause No. 4 (Alteration of certain reliefs).

Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 6, to leave out the word "one-tenth," and insert the word "one-fifth."—(Mr. Hammansey.)

Question, That the word "one-tenth" stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 26, to leave out the words "one hundred and forty;" and insert the words "five hundred."—(Mr. Gallacher.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 5 (Provision for the crediting of certain amounts of income tax).

Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 10, after the word "be;" to insert the words "forthwith notified to the individual and."—(Mr. Liddall.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 6 agreed to.

Clause No. 7 (Farming and market gardening to be charged under Schedule D).

Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 11, to leave out the words "as a nursery or garden for the sale of produce;" and insert the words "by persons carrying on businesses of nurserymen and market gardeners."—(Sir Ernest Shepperson.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 12, to leave out the words "other than," and insert the words "including."—(Mr. Benson.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 40, to leave out from the word "operation," to the end of the subsection.—(Sir Ernest Shepperson.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 1, after the word "farming," to insert the words "and market garden lands."—(Sir Ernest Shepperson.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 18, to leave out subsection (6).—(Mr. Benson.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 36, at the end, to add the words,—

"(7) Rule 5 of Schedule B of the Income Tax Act, 1918, shall read as if at the end there were inserted:—

"But thereafter for so long as he shall occupy the said lands for the purpose of husbandry he shall be charged to tax in respect of the profits or gains thereof under Case i of Schedule D."

—(Mr. Benson.)

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

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

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

Resolved, That the Orders made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, extending Section 1 of that Act to the under-mentioned areas, viz.:

(1) the Borough of Lydd; and
(2) the Urban District of Wilmot;

copies of which were presented to this House on the 28th day of this instant June, be approved.—(Mr. Adamson.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Solicitors 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 Landlord and Tenant (War Damage) Amendment Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Goods and Services (Price Control) Bill;

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

And it being after half-past Five of the clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then twenty-nine minutes after Six of the clock, till to-morrow.

[No. 73.]

Wednesday, 18th June, 1941.

The House met at Eleven of the clock at the An nex e.

P RAYERS.

CAPTAIN Crookshank presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Estimate of the further Sum required to be voted towards defraying the expenses which may be incurred during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1942 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.

Sir John Anderson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 12th June 1941, approving an Admiralty Memorial under the Naval and Marine Pay and Pension Act, 1865, relating to the payment of an allowance to the Senior Writer in the office of the Commander-in-Chief, Western Approaches.

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 the Air Force (Constitution) Act, 1917, dated 20th May 1941, relating to the powers of command to be exercised over and by officers and airmen of the Polish Air Force when attached to, or serving with, His Majesty's Air Forces.

Copy of an Order made under the Air Force (Constitution) Act, 1917, the Emergency Powers (Defence) Acts, 1939 and 1940, and the Defence (Women's Forces) Regulations, 1941, dated 6th June 1941, providing for the grant of Commissions to Women Officers in His Majesty's Air Forces.

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

Mr. Secretary Amery presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Acts enacted by the Governor of Burma under the powers conferred on him by Section 43 of the Government of Burma Act, 1935, entitled—

(1) the Burma Frontier Force (Amendment) Act, 1941; and
(2) the Burma Volunteer Air Force (Discipline) Act, 1941.

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

Mr. Ernest Brown presented, pursuant to Local Government Act, 1937, the Direction of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Schemes made by the undermentioned local authorities under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937, and approved by the Minister of Health:

(1) the Exeter City Council; and
(2) the Merton and Morden 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 follows:

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, an Act to remove doubts as to, and to supplement, the powers of trustees in relation to...
insurance against war damage; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to provide for the trial of certain offences against the Naval Discipline Act by disciplinary courts instead of by courts martial; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to empower the Urban District Council of Ebbw Vale to construct new waterworks; to confer further powers on the Council in regard to their water undertaking; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords give leave to the Lord Chancellor, the Viscount Monseil, and the Lord Hutchinson of Montrose, to attend in order to their being examined as witnesses before the Select Committee appointed by this House on offices or places of Profit under the Crown, if their Lordships think fit.

Mr. Shakespeare reported from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 17th day of this instant June a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That provision shall be made for modifying—
(a) obligations to pay sums free of income tax; or free of income tax other than surtax or sums so calculated as to leave a specified amount after deduction of income tax;
(b) obligations to pay sums in respect of the income tax of another person.

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

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 itself into a Committee on the Finance Bill.

A Clause (Modification of provisions for tax-free annuities, &c.),—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer),—brought up, and read the first and second time, amended, and added.

Another Clause (Modification of provisions for tax-free salaries, pensions, &c.),—(Captain Crookshank),—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Modification of provisions relating to tax-free payments and power to make regulations),—(Captain Crookshank),—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Repeal of obligation of Crown to pay interest on funds in Court free of tax),—(Captain Crookshank),—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Extension of power to exempt from key industry duty),—(Captain Crookshank),—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Extension of s. 8 of Finance Act, 1940, to officers and men of the Merchant Navy),—(Mr. Denville),—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Amendment as to registration in relation to purchase tax),—(Mr. Riley),—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Amendment of provisions as to purchase tax),—(Mr. Barnes),—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. Barnes, 
Yea, {Mr. Woods: 15.
Noes, {Sir James Edmondson: 162.

Another Clause (Further amendment of purchase tax),—(Mr. Woods),—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Exemption from purchase tax of certain goods),—(Mr. Ellis Smith),—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. Ellis Smith, 
Yea, {Mr. Woods: 24.
Noes, {Sir James Edmondson: 97.

Another Clause (Rule 13 to apply to professions or vocations),—(Mr. Alfred Edwards),—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 (Deduction in respect of additional expenses incurred in removal or in travelling to and from employment),—(Mr. Gordon Macdonald),—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Amendment to the Seventh Schedule of 2 and 3 Geo. 6),—(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.

Another Clause (Extension of allowances in respect of children to persons who are mentally...
18th—19th June, 1941.

Mr. Speaker made the following communication to the House:

I regret to have to inform the House of the death on active service of Temporary Lieutenant Dudley Jack Barnato Joel, R.N.V.R., Member for the Borough of Dudley, and I desire on behalf of the House to express our sense of the loss we have sustained and our sympathy with the relatives of the honourable Member.

Mr. Secretary Johnston presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1936, relating to Grampian Electricity Supply: 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 1st day of July next.

Ordered, That the Bill be printed.

Mr. Grenfell presented, pursuant to the Coal Mines Act, 1939, directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of drafts of Orders proposed to be made under the Coal Mines Act, 1939, amending—

(1) the Midland (Amalgamated) District (Coal Mines) Scheme, 1939;

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Landlord and Tenant (War Damage) (Amendment) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Goods and Services (Price Control) Bill;

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

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

[No. 74.]

Thursday, 19th June, 1941.

The House met at Eleven of the clock at the Annexe.

PRAYERS.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Justices (Supplemental List) Bill [Lords];

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

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PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker made the following communication to the House:

I regret to have to inform the House of the death on active service of Temporary Lieutenant Dudley Jack Barnato Joel, R.N.V.R., Member for the Borough of Dudley, and I desire on behalf of the House to express our sense of the loss we have sustained and our sympathy with the relatives of the honourable Member.

Mr. Secretary Johnston presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1936, relating to Grampian Electricity Supply: 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 1st day of July next.

Ordered, That the Bill be printed.

Mr. Grenfell presented, pursuant to the Coal Mines Act, 1939, directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of drafts of Orders proposed to be made under the Coal Mines Act, 1939, amending—

(1) the Midland (Amalgamated) District (Coal Mines) Scheme, 1939;
19th June.

(2) the Scottish District (Coal Mines) Scheme, 1930;
(3) the Durham District (Coal Mines) Scheme, 1930; and
(4) the Northumberland District (Coal Mines) Scheme, 1930.

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

The Trustee (War Damage Insurance) Bill [Lords] was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Naval Discipline (Amendment) 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.

Secret Session.

Resolved, That the Proceedings in connection with a Statement to be made by the Prime Minister be held in Secret Session.—(The Prime Minister.)

The Prime Minister informed the House that he had received the command of His Majesty to acquaint the House that His Majesty, having expressed their willingness to place the Chamber appropriated to their use at the disposal of this House, he had given directions that that Chamber should be made available for the Sittings of this House.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty expressing the gratitude of this House for the direction which His Majesty has been graciously pleased to give enabling this House to sit in the Chamber formerly appropriated to the use of the House of Peers.—(The Prime Minister.)

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

Resolved, That this House desires to express its warm appreciation of the courtesy of the House of Peers in placing their Chamber at the disposal of this House.—(The Prime Minister.)

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords, acquainting them therewith; and that the Clerk do carry the said Message.

Adjournment.

Resolved, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn till Tuesday next.—(Mr. James Stuart.)

The Goods and Services (Price Control) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. Whiteley.)

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

Mr. Lyttelton, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House that His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Goods and Services (Price Control) [Money] proposed to be moved, under Standing Order No. 69, in Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

(4) the Urban District of Litherland, copies of which were presented to this House on the 17th day of this instant June, be approved.—(Mr. Whiteley.)

The Justices (Supplemental List) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. Whiteley.)

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

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

Resolved, That this House will, upon 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 taking Finance Bill into consideration the Finance Bill as amended in the Committee:

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

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 referred to as "the new Act") to make further provision to prevent excessive prices being charged for goods and excessive charges being made for performing services in relation to goods (including hiring and subjecting to a process) and to amend the Prices of Goods Act, 1939, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenses incurred by the Board of Trade under the new Act and any increase in the expenses of the Board under the Prices of Goods Act, 1939, which is attributable to the passing of the new Act.—(Mr. Lyttelton.) 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.

Resolved, That the Orders made by the Sunday Secretary of State for the Home Department under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, extending section one of that Act to the undermentioned areas, viz.:

(1) the Borough of Huntingdon;
(2) the City of Liverpool; and
(3) the Urban District of Litherland, copies of which were presented to this House on the 17th day of this instant June, be approved.—(Mr. Whiteley.)

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 referred to as "the new Act") to make further provision to prevent excessive prices being charged for goods and excessive charges being made for performing services in relation to goods (including hiring and subjecting to a process) and to amend the Prices of Goods Act, 1939, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenses incurred by the Board of Trade under the new Act and any increase in the expenses of the Board under the Prices of Goods Act, 1939, which is attributable to the passing of the new Act.—(Mr. Lyttelton.) Resolution to be reported.

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(2) the City of Liverpool; and
(3) the Urban District of Litherland, copies of which were presented to this House on the 17th day of this instant June, be approved.—(Mr. Whiteley.)

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 referred to as "the new Act") to make further provision to prevent excessive prices being charged for goods and excessive charges being made for performing services in relation to goods (including hiring and subjecting to a process) and to amend the Prices of Goods Act, 1939, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenses incurred by the Board of Trade under the new Act and any increase in the expenses of the Board under the Prices of Goods Act, 1939, which is attributable to the passing of the new Act.—(Mr. Lyttelton.) Resolution to be reported.

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(1) the Borough of Huntingdon;
(2) the City of Liverpool; and
(3) the Urban District of Litherland, copies of which were presented to this House on the 17th day of this instant June, be approved.—(Mr. Whiteley.)

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

In the Committee.

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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.

Resolved, That the Orders made by the Sunday Secretary of State for the Home Department under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, extending section one of that Act to the undermentioned areas, viz.:

(1) the Borough of Huntingdon;
(2) the City of Liverpool; and
(3) the Urban District of Litherland, copies of which were presented to this House on the 17th day of this instant June, be approved.—(Mr. Whiteley.)

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 referred to as "the new Act") to make further provision to prevent excessive prices being charged for goods and excessive charges being made for performing services in relation to goods (including hiring and subjecting to a process) and to amend the Prices of Goods Act, 1939, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenses incurred by the Board of Trade under the new Act and any increase in the expenses of the Board under the Prices of Goods Act, 1939, which is attributable to the passing of the new Act.—(Mr. Lyttelton.) 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.

Resolved, That the Orders made by the Sunday Secretary of State for the Home Department under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, extending section one of that Act to the undermentioned areas, viz.:

(1) the Borough of Huntingdon;
(2) the City of Liverpool; and
(3) the Urban District of Litherland, copies of which were presented to this House on the 17th day of this instant June, be approved.—(Mr. Whiteley.)

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

In the Committee.

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

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

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[No. 75]

Tuesday, 24th June, 1941.

The House met at Eleven of the clock in the Chamber formerly appropriated to the use of the House of Peers.

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.:

Ebbw Vale Urban District Council Bill (Lords).

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Secretary Morrison, pursuant to paragraph (6) of Regulation 18B of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939,—Report by the Secretary of State for the Home Department of action taken under the said Regulation during the period 1st May, 1941, to 31st May, 1941.

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

Colonel Llewellyn presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Provisional Regulations made under the Roads Act, 1920, dated 26th June, 1941, entitled the Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) (Amendment) Provisional Regulations, 1941.

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

The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act 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 13th June, 1941, entitled the Rules of the Supreme Court (No. 2), 1941.

Mr. Ernest Brown, supported by Mr. Secretary Johnston and Captain Crookshank, presented a Bill to amend the Housing (Emergency Powers) Act, 1939, and the Essential Buildings and Plant (Repair of War Damage) Act, 1939: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Mr. Ernest Brown, supported by Captain Crookshank and Miss Horsbrugh, presented a Bill to extend the third fixed grant period under the Local Government Act, 1929, and to make provision for the stabilisation of Supplementary Exchequer Grants, and the continuance of schemes as to health services, during the term of such extension; 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.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. James Stuart).—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

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

(In the Committee.)

Supplementary Vote of Credit, 1941.

(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, 1942, 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.

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 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, 1942, 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. 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.

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

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

[No. 76.]

Wednesday, 25th June, 1941.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Captain Crookshank presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account of all Deposits received and paid during 1940, together with Statement showing the aggregate amount of the Liabilities of the Government to Depositors in the Post Office Savings Banks on the 31st day of December 1940, and the nature and amount of the Securities held by the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt to meet those Liabilities at that date.

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

Mr. Ernest Brown presented, pursuant to a Scheme made by the Cambridgeshire County Council under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937, and approved by the Minister of Health.

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

Mr. Secretary Morrison 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 30th May 1941, making Regulations entitled the Defence (Civilian Technical Corps) Regulations, 1941.

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

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 the 31st day of March 1941, 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. Secretary Johnston presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Report by the Secretary of State for Scotland, the Chairman of Committees of the House of Lords and the Chairman of Ways and Means in the House of Commons under subsection (4) of Section 1 of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1936, That they have taken into consideration a representation which has been made to the Secretary of State by the London, Midland and Scottish Railway Company, that they desire to obtain parliamentary powers to amend their Superannuation Scheme, as specified in a Schedule to the Report, to be operative in Scotland and elsewhere, and that it is expedient that such powers should be conferred by one enactment by reason of the fact that in relation to such matters it is necessary to provide for the uniform regulation of the affairs of the Company whose undertaking is operative in England, Scotland and Northern Ireland, and have decided that the said powers would more properly be obtained by the promotion of a Private Bill than by the promotion of a Private Bill and of a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1936.

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 Greenock Port and Harbours Order Confirmation Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Cannock Urban District Council Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Railway Clearing System Superannuation Fund Corporation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Complaint being made by Sir Dennis Herbert, Member for the Watford Division of the County of Hertford, of a circular letter, dated 20th May 1941, addressed to all Members of Parliament from the Highland Development League, referring to seeming irregularities in the procedure by which the Grampian Electricity Supply Order Confirmation Bill had been advanced to its present stage, and of a further letter, dated 17th June 1941, from the Highland Development League repeating and amplifying the expressions complained of;

Ordered, That the matter of the Complaint be referred to the Committee of Privileges.—(Sir Dennis Herbert.)

Ordered, That this day, notwithstanding anything in Standing Order No. 14 the Report of the Supplementary Vote of Credit, 1941, and of the Resolution of the Committee of Ways and Means of the 24th day of this instant June, may be taken before the time appointed for the interruption of Business.—(The Prime Minister.)
Ordered, That the Proceedings on any Motion for the Adjournment of the House that may be moved by a Minister of the Crown at this day's Sitting be exempted from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(The Prime Minister.)

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

(In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates, 1941.

Unclassified Services.

Vote 13. Ministry of Shipping.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum, not exceeding £1,000,000,000, 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 1942, for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Shipping:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again,—(Mr. James Stuart)—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.

Mr. Montague reported from the Committee of Supply of the 24th day of this instant June, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

Supplementary Vote of Credit, 1941.

(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 1942, 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. Montague reported from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 24th day of this instant June, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

Ways and Means (24th June) Report.

Consolidated Fund.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the said Resolution; and that the Chairman of Ways and Means, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Captain Crookshank do prepare and bring it in.

Captain Crookshank accordingly presented a Consolidated 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-two; and the same was read the first time and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

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 Session. Sitting be a Secret Session.—(The Prime Minister.)

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

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

[No. 77.]

Thursday, 26th June, 1941.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Greenwood presented, by His Majesty's Australian Command.—Copy of a Statement of Policy in regard to Australian Surpluses.

Copy of a Statement of Policy in regard to New Zealand Surpluses.

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

Mr. Secretary Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations made under the Allied Powers (Maritime Courts) Act, 1941, entitled the Allied Powers (Maritime Courts) Regulations, 1941.

Copy of Rules made under the Allied Powers (Maritime Courts) Act, 1941, dated 17th June 1941, entitled the Allied Powers (Maritime Courts) Rules, 1941.

Copy of an Order in Council made under the Emergency Powers (Defence) Acts, 1939 and 1940, dated 12th June 1941, adding Regulation 45AA and a Fourth Schedule to the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939, and amending Regulation 100 thereof.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.
Mr. Ernest Brown, supported by Sir John Anderson, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Secretary Johnston, Mr. Attorney General, and Mr. Peake, presented a Bill to amend the Pharmacy and Poisons Act, 1933, to prohibit certain advertisements relating to medical matters, and to amend the law relating to medicines: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next; and to be printed.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 to No. 3 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

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

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

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

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

Captain Crookshank reported from the Committee on Goods and Services (Price Control) [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session (hereafter referred to as "the new Act") to make further provision to prevent excessive prices being charged for goods and excessive charges being made for performing services in relation to goods (including hiring and subjecting to a process) and to amend the Prices of Goods Act, 1939, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenses incurred by the Board of Trade under the new Act and any increase in the expenses of the Board under the Prices of Goods Act, 1939, which is attributable to the passing of the new Act.

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

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The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Goods and Services (Price Control) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Power to fix maximum prices for goods.)

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 7, after the word " may," to insert the words " after consultation with the appropriate trade organisation."—(Colonel Doland.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 11, after the second word " sell," to insert the words " expose for sale."—(Mr. Silkin.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 13, at the end, to insert the words:—

" (2) The Board of Trade shall take into consideration any application for the making of any such order received from any body of persons appearing to the Board to be representative of traders in goods of any description, or, with respect to goods of any description, from the central price-regulation committee."—(Mr. Leslie.)

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

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 28, at the end, to insert the words:—

" Provided that it shall not be a defence where the employer or other specified person alleged to have given such instructions is a body corporate."—(Mr. Hughes.)

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

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 2 amended, and agreed to.

Clauses No. 3 to No. 5 agreed to.

Clause No. 6 (Ascertainment of permitted increase.)

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 24, to leave out subsection (3), and insert the words:—

" (3) Every order made under this Act shall be laid, as soon as may be, before Parliament, and if either House within the next twenty-eight days on which that House has sat after the order has been laid before it resolves that the order be annulled, the order shall be of no effect, but without prejudice to the validity of anything done in the meantime thereunder or to the making of a new order."—(Mr. Hughes.)

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

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses No. 7 to No. 11 agreed to.

Clause No. 12 (Inspectors.)

Amendment proposed, in p. 10, l. 5, at the end, to insert the words " and such inspectors, shall, as far as is practicable, act in consultation with the central price-regulation committee and any local price-regulation committees."—(Mr. Ness Edwards.)
Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Clause agreed to.
Clauses No. 13 to No. 15 agreed to.
Clause No. 16 (General provisions as to offences).
Amendment proposed, in p. 12, l. 35, at the end, to insert the words:—
"(2) Where any person has been found guilty of an offence under this Act or under the principal Act and the Board of Trade is satisfied that the penalty imposed upon such conviction is inadequate (which shall be conclusively shown by a certificate of the President of the Board of Trade directing an appeal) an appeal shall lie against the penalty at the suit of the prosecutor in the proceedings before the court of summary jurisdiction to the appropriate court of Quarter Sessions."—Mr. Hughes.)
Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.
Clause agreed to.
Clauses No. 17 to No. 23 agreed to.
First and Second Schedules agreed to.
Third Schedule.
Amendment proposed, in p. 19, l. 41, col. 2, to leave out the words "Paragraph (a)," and insert the words "The whole section."—(Mr. Fedrick-Lawrence.)
Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 19, l. 42, col. 2, after the word "words," to insert the words:—
"Cost of the provision of materials, whether raw or semi-manufactured, and of stocks of goods, requisite for the carrying on of the business.
Liability for duties of customs and excise, rates, and interest on money borrowed.
Expense of advertising, employment of salesmen on commission, and other marketing measures.
The total volume of the business over which the overhead expenses thereof fall to be spread."—Mr. Hughes.)
Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Schedule agreed to.
Bill, as amended, to be reported.
Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the 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.
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 Trustee (War Damage Insurance) Bill [Lords], was, according to Order, read a second time.
Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. Whiteley.)
Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into the said Committee.—(Mr. Whiteley.)
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 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 Naval Discipline (Amendment) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.
Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. Whiteley.)
Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into the said Committee.—(Mr. Whiteley.)
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 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 House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Justices (Supplemental List) Bill [Lords].
(In the Committee.)
Clauses No. 1 to No. 4 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 acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

Adjourment.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.— (Major Dugdale.)

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

[No. 78.]

Tuesday, 1st July, 1941.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Railway Clearing System Superannuation Fund 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 Ebbw Vale Urban District Council Bill [Lords] was read a second time and committed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Grampian Electricity Supply Order Confirmation Bill;

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

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

Copy of a Speech by the Right honourable Anthony Eden, M.C., M.P., His Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, delivered at the Mansion House on the 29th day of May 1941.

Mr. Secretary Morrison presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, extending Section I of the Act to the Parish of Cranleigh in the Rural District of Hambledon.

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

Secretary Sir Archibald Sinclair presented, Air Force, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Amendment to the Rules of Procedure for the Royal Air Force, dated 4th June 1941.

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

Mr. Secretary Johnston presented, pursuant to Education direction to the direction of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Minute by the Secretary of State for Scotland under the Education (Scotland) Act, 1918, as read with the Reorganisation of Offices (Scotland) Act, 1939, dated 27th June 1941, entitled the Education Authorities (Scotland) Grant Regulations Minute, 1941.

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

Captain Crooke presented, pursuant to Public Works the direction of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Sixty-sixth Annual Report, with Appendices, of the Public Works Loan Board, being their Report for the year ended the 31st day of March 1941.

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


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Sir John Anderson presented by His Majesty's Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, 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 the 30th day of September 1940.

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


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Captain Kenelm Simon Digby Wingfield New Member Digby, Member for the County of Dorset sworn (Western Division), was sworn.

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 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 re-committed to a Committee of the whole House in respect of the Amendment to Clause 47, p. 37, l. 25, and the Clause (" Provisions as to Schedule A tax on land sustaining war damage "), standing on
the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

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

The House accordingly immediately resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)
Clause No. 47 amended, and agreed to.
A Clause (Provisions as to Schedule A tax on land sustaining war damage).—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer),—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 made an Amendment and added a Clause to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee and on re-commital, be now taken into consideration.

The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

A Clause (Extension of section 8 of the Finance Act, 1940, to officers and men of the Merchant Navy).—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer),—was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Limit to relief in respect of insurance premiums to be calculated by reference to pre-war income).—(Captain Crookshank),—was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Extension of Rule 13 of Rules applicable to Cases I and II of Schedule D to professions and vocations).—(Captain Crookshank),—was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Expenses of weekly wage earners in travelling to and from their work).—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer),—was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Amendment of s. 13, ss. (2) of 2 & 3 Geo. 6).—(Sir Herbert Williams).

And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the said Clause be read a second time:—The said Motion and Clause were severally, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Income tax on undistributed profits).—(Mr. Hammersley).

And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the said Clause be read a second time:—The said Motion and Clause were severally, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 22, l. 25, by inserting at the end thereof the words:

"Where, in accordance with subsection (a) of this section, a company claims continuity of business although all production has ceased, there shall be allowed in computing the profits or losses of the trade or business such a sum in respect to the valuation of stocks as normally represents the value of the stock in process."—(Mr. Hammersley.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 13, l. 6, by inserting at the end thereof the words:

"On the death of a husband or wife, either of whom is entitled to repayment of a credited sum, the Commissioners of Inland Revenue may, at their discretion, make a payment in whole or in part of the sum credited to the survivor."—(Mr. Graham White.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 11, by leaving out ll. 5 to 9.—(Mr. Rhys Davies.)

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

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 12, l. 29, by inserting at the end thereof the words:

"Where any person claims continuity of business although all production has ceased, there shall be allowed in computing the profits or losses of the trade or business such a sum in respect to the valuation of stocks as normally represents the value of the stock in process."—(Mr. Rhys Davies.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 22, l. 25, by inserting at the end thereof, the words:

“(a) shall not apply in the case of any trade or business if the person carrying on the same so elects and notifies to the Commissioners of Inland Revenue such election in writing on or before the thirtieth day of September, nineteen hundred and forty-one:—"

—(Mr. Maxwell Fyfe.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 31, l. 6, by inserting at the end thereof the words:—

"whether on the ground that the purpose of the transaction or transactions was not or did not include the avoidance or reduction of liability to tax or on the ground that no direction ought to have been given or that the adjustments directed to be made are inappropriate."—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be inserted in the Bill:—The proposed words were amended by inserting, after the second word "the," the word "main," and by leaving out the words "or did not include."—(Mr. Denman.)—and, so amended, were there inserted in the Bill.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

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

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.
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 Repair of War Damage Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Major Dugdale.)

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

Mr. Ernest Brown, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House that His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Repair of War Damage [Money], proposed to be moved, under Standing Order No. 69, in Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

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

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That for the purpose of any Act of the present Session to extend the third fixed grant period under the Local Government Act, 1929, and to make provision for the stabilization of Supplementary Exchequer Grants and for other purposes, it is expedient to authorize the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any increase in the sums so payable which is attributable—

(a) to the extension of the said period until such date as Parliament may hereafter determine;

(b) to the stabilization for the term of the extension of the said period of Supplementary Exchequer Grants under the Local Government Act, 1929;

(c) to the continuation during the said term of schemes under section ninety-three of the last-mentioned Act in respect of maternity and child welfare services.

—(Mr. Ernest Brown.)

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Local Government (Financial Provisions) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Major Dugdale.)

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

Mr. Ernest Brown, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House that His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Local Government (Financial Provisions) [Money], proposed to be moved, under Standing Order No. 69, in Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

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

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to extend the third fixed grant period under the Local Government Act, 1929, and to make provision for the stabilization of Supplementary Exchequer Grants and for other purposes, it is expedient to authorize the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any increase in the sums so payable which is attributable—

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—(Mr. Ernest Brown.)

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

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

And it being Five of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed without Question put.

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

And it being half an hour after Five of the clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, till to-morrow.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Grampian Electricity Supply Order Confirmation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday, the 30th day of this instant July, at half an hour after Two of the clock.

Mr. Secretary Amery presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Certificate, dated 20th June 1941, issued by the First Lord of the Treasury, for the purposes of subsection (1) of Section 1 of the House of Commons Disqualification (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1941, certifying that the appointment of William Patrick Spens, Esquire, O.B.E., K.C., a Member of the Commons House of Parliament, to be Chairman and Director of the National Vegetable Marketing Company Limited, is required in the public interest for purposes connected with the prosecution of the present war.

Ordered, That the Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by Captain Crookshank, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, containing 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 Auxiliary Force (Amendment) Act, 1941.

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

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

The Lords have agreed to the Consolidated Fund (No. 3) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Land Drainage Provisional Order Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the London County Council (Money) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the London Midland and Scottish Railway Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to confer further powers upon the Lord Mayor Aldermen and Citizens of the City of Cardiff in respect of their electricity undertaking; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Cardiff Corporation Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

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

Rand the Lords desire the concurrence of the Court—Mr. Whiteley.)

Robert Gibson, Esquire, K.C., who since his election for the said Burgh hath accepted the Office of Member of the Scottish Land Court and Chairman of the Court.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Grampian Electricity Supply Order Confirmation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday, the 30th day of this instant July, at half an hour after Two of the clock.

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Ordered, That the Paper do lie upon the Table.

Message from the Lords.

Consolidated Fund (No. 3) Bill.

Land Drainage Provisional Order Bill.

London County Council (Money) Bill.

London Midland and Scottish Railway Bill.

Cardiff Corporation Bill [Lords].

Cardiff Corporation Bill [Lords].

Isle of Man (Customs) Bill.

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authority for the certificate to be varied or annulled, and if the local authority is satisfied that the house has not been repaired to such extent as is reasonably practicable at the time, the local authority shall withdraw the certificate or vary the certificate according to the circumstances prevailing at the time of such application.”—(Mr. Hughes.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 15, after the word "has," to insert the words "or the amenities thereof have."—(Mr. Hughes.)

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

Other Amendments made.

Whereupon the Yeoman 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 Brigadier-General Lord Esmé Gordon-Lennox, r.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. Consolidated Fund (No. 3) Act, 1941.
2. Justices (Supplemental List) Act, 1941.
3. Trustee (War Damage Insurance) Act, 1941.
4. Naval Discipline (Amendment) Act, 1941.
5. Greenock Port and Harbours Order Confirmation Act, 1941.
6. Land Drainage (Benwick Internal Drainage District) Provisional Order Confirmation Act, 1941.

Then the House again resolved itself into the Committee on the Landlord and Tenant (War Damage) (Amendment) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 33, at the end, to insert the words:

"(6) Where in pursuance of the provisions of this section the rent of any land which is

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unit by reason of war damage is reduced the landlord to whom such rent is payable shall as and from the time when the reduction was effected be entitled to reduce pro rata any rent, charge or mortgage interest due from him to any other person in respect of the land and such other person shall be entitled successively to reduce his like obligations in respect of the land.”—(Mr. Hughes.)

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

Other Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (Conditional notice of retention.) Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 42, at the end, to add the words:

"(7) Where a notice of disclaimer has been served, or is deemed to have been served, by a tenant before the date of the passing of this Act, he may, within three months from that date, serve a conditional notice of retention upon his landlord and such notice shall operate as from the date when he gave notice of disclaimer provided, nevertheless, that the tenant shall indemnify the landlord for any loss sustained by the landlord through acting upon the disclaimer.”—(Mr. Douglas.)

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

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 3 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 4 agreed to.

Clauses No. 5 and No. 6 amended, and agreed to.

Clauses No. 7 and No. 8 agreed to.

Clause No. 9 (Application of principal Act to ground leases.)

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 9, l. 21, at the end, to add the words:

"(2) Where a ground tenant serves a notice of retention and ceases to pay his ground rent, that ground rent when it revives shall be the sum then corresponding in value to the ground rent on the first day of September, nineteen hundred and thirty-nine : and if the ground landlord and tenant cannot agree what that sum should be the question shall be decided by the court.”—(Mr. Pickthorn.)

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

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses No. 10 and No. 11 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 12 agreed to.

Clause No. 13 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 14 agreed to.

A Clause (Notification by War Damage Commission of determinations, &c.),—(Mr. Attorney General),—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Determination of disputes as to whether premises have been rendered fit),—(Mr. Attorney General),—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.
Another Clause (Provision as to Northern Ireland),—(Mr. Attorney General),—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Provision in case where land sustains damage other than war damage),—(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 43.

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

Major Dugdale reported from the Committee on Repair of War Damage [Money]: a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That for the purpose of any Act of the present Session to amend the Housing (Emergency Powers) Act, 1939, and the Essential Buildings and Plant (Repair of War Damage) Act, 1939, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any increase in the amount of the loans made under the two last-mentioned Acts attributable to the provisions (whether retrospective or not) of the said Act of the present Session;

(b) the payment into the Exchequer of any increase so attributable in the sums received by way of repayment of such loans.

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

Major Dugdale reported from the Committee on Local Government (Financial Provisions) [Money]: a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to extend the third fixed grant period under the Local Government Act, 1929, and to make provision for the stabilization of Supplementary Exchequer Grants and for other purposes, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any increase in the sums so payable which is attributable—

(a) to the extension of the said period until such date as Parliament may hereafter determine;

(b) to the stabilization for the term of the extension of the said period of Supplementary Exchequer Grants under the Local Government Act, 1929;

(c) to the continuation during the said term of schemes under section ninety-three of the last-mentioned Act in respect of maternity and child welfare services.

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn,—(Major Dugdale);

And it being Five of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed without Question put.

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

And it being half an hour after Five of the clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, till tommorrow.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

MR. Speaker made the following communication:

Death of a Member.

I regret to have to inform the House of the presumed death, due to enemy action, of Colonel James Baldwin-Webb, T.D., Member for the County of Salop (The Wrekin Division), and I desire on behalf of the House to express our sense of the loss we have sustained and our sympathy with the relatives of the honourable Member.

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 Burgh of Edinburgh (West Division), in the room of The Right Honourable Thomas Mackay Cooper, K.C., O.B.E., who since his election for the said Burgh hath accepted the Office of Justice Clerk and President of the Second Division of the Court of Session in Scotland.—(Mr. James Stuart.)

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 15th June 1941, to provide 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.

Mr. Bevin presented, by His Majesty’s Trade Disputes Command,—Copy of a Report by a Court of Inquiry into a dispute between Richard Thomas and Company, Limited, and the National Association of Clerical and Supervisory Staffs.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
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The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Statements of the Funds of the Museum of the late Sir John Soane on the 5th day of January 1939, the 5th day of January 1940 and the 5th day of January 1941 respectively.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, that they had considered the Orders contained in the Marriages Provisional Orders Bill; that they were of opinion that the said Orders 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 Committee on Unopposed Bills, that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Portsmouth Water Bill [Lords], and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, 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 Ebbw Vale 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 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. 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.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment, proposed, That this House do now adjourn.--(Major Dugdale);

And it being Five of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed without Question put.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment, proposed, That this House do now adjourn.--(Major Dugdale);

And Notice being taken, that Forty Members were not present—The House was told by Mr. Deputy Speaker; and Forty Members not being present, and it being then after Four of the clock:—The House was adjourned by Mr. Deputy Speaker, at six minutes after Five of the clock, without a Question first put, till Tuesday next, pursuant to the Resolution of the House this day.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.--(Major Dugdale);

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Tuesday, 8th July, 1941.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report Private Bills (Standing Orders not previously complied with)

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.:

Cardiff Corporation 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 London Midland and Scottish Railway Bill; and the same were twice read and agreed to.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Marriages Provisional Orders Bill, as amended in the Committee.

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

Mr. Secretary Morrison presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Thirty-seventh Report of the Royal Patriotic Fund Corporation, being a Report for 1940.

Mr. Secretary Morrison also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order in Council made under the Emergency Powers (Defence) Acts, 1939 and 1940, dated 30th May 1941, amending the Defence (Finance) Regulations (Isle of Man), 1939.

Copy of an Order proposed to be made under the Metropolitan Police Staffs (Superannuation) Acts, 1875 to 1931, and the Superannuation (Various Services) Act, 1938, respecting the grant of gratuities and allowances to certain officers of the staff of the Metropolitan Police and Metropolitan Police Courts, in respect of injuries incurred during the present emergency.

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 1941 to 30th June 1941.

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

Mr. Bevis presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations made under the National Service (Armed Forces) Act, 1939, dated 30th June 1941, entitled the National Service (Postponement Certificates) (Amendment) Regulations, 1941.

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 Debts Clearing Offices and Import Restrictions Act, 1934, dated 30th June 1941, entitled the Clearing Office (Spain) Amendment Order, 1941.

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 Liabilities (War-time Adjustment) Act, 1941, entitled the Liabilities (War-time Adjustment) Rules, 1941.

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

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

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to empower the East Worcestershire Waterworks Company to construct further works and to raise additional capital; to confer additional powers upon the Company; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Major Milner reported, That the Committee had gone into the said Committee. (Mr. Grimston.)

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

The Isle of Man (Customs) Bill was, according Order, read a second time.

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

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).—(Mr. Attlee.)

The Pharmacy and Medicines Bill was, according Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. Grimston.)

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.—(Mr. Grimston.)

The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee.

Clauses No. 1 and No. 2 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be 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, proceeded to take into consideration the Landlord and Tenant (War Damage) (Amendment) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Refund of rent in certain cases).—(Mr. Glenvil Hall.)

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 Motion be read a second time:—The said Motion and Clause were severally, 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. 2. l. 18, by inserting at the end thereof, the words:—

"(5) If the local authority in whose area any such dwelling-house is situated issue a certificate that the dwelling-house has been repaired to the extent mentioned in the last foregoing subsection the production of the certificate shall, at any time while the certificate remains in force, be sufficient evidence that the house is fit for the purposes of this section at that time, unless the contrary is proved:

Provided that the local authority shall, on the application of the tenant made not less than three months after the issue of the certificate or after his last application, inspect the dwelling-house, and if they are satisfied that—

(a) further repairs have become reasonably practicable since the issue of the certificate and have not been carried out ; or

(b) the works of repair carried out before the issue of the certificate have not been maintained in a reasonably efficient state ; they shall revoke the certificate and serve a notice of the revocation on the tenant and on the landlord, and, as from the date of the service of the notice, and until a new certificate is issued under this subsection, the production of the notice shall be sufficient evidence that the dwelling-house is unfit by reason of war damage unless the contrary is proved.”.—(Mr. Attorney General.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the proposed Amendment, in l. 1, by inserting after the word "If," the words "the sanitary inspector or other officer of."—(Major Milner.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the proposed Amendment:—The Amendment to the said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the proposed words were there inserted in the Bill.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

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

Mr. Ernest Brown, by His Majesty’s Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives His Consent, as far as His Majesty’s interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

And Notice being taken, that the interest of His Majesty, as Duke of Lancaster, is concerned therein:

Mr. Ernest Brown, by His Majesty’s Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives His Consent, as far as His Majesty’s interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

And Notice being taken, that the interest of His Majesty, as Possessor of the Duchy of Cornwall, is concerned therein:

Mr. Ernest Brown, by His Majesty’s Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives His Consent, as far as His Majesty’s interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time and passed.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved Repair of War Damage Bill itself into a Committee on the Repair of War Damage Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 to No. 8 agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be 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 Repair of War Damage Bill itself into a Committee on the Repair of War Damage Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 to No. 4 agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the 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.
Orders Bill.

Resolved, That the Land Drainage Grants (Further Postponement of Prescribed Date) Order, 1941, postponing the prescribed date provided for in subsection (3) of Section 15 of the Agriculture Act, 1917, a copy of which was presented to this House on the 27th day of May last, be approved.—(Mr. Hudson.)

Resolved, That the Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1936, and confirmed by the Minister of War Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, and the Public Works Facilities Act, 1930, for increasing the borrowing powers of the Central Electricity Board, a copy of which was presented to this House on the 20th day of June last, be approved.—(Colonel Llewellin.)

Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, extending Section 1 of the Act to the Parish of Cranleigh, in the Rural District of Hambledon, a copy of which was presented to this House on the 1st day of this instant July, be approved.—(Major Dugdale.)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Major Dugdale.)

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

[No. 82.]

Wednesday, 9th July, 1941.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

Prayers.

Dudley Borough Writ.

Ebbw Vale Urban District Council Bill [Lords].

Marriages Provisional Orders Bill.

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

Mr. Ernest Brown presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Report by the Government Actuary on the Financial Provisions of the National Health Insurance, Contributory Pensions and Workmen's Compensation Bill.

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

Colonel Llewellin presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order made by the Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1936, and under the South Wales Electric Power Act, 1932, and confirmed by the Minister of War Transport under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, and the Public Works Facilities Act, 1930, to increase the capital and borrowing powers of the South Wales Electric Power Company.

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

Mr. Secretary Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the Urban District of Haltemprice.

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

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords was brought from the Lords by the Lords' Messenger. The Lords have agreed to the Finance Bill, Finance Bill.

Mr. Secretary Johnston, supported by the War Damage Lord Advocate, Mr. Scrymgeour Wedderburn to Land (Scotland) Bill.

Mr. Westwood, presented a Bill to make further provision with regard to the rights of landlords and tenants of lands and heritages in Scotland which have sustained war damage and to obligations to insure against war damage to such lands and heritages and to amend the War Damage to Land (Scotland) Act, 1939; and the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Mr. Ernest Brown, supported by Mr. Secretary Johnston, Captain Crookshank, Mr. Peake and Miss Horsburgh, presented a Bill to increase the rates of sickness and disablement benefit and the rates of contribution payable under the Acts relating to National Health Insurance, to extend the said Acts to persons employed otherwise than by way of manual labour at a rate of remuneration exceeding two hundred and fifty pounds a year, and in connection therewith to amend the Acts relating to widows', orphans' and old age contributory pensions and certain other enactments; to enable any of the Acts aforesaid to be adapted by regulations to war-time conditions; and to amend paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section three of the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1925: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.
Mr. George Hall, supported by Captain Crookshank, presented a Bill to authorise the Secretary of State to agree to make good any deficiencies in funds established by colonies and certain other countries for insuring commodities against war risks: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

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

(In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates, 1941.

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 1942, 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.—(Major Dugdale).—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.—(Major Dugdale).—put, and agreed to.

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

And it being Five of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed without Question put.

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

And it being half an hour after Five of the clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, till to-morrow.

Thursday, 10th July, 1941.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

CAPTAIN Crookshank, presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Estimate of the further Sum required to be voted for the Service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1942, for Civil Departments.

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

Sir John Anderson presented, pursuant to the Naval and Merchant Shipping (Safety and Load Line Conventions) Act, 1932, dated 1st July 1941, entitling the Government of Yugoslavia to the Safety Convention.

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

Mr. Robert Hudson presented, pursuant to the Diseases of Animals Acts, 1894 to 1937, adding Regulation 55, 56, 74 and 75 (1) of the said Acts, and amending Regulations 29B of, the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939; and

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

Mr. Secretary Morrison presented, pursuant Emergency to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Ordinances made under the Emergency Powers (Defence) Acts, 1939 and 1940,—

(1) dated 26th June 1941, adding Regulations 29B of, the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939; and

(2) dated 1st July 1941, adding Regulations 60K to, and amending Regulations 30A, 49, 55, 59, 74 and 75 of, the said Regulations.

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 the House of Commons Members' Fund for the year ended the 30th day of September 1940, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor-General thereon.

Copy of the Diocesan Reorganisation Committees Measure, 1941, passed by the National Assembly of the Church of England under the powers conferred upon it by the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act, 1919.


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.

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

Order, That the Appropriation Account for the Navy, which was presented to this House upon the 23rd day of January last, and the Appropriation Accounts for the Army and Air Departments, which were presented to this House upon the 28th day of January last, be referred to the Committee.—(Mr. James Stuart.)

Order, That the Appropriation Account for the Navy, which was presented to this House upon the 23rd day of January last, and the Appropriation Accounts for the Army and Air Departments, which were presented to this House upon the 28th day of January last, be referred to the Committee.—(Mr. James Stuart.)

Resolves, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the surpluses and deficits upon Navy, Army and Air Grants for the year ended the 31st day of March 1942, and the application of surpluses to meet Expenditure not provided for in the Grants for that year.—(Mr. James Stuart.)

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.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Major Dugdale)—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 Second Reading of the Grampian Electricity Supply Order Confirmation Bill;

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

Then the House again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Postponed Proceeding on Question, 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 1942, for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Supply, including the expenses of the Royal Ordnance Factories, resumed.

Question again proposed.

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Major Dugdale)

And it being Five of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed without Question put.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Major Dugdale)

And it being half an hour after Five of the clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, till Tuesday next, pursuant to the Resolution of the House this day.
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Private Bills
Standing Orders not previously inquired into complied with.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following 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. —

East Worcestershire Water Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Ebbw Vale 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 Ebbw Vale Urban District Council Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Cardiff Corporation Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

Mr. Secretary Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order in Council, made under the Emergency Powers (Defence) Acts, 1939 and 1940, as extended to the Isle of Man by the Emergency Powers (Isle of Man Defence) Order in Council, 1939, and the Emergency Powers (Isle of Man Defence) (No. 2) Order in Council, 1940, dated 30th May 1941, amending the Defence (General Regulations (Isle of Man) 1939.

Copy of an Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, extending Section 1 of the Act to the Parish of Kirkby Stephen in the Rural District of North Westmorland.

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

Mr. Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Report by a Court of Inquiry into a dispute between Trent Guns and Cartridges, Limited, Grimsby, and the National Union of General and Municipal Workers.

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

Mr. Secretary Eden presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Supplementary Convention between His Majesty in respect of the United Kingdom and the President of the Turkish Republic regarding Legal Proceedings in Civil and Commercial Matters. Angora, 10th February 1939. [Ratifications exchanged at London on the 25th day of June 1941.]

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

Mr. Alexander presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account of Deposits in Naval Savings Banks, and the payments thereof and of Interest thereon, of all Investments, and the application of the Interest or Dividends accruing in respect thereof, and of the proceeds of any sale of any Stocks, Annuities or Securities during the financial year 1939-40.

Ordered, That the said Account 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 public Records of certain Classes of Documents existing in the Office of His Majesty's Paymaster General which are not considered of sufficient public value to justify their preservation in the Public Record Office.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Goods and Services (Price Control) Bill, without any Amendment.

Hector McNeil, Esquire, Member for the New Member of the Burgh of Greenock, made and subscribed the Affirmation required by Law.

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).—(Mr. James Stuart.)

The National Health Insurance, Contributory Pensions and Workmen's Compensation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. Munro.)

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

Mr. Ernest Brown, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House that His Majesty having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to National Health Insurance, Contributory Pensions and Workmen's Compensation (Money), proposed to be moved under Standing Order No. 69, in Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House.
Then the House, pursuant to Standing Order No. 69, resolved itself into Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to increase the rates of sickness and disablement benefit and the rates of contribution payable under the Acts relating to National Health Insurance, to extend the said Acts to persons employed otherwise than by way of manual labour at a rate of remuneration exceeding two hundred and fifty pounds a year, and in connection therewith to amend the Acts relating to widows', orphans' and old age contributory pensions and certain other enactments, and to enable any of the Acts aforesaid to be adapted by regulations to wartime conditions, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any increase, resulting from the operation of the said Act of the present Session, in expenditure which is authorised to be so defrayed under or by virtue of the National Health Insurance Acts, 1936 to 1939, the Widows', Orphans and Old Age Contributory Pensions Acts, 1936 to 1940, the Unemployment Assistance Act, 1934, the Old Age Pensions Act, 1936, or Part II of the Old Age and Widows' Pensions Act, 1940.—(Mr. Ernest Brown.)

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Colonial War Risks Insurance (Guarantees) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Major Dogdwale.)

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

Secretary Sir Archibald Sinclair, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House that His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Colonial War Risks Insurance (Guarantees) [Money], proposed to be moved, under Standing Order No. 69, in Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

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

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to authorise the Secretary of State to agree to make good any deficiencies in funds established by colonies and certain other countries for insuring commodities against war risks, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament, or the issue out of the Consolidated Fund, of any sums required by the Secretary of State for the purpose of any agreement made in pursuance of the said Act; and

(b) the payment into the Exchequer of any sum received by the Secretary of State in pursuance of any such agreement.—(Mr. George Hall.)

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 House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Navy, Army and Air Expenditure, 1939.

(In the Committee.)

I. Whereas it appears by the Navy Appropriation Account for the year ended the 31st day of March 1940 that, as shown in the Schedule hereunto appended, the total surpluses and deficits on Navy Votes for that year are as follows:—

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And whereas the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury have temporarily authorised the application of realised surpluses towards making good the said deficits.

1. Resolved, That the application of such surpluses be sanctioned.—(Captain Crookshank.)

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And whereas the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty’s Treasury have temporarily authorised the application of realised surpluses towards making good the said deficits.

2. Resolved, That the application of such surpluses be sanctioned.—(Mr. Richard Law.)

III. Whereas it appears by the Air Appropriation Account for the year ended the 31st day of March 1940 that, as shown in the Schedule hereunto appended, the total surpluses and deficits on Air Votes for that year are as follows:—

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Resolutions to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved Pharmacists and itself into a Committee on the Pharmacy and Medicines Bill.

(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. —[Mr. William Adamson].

3. Resolved, That the application of such surpluses be sanctioned.—(Secretary Sir Archibald Sinclair.)

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The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply; 
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the War Damage to Land (Scotland) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

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

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. William Adamson.)

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

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

Captain Crookshank presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Certificate, dated 15th July 1941, issued by the First Lord of the Treasury, for the purposes of subsection (1) of Section 1 of the House of Commons Disqualification (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1941, certifying that the appointment of Leslie Ruthven Pym, Esquire, a Member of the Commons House of Parliament, to be a Director of the National Vegetable Marketing Company, Limited, is required in the public interest for purposes connected with the prosecution of the present war.

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

Lieutenant-Commander George Ian Clark New Member for the Burgh of Dunoon.

Edinburgh (West Division), was sworn.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, supported by Mr. Attorney General and Captain Crookshank, presented a Bill to extend the provisions of the War Damage Act, 1941, relating to payments in respect of war damage under Part I of that Act to damage occurring after the thirty-first day of August, nineteen hundred and forty-one: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow: and to be printed.

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).—(Mr. James Stuart.)

The War Damage to Land (Scotland) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. Young.)

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

Mr. Secretary Johnston, by His Majesty’s War Damage Command, acquainted the House that His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to War Damage to Land (Scotland) [Money], proposed to be moved, under Standing Order No. 69, in Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

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

In the Committee.

Resolved, That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make further provision with regard to the rights of landlords
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Pharmacy and Medicines Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 6 (Disclosure of composition of medicines).

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 8, after the word "statements," to insert the words "in English."—(Mr. James Griffiths.)

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

Other Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 15, at the end, to insert the words:—

"or

(c) in a case where the substance is composed of a non-poisonous plant or plants or any part thereof a statement to that effect without describing the particular plant or part used in the preparation of the substance."

(Sir Thomas Moore.)

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

Other Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses No. 7 and No. 8 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 9 agreed to.

Clause No. ro amended, and agreed to.

Clauses No. 11 and No. 12 agreed to.

A Clause (Enforcement by food and drugs authorities).—(Mr. Ernest Brown).—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added. Another Clause (Restriction on proprietary names).—(Sir Ernest Graham-Little).—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 (Restriction on distribution of new proprietary medicines).—(Sir Dymoke White).—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put, and negatived. Schedule agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration to- morrow; and be printed.
Sir Victor Warrender reported from the Committee on Navy, Army and Air Expenditure, 1939, several Resolutions; which were read, as follows:

1. Whereas it appears by the Navy Appropriation Account for the year ended the 31st day of March 1940 that, as shown in the Schedule hereunto appended, the total surpluses and deficits on Navy Votes for that year are as follows:—

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And whereas the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury have temporarily authorised the application of realised surpluses towards making good the said deficits.

2. That the application of such surpluses be sanctioned. Schedule.

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II. Whereas it appears by the Army Appropriation Account for the year ended the 31st day of March 1940 that, as shown in the Schedule hereunto appended, the total surpluses and deficits on Army Votes for that year are as follows:—

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III. Whereas it appears by the Air Appropriation Account for the year ended the 31st day of March 1940, that, as shown in the Schedule hereunto appended, the total surpluses and deficits on Air Votes for that year are as follows:—

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The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.
Resolved, That the Clearing Office (Spain) Amendment Order, 1941, dated 30th June 1941, made by the Treasury under Sections 1 and 3 of the Debts Clearing Offices and Import Restrictions Act, 1934, a copy of which was presented to this House on the 8th day of this instant July, be approved.—(Captain Crookshank.)

Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, extending Section 1 of the Act to the Urban District of Haltemprice, a copy of which was presented to this House on the 9th day of this instant July, be approved. —(Mr. Peake.)

Adjournment.

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

And it being Five of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed without Question put.

Adjournment.  

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Major Dugdale.)

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

[No. 86.]

Thursday, 17th July, 1941.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

Prayers.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Grampian Electricity Supply Order Confirmation Bill; Ordered, that the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Mr. Ernest Brown presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Schemes made by the undermentioned local authorities under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937, and approved by the Minister of Health:—

(1) the Bath City Council;
(2) the Bexhill Borough Council;
(3) the Bolton County Borough Council;
(4) the Fulham Metropolitan Borough Council;
(5) the County Council of Lincoln, Parts of Lindsey: and
(6) the Southampton County Council.

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

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

The Lords have agreed to the Isle of Man (Customs) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government (Financial Provisions) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Repair of War Damage Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Ebbw Vale Urban District Council Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

Resolved, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn till Tuesday next.—(Mr. Attlee.)

The House, according to Order, resolved Supply (14th allotted Day.)

(In the Committee.)

Army Estimates, 1941.

Vote 12. War Office.

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, 1942.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again,—(Mr. James Stuart) — 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: 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 Session. Sitting be a Secret Session.—(Mr. Attlee.)

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

And it being Five of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed without Question put.

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

And it being half an hour after Five of the clock, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, till Tuesday next, pursuant to the Resolution of the House this day.
Tuesday, 22nd July, 1941.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE Portsmouth Water Bill [Lords] was read the third time and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The East Worcestershire Water Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

Mr. Secretary Amery presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Text of an Announcement relative to India and the War issued by the Governor General of India on the 22nd day of July 1941.

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

Mr. George Hall presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Eleventh and Final Report of the Colonial Development Advisory Committee, covering the period from the 1st day of April 1939 to the 17th day of July 1940.

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

Mr. Ernest Brown presented, pursuant to the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House),—Copy of a Report by a Court of Disputes on the Concurrence of their Lordships.

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

Captain Crookshank presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Statement by His Majesty's Government on Price Stabilisation and Industrial Policy.


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

Captain Crookshank also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Certificate, dated 15th July 1941, issued by the First Lord of the Treasury, for the purposes of subsection (1) of Section 1 of the House of Commons Disqualification (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1941, certifying that the appointment of the honourable Harold George Nicolson, c.m.g., a Member of the Commons House of Parliament, to be a Governor of the British Broadcasting Corporation, is required in the public interest for purposes connected with the prosecution of the present war.

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

Mr. Secretary Morrison 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 1st July 1941, making Regulations, entitled the Defence (War Zone Courts) Northern Ireland Regulations, 1941.

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

Mr. Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Report by a Court of Inquiry into a Stoppage of Work at Vickers-Armstrongs, Limited, Barrow-in-Furness, made upon the 21st day of June last of a Circular Letter, dated 20th May, 1941, addressed to all Members of Parliament from the Highland Development League, referring to seeming irregularities by which the Grampian Electricity Supply Order Confirmation Bill had been advanced to its present stage, and of a further letter, dated 17th June, 1941, from the Highland Development League repeating and amplifying the expressions complained of was referred, 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 on the 9th and 15th days of this instant July: 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 Amendments made upon the 25th day of June last of a Circular Letter, dated 20th May, 1941, addressed to all Members of Parliament from the Highland Development League, referring to seeming irregularities by which the Grampian Electricity Supply Order Confirmation Bill had been advanced to its present stage, and of a further letter, dated 17th June, 1941, from the Highland Development League repeating and amplifying the expressions complained of was referred, 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 on the 9th and 15th days of this instant July: And the Report was brought up and read.

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

The War Damage (Extension of Risk Period) Bill, was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Sir James Edmondson.)
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House that His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to War Damage (Extension of Risk Period) [Money], proposed to be moved, under Standing Order No. 69, in Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

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

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to extend the provisions of the War Damage Act, 1941, relating to payments in respect of damage to highways) to damage occurring during the period beginning with the first day of September, nineteen hundred and forty-one, and ending with the thirty-first day of August, nineteen hundred and forty-two. (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.

Mr. Boulton reported from the Committee on National Health Insurance, Contributory Pensions and Workmen's Compensation Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the National Health Insurance, Contributory Pensions and Workmen's Compensation Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 to No. 14 agreed to.

First to Third 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 House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Pharmacy and Medicines Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause (Enforcement by Pharmaceutical Society),—(Mr. Ernest Brown),—was twice read, and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Powers of Statutory Committee over bodies corporate),—(Captain Elliston),—was twice read, and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Exercise of jurisdiction of Statutory Committee),—(Captain Elliston),—was twice read, and made part of the Bill.

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

The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 8, l. 38, by leaving out paragraph (a).—(Sir Thomas Moore).

Ordered, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—(Sir Thomas Moore).—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out to the word "drying," in l. 38, 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. 8, l. 39, by leaving out the words " but not subjecting to," and inserting the word " or,"—(Sir Thomas Moore).—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—(Sir Thomas Moore).—instead thereof.

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

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

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and 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 Committee on the War Damage to Land (Scotland) 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 War Damage to Land (Scotland) [Money];

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

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

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

Resolved, That, in accordance with the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act, 1919, this House do direct that the Diocesan Reorganisation Committees Measure, 1941, be presented to His Majesty for Royal Assent.—(Sir George Courthope.)

Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, extending Section 1 of the Act to the Parish of Kirkby Stephen, in the Rural District of North Westmorland, a copy of which was presented to this House on the 13th day of this instant July, be approved.—(Mr. Peake.)

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

A Message was delivered by Brigadier-General Lord Esmé 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 therein mentioned; and that the Lords, thereby authorised, had declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts, as follow:

1. Finance Act, 1941.
2. Goods and Services (Price Control) Act, 1941.
3. Isle of Man (Customs) Act, 1941.
5. Repair of War Damage Act, 1941.

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 Three of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

CAPTAIN CROOKSHANK presented, by Financial
His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Draft
Regulations proposed to be made by the
Treasury under subsection (2) of Clause 1 of
the Financial Powers (U.S.A. Securities) Bill.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the
Table.

Mr. Ernest Brown presented, pursuant to the Food and Drugs

of Provisional Regulations made under the
Food and Drugs Act, 1938, dated 9th July
1941, entitled the Milk (Special Designations)
Regulations, 1941.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the
Table.

Mr. Speaker reported, Air Force.
pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parlia-
ment,—Copy of an Order made under the Air
Force (Constitution) Act, 1917, dated 25th June
1941, amending in certain respects the Regu-
lations appended to His Majesty's Order dated
15th June 1941, and included in a volume
titled 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.

Secretary Sir Archibald Sinclair presented, Air Force.

1941. 22nd—23rd July.
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 Twenty-seventh Annual Report of the Board of Control, being their Report for 1940. Part I.

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 a statement to be made by the Lord Privy Seal, and upon any consequential Motion relating to Sittings of the House, &c. be held in Secret Session.

Ordered, That whenever the House sits on a Friday during the remainder of the present Session, Standing Orders Nos. I and 14, as amended by any Order made by the House during the present Session and for the time being in force, shall apply as if the House were sitting on a Tuesday, notwithstanding anything in Standing Order No. 2 or paragraph (10) of Standing Order No. 14.—(Mr. Attlee.)

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, supported by Captain Crookshank, presented a Bill to confer on the Treasury powers for giving effect to a loan agreement made between His Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, and to provide for payments in respect of the disposal of securities, income and other payments, for the purposes of the agreement; 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.

War Damage to Land (Scotland) Bill.

Captain Crookshank reported from the Committee on War Damage to Land (Scotland) [Money] a Resolution; which was read, as follows:

That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make further provision with regard to the rights of landlords and tenants of lands and heritages in Scotland which have sustained war damage and to obligations to insure against war damage to such lands and heritages and to amend the War Damage to Land (Scotland) Act, 1939, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of remuneration of such amount as may be fixed by the Secretary of State with the consent of the Treasury, to persons nominated for any purpose of the said Act.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the War Damage to Land (Scotland) Bill. (In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 to No. 3 amended, and agreed to.

Clauses No. 4 to No. 6 agreed to.

Clause No. 7 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 8 agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

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Thursday, 24th July, 1941.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Grampian Electricity Supply Order Confirmation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 10th day of September next at half an hour after Two of the clock.

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 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 Cardiff Corporation 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 reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, That they had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders, and 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 East Worcestershire Water Bill (Lords), and found the same to be true, and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

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

The Lords have agreed to the Colonial War Risks Insurance (Guarantees) Bill, without any Amendment.

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

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

The Lords have agreed to the Colonial War Risks Insurance (Guarantees) Bill, without any Amendment.

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

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

The Lords have agreed to the Colonial War Risks Insurance (Guarantees) Bill, without any Amendment.

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

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

The Lords have agreed to the Colonial War Risks Insurance (Guarantees) Bill, without any Amendment.
of March, 1942, for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, and of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, including grants and grants in aid and expenses in respect of agricultural education and research, eradication of diseases of animals, and improvement of breeding, &c., of live stock, land settlement, improvement of cultivation, drainage, &c., 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 remanant subsidy payments.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again.—(Major Dugdale),—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.

Adjournment.

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

And it being Five of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed without Question put.

Adjournment.

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

And it being half an hour after Five of the clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, till to-morrow.

[No. 90.]

Friday, 25th July, 1941.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The Vice-Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, That their Address of the 23rd day of this instant July relative to Emergency Powers (Defence) Act, 1939 (Continuance) 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 Emergency Powers (Defence) Act, 1939, as amended by any subsequent enactment, be continued in force for a further period of one year beginning with the twenty-fourth day of August 1941.

I will comply with your request.

Captain Crookshank presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Certificate, dated 22nd July 1941, issued by the First Lord of the Treasury, for the purposes of subsection (1) of Section 1 of the House of Commons Disqualification (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1941, certifying that the appointment of Professor Archibald Vivian Hill, O.B.E., a Member of the Commons House of Parliament, to be a Member of the Advisory Council on Scientific Research and Technical Development appointed by the Minister of Supply, is required in the public interest for purposes connected with the prosecution of the present war.

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

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

Copy of Rules made under the Chancery of Lancaster Acts, 1850 to 1890, dated 30th June 1941, entitled the Chancery of Lancaster Rules (No. 1), 1941.

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).—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Ordered, That if the Financial Powers (U.S.A. Securities) Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House further proceedings on the Bill shall stand postponed; that any Resolution come to by the Committee on Financial Powers (U.S.A. Securities) [Money] may be reported and considered forthwith notwithstanding the practice of the House relating to the interval between consideration in Committee and on Report of such a Resolution; and that as soon as the proceedings on Report of the Resolution have been concluded the House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee on the Bill. —(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Resolved, That this House, at its rising this Adjournment day, do adjourn till Tuesday next.—(Mr. James Stuart.)

The Financial Powers (U.S.A. Securities) Bill was, according to order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Major Dugdale.)

Further Proceeding was postponed pursuant to the Order of the House this day.

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 Financial Powers (U.S.A. Securities) [Money] proposed to be moved, under Standing Order No. 60, 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 confer on the Treasury powers for giving effect to a loan agreement made between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, and to provide for payments in respect of the disposal of securities, income and other payments for the purposes of the agreement, it is expedient that the said payments should be made out of the Exchange Equalisation Account and that the making thereof should be treated as an investment of funds in that Account.—(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 now received.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer accordingly reported a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to confer on the Treasury powers for giving effect to a loan agreement made between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, and to provide for payments in respect of the disposal of securities, income and other payments for the purposes of the agreement, it is expedient that the said payments should be made out of the Exchange Equalisation Account and that the making thereof should be treated as an investment of funds in that Account.

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

The House, pursuant to the Order of the House this day, resolved itself into a Committee on the War Damage (Extension of Risk Period) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 and No. 2 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 read now 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 Certificate Act, 1911.

E. A. Fitzroy,
Speaker).

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

(Mr. Young.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-two minutes after Two of the clock, adjourned till Tuesday next, pursuant to the Resolution of the House this day.
The House proceeded to take into consideration the East Worcestershire Water Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

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

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Mr. Secretary Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Orders made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, extending Section 1 of the Act to:

(1) the Borough of St. Ives in the County of Huntingdon; and

(2) the Parish of Sunninghill in the Rural District of Windsor.

Copies of Orders in Council made under the Emergency Powers (Defence) Acts, 1939 and 1940, dated 18th July 1941,—

(1) adding Regulations 56AB, 60DA and 60L to, and amending Regulations 5, 22, 27 and 54B of, the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939, and

(2) adding Regulation 78 to the said Regulations.

Copy of the Twenty-sixth Report of the Commissioners of Church Temporalities in Wales, being their Report for 1940.

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

Sir John Anderson presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of an Order in Council made under the Emergency Powers (Defence) Acts, 1939 and 1940, dated 18th July 1941, revoking the Defence (Game) Regulations, 1940, and making Regulations entitled the Defence (Game) Regulations, 1941.

Copy of a Certificate, dated 25th July 1941, certifying that the appointment of Gerard Spencer Summers, Esquire, a Member of the Commons House of Parliament, to be Controller of the Regional Organisation of the Ministry of Supply, is required in the public interest for purposes connected with the prosecution of the present war.

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 Amendment to the Rules of Procedure for the Royal Air Force, dated 19th July 1941.

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 Rules made and approved by the Government of Saint Vincent in Council under the West Indian Prisons Act, 1838, on the 13th day of February 1941, relating to Corporal Punishment.

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

Mr. George Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order in Council made under the Windward Islands (Saint Vincent) (Prisons) Act, 1941.

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 Financial Powers (U.S.A. Securities) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the War Damage (Extension of Risk Period) Bill, without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the said Papers 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:

Copies of Rules made under the Administration of Justice (Emergency Provisions) Act, 1939,—

(1) dated 16th July, 1941, entitled the Rules of the Supreme Court (No. 3), 1941, and

(2) dated 27th July, 1941, entitled the Rules of the Supreme Court (No. 4), 1941.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from Mr. Bevin presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations made under the National Service Acts, 1939 to 1941, entitled the National Service (Miscellaneous) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations, 1941.

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

Percy Gott Barstow, Esquire, Member for the County of York, West Riding (Patefract Division), was sworn.

Ordered, That this day, notwithstanding Business of the anything in Standing Order No. 14, Business in House.
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Supply (17th allotted Day).

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

(In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates, 1941.

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, 1942, for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Supply, including the expenses of the Royal Ordnance Factories.

Whereupon the Yeoman 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 Brigadier-General Lord Esme 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 the said Acts and the Measure, and the Measure therein mentioned; and that the Lords, thereby authorised, had declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts and the Measure, as follow:


Diocesan Reorganisation Committees Measure, 1941.

Then the House again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Question again 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, 1942, 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,"—(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, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Government (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Solicitors Bill [Lords]:

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

Captain Crookshank presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations made under the Financial Powers (U.S.A. Securities) Act, 1941.

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

And it being after half-past Five of the clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then seventeen minutes after Six of the clock, till to-morrow.

Wednesday, 30th July, 1941.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Secretary Morrison 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, as extended to the Isle of Man by the Emergency Powers (Isle of Man Defence) Order in Council, 1939, and the Emergency Powers (Isle of Man Defence) (No. 2) Order in
Council, 1940, dated 18th July 1941, making Regulations entitled the Defence (Loans) Regulations (Isle of Man), 1941.


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


(1) adding Regulation 32AB to, and amending Regulation 18 of, the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939; and

(2) adding Regulation 108 to the said Regulations.

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

Mr. Secretary Johnston presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Act of Sederunt extending certain temporary Acts of Sederunt increasing fees.

Copy of an Act of Adjournal relative to the Allied Powers (Maritime Courts) Act, 1941, dated 18th July 1941.

Copy of Rules made under the Allied Powers (Maritime Courts) Act, 1941, dated 18th July 1941, entitled the Allied Powers (Maritime Courts) (Scotland) Rules, 1941.

Copy of the Second Annual Report of the Scottish Special Housing Association, Limited, on Scottish Camps.

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

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, 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.

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 Landlord and Tenant (War Damage) (Amendment) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the East Worcestershire Water Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Landlord and Tenant (War Damage) (Amendment) Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow; and be printed.

Cyril Edward Lloyd, Esquire, Member for the Borough of Dudley, was sworn.

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Ordered, That this day, notwithstanding any Business of the thing in Standing Order No. 14, Business in Committee of Supply may be taken after the hour appointed for the interruption of Business and that the Proceedings of the Committee of Supply be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Sir John Anderson.)

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

(In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates, 1941.

Class V.

Vote 15. Department of Health for Scotland.

1. £2,834,544, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge 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 of 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.

Unclassified Services.

Vote 7. Department of Health for Scotland (War Services).

2. £90, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge for measures in Scotland 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.

Class IV.


3. £5,102,061, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge for public education in Scotland, for the Royal Scottish Museum, Edinburgh, including sundry grants in aid, and for grants to approved associations and other expenses in connection with youth welfare.

Class VI.

Vote 18. Department of Agriculture, Scotland.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum, not exceeding £350,331, be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March, 1942, 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 subsidy payments.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again.—(Major Dugdale).—put, and agreed to.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.  

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Chairman of Ways and Means also acquainted the House, That the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

Adjournment.  

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Major Dugdale.)

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

[No. 93.]

Thursday, 31st July, 1941.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

CAPTAIN CROOKSHANK presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Return showing Transactions connected with the National Debt for 1940—41.

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

Mr. Secretary Margesson informed the House that he had received the command of His Majesty to acquaint the House that Major Sir Herbert Paul Latham, Baronet, a Member of this House, had been placed under arrest in order to be tried by Court Martial, in respect of alleged offences against military law.  

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty to return the Thanks of His House to His Majesty for His Most gracious Message, and for His tender regard to the Privileges of the House, in the communication which he has been pleased to make to this House of the reason for putting Major Sir Herbert Paul Latham, Baronet, under arrest.—(Mr. Secretary Margesson.)  

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.

Business of the House (Supply).

Ordered, That all outstanding Votes in the Civil Estimates and Estimates for Revenue Departments, and Supplementary Estimates, 1941, except Class VI, Vote 11, Unclassified Services, Votes 13 and 15; and all outstanding Votes in the Navy, Army and Air Estimates, 1941, be considered in Committee of Supply; that this day, notwithstanding anything in Standing Order No. 14, Supplementary Estimates for New Services may be considered in Committee of Supply; that Business other than the Business of Supply may be taken before the hour appointed for the interruption of Business; that if the first two Votes shall have been agreed to by the Committee of Supply before the hour at which the Chairman is directed, by paragraph 6 of Standing Order No. 14, to put forthwith certain Questions, the Chairman shall proceed to put forthwith those Questions and that for the purposes of the Standing Order the Unclassified Services of the Civil Estimates shall be treated as a single class.—(Mr. Attlee.)

Ordered, That the Proceedings on Government Business of the Department be exempted at this day's Sitting from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Mr. Attlee.)

The House, according to Order, resolved Supply [19th allotted Day.] into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates and Estimates for Revenue Departments and Supplementary Estimates, 1941

Class II

Vote 11. India and Burma Services.

1. £1,460,743, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge 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 a grant in aid of military expenditure from Indian Revenues.

Class VIII

Vote 2. Ministry of Pensions

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum, not exceeding £22,008,000, 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 1942, 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.

And it being Four of the clock, the Chairman Question put, pursuant to Standing Order No. 14, to put forthwith the Question necessary to dispose of the Vote under consideration.

Question put and agreed to.

The Chairman then proceeded, pursuant to Standing Order No. 14, to put severally the Questions put, pursuant to S.O. No. 14, to put forthwith the Question necessary to dispose of the Votes outstanding in the several Classes and the Unclassified Services of the Civil Estimates, including Supplementary Estimates, and the total amounts of the Votes outstanding in the Estimates for the Revenue Departments and Navy, Army and Air Services, be granted for the Services defined in those Classes and Estimates.

Civil Estimates, 1941

Class I

3. That a sum, not exceeding £1,587,562, 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 1942, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class I of the Civil Estimates, viz.:—

1. House of Lords Offices
   £
2. House of Commons
   37,606
3. Registration of Electors
   321,790
4. Treasury and Subordinate Departments (including Supplementary sums of £16,760 and £1,386)
   408,772
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1. Foreign Office ...... £204,766
2. Diplomatic and Consular Services 1,209,223
3. League of Nations ...... 3,000
4. Dominions Office ...... 51,540
5. Dominions Services 172,606
6. Oversea Settlement ..... 7,539
7. Colonial Office ...... 159,459
8. Colonial and Middle Eastern Services ..... 3,522,980
9. Development and Welfare (Colonies, &c.) 553,010
10. Development and Welfare (South African High Commission Territories, &c.) 23,000
11. Imperial War Graves Commission 1,280

16,768,688

Question put, and agreed to.

Class III

5. That a sum not exceeding £11,084,399, 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 1942, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class III of the Civil Estimates, viz.——

1. Home Office ...... £46,471
2. Broadmoor, Criminal Lunatic Asylum ...... 71,400
3. Police, England and Wales 6,523,100
4. Prisons, England and Wales 764,940
5. Approved Schools, &c., England and Wales 216,400
6. Supreme Court of Judicature, &c. 90
7. County Courts ...... 149,777
8. Land Registry ...... 118,146
9. Public Trustee 8,572
10. Law Charges ...... 103,953
11. Miscellaneous Legal Expenses 19,282

Scotland

12. Police, Scotland 1,027,070
13. Prisons, Scotland 106,410
14. Approved Schools, &c. 48,240
15. Scottish Land Court 4,768
16. Law Charges and Courts of Law 41,872
17. Register House, Edinburgh 17,819

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Ireland

18. Northern Ireland Services 3,562
19. Supreme Court of Judicature, &c., Northern Ireland 8,572
20. Irish Land Purchase Services 598,952

£14,084,399

Question put, and agreed to.

Class IV

6. That a sum, not exceeding £41,049,786, 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 1942, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class IV of the Civil Estimates, viz.——

1. Board of Education ...... £35,615,639
2. British Museum ...... 115,000
3. British Museum (Natural History) 73,973
4. Imperial War Museum ..... 8,417
5. London Museum ...... 2,701
6. National Gallery ...... 26,473
7. National Maritime Museum ...... 7,743
8. National Portrait Gallery ...... 6,365
9. Wallace Collection 9,093
10. Scientific Investigation, &c. 125,357
11. Universities and Colleges, Great Britain ...... 1,148,542
12. Broadcasting ...... 3,600,000
13. National Galleries ...... 7,399

£41,049,786

Question put, and agreed to.

Class V

7. That a sum, not exceeding £19,610,209 be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1942, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class V of the Civil Estimates, viz.——

1. Ministry of Health ...... 17,646,200
2. Board of Control ...... 126,062
3. Registrar General's Office ...... 153,571
4. National Insurance Audit Department ...... 114,320
5. Friendly Societies Registry 34,470
6. Old Age Pensions ...... 33,696,000
7. Widows', Orphans' and Old Age Contributory Pensions ...... 15,023,000
8. Ministry of Labour and National Service ...... 10,710,000
9. Grants in respect of Employment Schemes ...... 1,710,000
10. Commissioner for Special Areas (England and Wales) ...... 90
11. Assistance Board ...... 13,050,000
12. Special Areas Fund ...... 750,000
13. Financial Assistance in Special and other Areas ...... 133,800
14. Supplementary Pensions ...... 21,120,000

Scotland

15. Board of Control ...... 13,800
16. Registrar General's Office ...... 23,406
17. Commissioner for Special Areas ...... 90

£19,610,209

Question put, and agreed to.

Class VI

8. That a sum, not exceeding £15,262,118, 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 1942, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class VI of the Civil Estimates, viz.:

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<td>Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries</td>
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<td>17.</td>
<td>Scotland</td>
<td>£15,653,118</td>
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Question put, and agreed to.

Class VII

9. That a sum, not exceeding £8,740,503, 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 1942, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class VII of the Civil Estimates, viz.:

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<td>1.</td>
<td>Art and Science Buildings, Great Britain</td>
<td>£128,370</td>
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<td>2.</td>
<td>Houses of Parliament Buildings, Great Britain</td>
<td>£59,995</td>
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<td>3.</td>
<td>Labour and Health Buildings, Great Britain</td>
<td>£307,055</td>
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<td>4.</td>
<td>Miscellaneous Legal Buildings, Great Britain</td>
<td>£58,590</td>
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<td>5.</td>
<td>Osborne</td>
<td>£10,910</td>
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<td>6.</td>
<td>Ministry of Works and Buildings</td>
<td>£60,470</td>
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<td>7.</td>
<td>Public Buildings, Great Britain</td>
<td>£2,139,083</td>
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<td>8.</td>
<td>Public Buildings Overseas</td>
<td>£72,060</td>
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<td>9.</td>
<td>Royal Palaces</td>
<td>£80,795</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10.</td>
<td>Revenue Buildings</td>
<td>£978,573</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11.</td>
<td>Royal Parks and Pleasure Gardens</td>
<td>£153,315</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12.</td>
<td>Rates on Government Property</td>
<td>£1,356,268</td>
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<tr>
<td>13.</td>
<td>Stationery and Printing</td>
<td>£2,739,915</td>
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<td>14.</td>
<td>Peterhead Harbour</td>
<td>£9,000</td>
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<td>15.</td>
<td>Works and Buildings in Ireland</td>
<td>£3,315</td>
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| Total | £8,740,503 |

Question put, and agreed to.

Class VIII

10. That a sum, not exceeding £2,387,794, 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 1942, 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>
<td>£157,794</td>
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<td>2.</td>
<td>Royal Irish Constabulary Pensions, &amp;c.</td>
<td>£780,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3.</td>
<td>Superannuation and Retired Allowances</td>
<td>£1,450,000</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>£2,387,794</td>
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Question put, and agreed to.

Class IX

11. That a sum, not exceeding £32,509,000, 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 1942, 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>
<td>£2,483,000</td>
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<td>2.</td>
<td>Exchequer Contributions to Local Revenues, Scotland</td>
<td>£32,509,000</td>
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Question put, and agreed to.

Unclassified Services

12. That a sum, not exceeding £1,490, 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 1942, for Expenditure in respect of the Unclassified Services of the Civil Estimates, viz.:

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<tr>
<td>1.</td>
<td>Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (War Services)</td>
<td>£90</td>
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<td>2.</td>
<td>Department of Agriculture, Scotland (War Services)</td>
<td>£90</td>
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<td>3.</td>
<td>Ministry of Aircraft Production</td>
<td>£90</td>
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<td>4.</td>
<td>Ministry of Economic Warfare</td>
<td>£90</td>
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<td>5.</td>
<td>Ministry of Food</td>
<td>£90</td>
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<td>6.</td>
<td>Ministry of Health (War Services)</td>
<td>£90</td>
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<td>7.</td>
<td>Ministry of Home Security</td>
<td>£90</td>
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<td>8.</td>
<td>Ministry of Information</td>
<td>£90</td>
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<td>9.</td>
<td>Ministry of Labour and National Service (War Services)</td>
<td>£100</td>
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<td>10.</td>
<td>Mines Department of the Board of Trade (War Services)</td>
<td>£100</td>
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<tr>
<td>11.</td>
<td>Petroleum Department of the Board of Trade</td>
<td>£100</td>
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<td>12.</td>
<td>Ministry of Supply</td>
<td>£90</td>
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<td>13.</td>
<td>Reserve of Plant and Building Materials</td>
<td>£90</td>
</tr>
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<td>14.</td>
<td>War Damage Commission</td>
<td>£100</td>
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<td>15.</td>
<td>War Damage (Business and Chattels)</td>
<td>£100</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>16.</td>
<td>Ministry of War Transport</td>
<td>£100</td>
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| Total | £1,490 |

Question put, and agreed to.

Revenue Departments Estimates, 1941

13. That a sum, not exceeding £71,546,260, be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1942, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in the Estimates for Revenue Departments, viz.:

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<tr>
<td>1.</td>
<td>Customs and Excise</td>
<td>£4,294,700</td>
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<td>2.</td>
<td>Inland Revenue</td>
<td>£6,503,560</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3.</td>
<td>Post Office</td>
<td>£60,746,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total</td>
<td>£71,546,260</td>
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Question put, and agreed to.

Navy Estimates, 1941

14. 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 1942, for Expenditure in respect of the Navy Services, viz.:

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<tr>
<td>1.</td>
<td>Victualling and Clothing for the Navy</td>
<td>£100</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2.</td>
<td>Medical Establishments and Services</td>
<td>£100</td>
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4. Civilians employed on Fleet Services ...... 100
5. Educational Services ...... 100
6. Scientific Services ...... 100
7. Royal Naval Reserves ...... 100
8. Shipbuilding, Repairs, Maintenance, &c. ...... 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

Question put, and agreed to.

Army Estimates, 1941
15. That a sum, not exceeding £1,400, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge of Warlike Stores, the year ending on the 31st day of March 1942, 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
9. Warlike Stores ...... 100
10. Works, Buildings and Lands ...... 100
11. Miscellaneous Effective Services ...... 100
12. War Office ...... 100
13. Half-Pay, Retired Pay and other Non-Effective Charges for Officers ...... 100
14. Pensions and other Non-Effective Charges for Warrant Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers, Men and others ...... 100
15. Civil Superannuation, Compensation and Gratuities ...... 100

$1,400

Question put, and agreed to.

Air Estimates, 1941
16. 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 1942, for Expenditure in respect of the Air Services, viz.:

2. Quartering, Non-Technical Stores, Supplies and Transportation ...... £100
3. Technical and Warlike Stores ...... 100
4. Works, Buildings and Lands ...... 100
5. Medical Services ...... 100
6. Educational Services ...... 100
7. Reserve and Auxiliary Forces ...... 100
9. Meteorological and Miscellaneous Effective Services ...... 100
10. Air Ministry ...... 100
11. Half-Pay, Pensions, and other Non-Effective Services ...... 100

£900

Question put, and agreed to.

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 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, 1942, the sum of £341,966,247 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 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.

Resolved, That the Regulations made by the Treasury under subsection (2) of Section 1 of the Financial Powers (U.S.A. Securities) Act, 1941, a copy of which was presented to this House on the 29th day of this instant July, be approved.—(Captain Crookshank.)

Resolved, That the Orders made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, extending Section 1 of the Act to—
(1) the Borough of St. Ives, in the County of Huntingdon; and
(2) the Parish of Sunninghill, in the Rural District of Windsor,
copies of which were presented to this House on the 29th day of this instant July, be approved. —(Major Dugdale.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment, proposed, That this House do now adjourn. —(Major Dugdale):

And it being Five of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed without Question put.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment, proposed, That this House do now adjourn. —(Major Dugdale):

And it being half an hour after Five of the clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, till to-morrow.
Mr. George Hall presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Colonial Governments regarding certain aspects of Colonial Policy in War Time.

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

Mr. Secretary Margesson presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of—

(1) Amendments to the Regulations for Officers of the Supplementary Reserve of Officers and for the Supplementary Reserve, 1939, and Financial Instructions, 1937, made under the Reserve Forces Act, 1882, and the Pensions and Yeomanry Pay Act, 1884, respectively; and

(2) an Order made under the Reserve Forces Act, 1882, dated 25th June, 1940, making Regulations entitled Regulations for the Royal Army Reserve, Class I (except the Supplementary Reserve), 1940.

Copy of Amendments to the Regulations for the Territorial Army, 1936, made under the Territorial and Reserve Forces Act, 1907, as modified by the Territorial Army and Militia Act, 1921.

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

Ordered, That this day, notwithstanding anything in Standing Order No. 14, Supplementary Estimates for New Services may be considered; that Business other than the Business of Supply may be taken before the hour appointed for the interruption of Business; and that if the first Resolution reported from the Committee of Supply of the 31st day of July last shall have been agreed to before the hour at which Mr. Speaker is directed, by paragraph 7 of Standing Order No. 14, to put forthwith certain Questions, Mr. Speaker shall proceed to put forthwith those Questions.—(Mr. James Stuart.)

Ordered, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted at this day's Sittings from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Mr. James Stuart.)

Resolved, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn till Tuesday next.—(Mr. James Stuart.)
in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1942, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class II of the Civil Estimates, viz. —

1. Foreign Office ... 564,769
2. Diplomatic and Consular Services 1,799,233
3. League of Nations ... 3,000
4. Dominions Office ... 51,840
5. Dominion Services ... 172,606
6. Oversea Settlement ... 7,530
7. Colonial Office ... 159,450
8. Colonial and Middle Eastern Services ... 3,522,980
9. Development and Welfare (Colonies, &c.) ... 553,010
10. Development and Welfare (South African High Commission Territories, &c.) ... 23,000
11. Imperial War Graves Commission ... 1,280

£6,768,688

Class III.

5. That a sum not exceeding £1,084,399, 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 1942, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class III of the Civil Estimates, viz. —

1. Home Office ... 949,471
2. Broadmoor ... 23,000
3. Police, England and Wales ... 5,233,100
4. Prisons, England and Wales ... 574,940
5. Approved Schools, &c., England and Wales ... 516,400
6. Supreme Court of Judicature, &c. ... 149,777
7. County Courts ... 118,146
8. Land Registry ... 8,872
9. Public Trustee ... 103,593
10. Law Charges ... 19,282
11. Miscellaneous Legal Expenses ... 20,182

£1,084,399

Scotland.

12. Police, Scotland ... 1,027,070
13. Prisons, Scotland ... 109,430
14. Approved Schools, &c. ... 48,240
15. Scottish Land Court ... 4,768
16. Law Charges and Courts of Law ... 41,875
17. Register House, Edinburgh ... 17,519

Ireland.

18. Northern Ireland Services ... 3,562
19. Supreme Court of Judicature, &c. ... 8,572
20. Irish Land Purchase Services ... 598,952

£1,084,399

Class IV.

6. That a sum, not exceeding £41,049,786, 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 1942, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class IV of the Civil Estimates, viz. —

1. Board of Education ... 35,973,539
2. British Museum ... 115,590
3. British Museum (Natural History) ... 73,913
4. Imperial War Museum ... 8,417
5. London Museum ... 2,704
6. National Gallery ... 26,413
7. National Maritime Museum ... 7,743
8. National Portrait Gallery ... 6,365
9. Wallace Collection ... 8,603
10. Scientific Investigation, &c. ... 125,357
11. Universities and Colleges, Great Britain ... 1,484,542
12. Broadcasting ... 3,600,000

Scotland.

13. National Galleries ... 7,399
14. National Library ... 3,004

£41,049,786

Class V.

7. That a sum, not exceeding £119,619,209, be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1942, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class V of the Civil Estimates, viz. —

1. Ministry of Health ... 17,046,200
2. Board of Control ... 12,905,922
3. Registrar General's Office ... 335,371
4. National Insurance Audit Department ... 114,320
5. Friendly Societies Registry ... 34,170
6. Old Age Pensions ... 33,016,000
7. Widows', Orphans' and Old Age Contributory Pensions ... 15,025,000
8. Ministry of Labour and National Service ... 16,710,000
9. Grants in respect of Employment Schemes ... 1,710,000
10. Commissioner for Special Areas (England and Wales) ... 90
11. Assistance Board ... 13,060,000
12. Special Areas Fund ... 7,909
13. Financial Assistance in Special and other Areas ... 133,800
14. Supplementary Pensions ... 21,120,000

Scotland.

15. Board of Control ... 13,800
16. Registrar General's Office ... 23,206
17. Commissioner for Special Areas ... 90

£141,619,209

Class VI.

8. That a sum, not exceeding £152,621,188, 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 1942, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class VI of the Civil Estimates, viz. —

1. Board of Trade ... 44,799
2. Mercantile Marine Services ... 632,595
3. Department of Overseas Trade ... 399,672
4. Exports Credits ... 283,416
5. Mines Department of the Board of Trade ... 188,092
6. Office of Commissioners of Crown Lands ... 25,334
7. Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries ... 2,339,681
8. Land Fertility Improvement ... 947,834
9. Surveys of Great Britain ... 268,750
10. Forestry Commission ... 3,000
11. Roads, &c. ... 7,738,000
12. Development Fund ... 438,000
13. Development Grants ... 447,090
14. Department of Scientific and Industrial Research ... 594,903
15. State Management Districts ... 90
16. Clearing Offices ... 90

Scotland.

17. Department of Agriculture ... 350,331
18. Fisheries ... 25,138
20. Herring Industry ... 460

£152,621,188
Class VII.

9. That a sum, not exceeding £8,740,503, 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 1942, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class VII of the Civil Estimates, viz.:

1. Art and Science Buildings, Great Britain
   £128,379
2. Houses of Parliament Buildings
   59,995
3. Labour and Health Buildings, Great Britain
   307,055
4. Miscellaneous Legal Buildings, Great Britain
   52,590
5. Osborne
   10,010
6. Ministry of Works and Buildings
   606,470
7. Public Buildings, Great Britain
   2,252,980
8. Public Buildings Overseas
   72,060
9. Royal Palaces
   80,705
10. Revenue Buildings
    979,725
11. Royal Parks and Pleasure Gardens
    153,313
12. Rates on Government Property
    1,159,208
13. Stationery and Printing
    2,139,105
14. Peterhead Harbour
    9,004
15. Works and Buildings in Ireland
    33,315

£8,740,503

Class VIII.

10. That a sum, not exceeding £2,387,794, 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 1942, for Expenditure in respect of the services included in Class VIII of the Civil Estimates, viz.:

1. Merchant Seamen’s War Pensions
   £157,794
3. Royal Irish Constabulary Pensions, &c.
   780,000
4. Superannuation and Retired Allowances
   1,455,000

£2,387,794

Class IX.

11. That a sum, not exceeding £32,509,000, 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 1942, 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
   £28,025,000
2. Exchequer Contributions to Local Revenues, Scotland
   4,484,000

£32,509,000

Unclassified Services.

12. That a sum, not exceeding £1,490, 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 1942, for Expenditure in respect of the Unclassified Services of the Civil Estimates, viz.:

1. Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (War Services)
   £
2. Department of Agriculture, Scotland (War Services)
   90
3. Ministry of Aircraft Production
   90
4. Ministry of Economic Warfare
   90
5. Ministry of Food
   90
6. Ministry of Health (War Services)
   90

Revenue Departments Estimates, 1941.

13. That a sum, not exceeding £71,546,260, be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1942, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in the Estimates for Revenue Departments, viz.:

1. Customs and Excise
   £4,894,700
2. Inland Revenue
   6,593,500
3. Post Office
   60,746,000

£71,546,260

Navy Estimates, 1941.

14. 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 1942, for Expenditure in respect of the Navy Services, viz.:

2. Victualling and Clothing for the Navy
   £
3. Medical Establishments and Services
   100
4. Civilians employed on Fleet Services
   100
5. Educational Services
   100
6. Scientific Services
   100
7. Royal Naval Reserves
   100
8. Shipbuilding, Repairs, Maintenance, &c.
   100
   Section I.—Personnel
   100
   Section II.—Matériel
   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, 1941.

15. That a sum, not exceeding £1,490, 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 1942, for Expenditure in respect of the Army Services, viz.:

2. Territorial Army and Reserve Forces
   £
3. Medical Services
   100
4. Educational Establishments
   100
5. Quartering and Movements
   100
Education and Broadcasting.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolutions reported in respect of Class IV of the Civil Estimates:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Class V.

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 Resolutions 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 respect of the Unclassified Services of the Civil Estimates:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Revenue Departments Estimates, 1941.

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, 1941.

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, 1941.

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, 1941.

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. Munro reported from the Committee of Ways and Means, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer and Captain Crookshank, do prepare and bring it in.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the said Resolution: And that the Chairman of Ways and Means, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer and 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 1942, the sum of £341,696,247 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

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

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the said Resolution: And that the Chairman of Ways and Means, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer and Captain Crookshank, do prepare and bring it in.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Landlord and Tenant (War Damage) Bill.

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration upon Tuesday next.

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

And Notice being taken, that Forty Members were not present—the House was told by Mr. Speaker; and Forty Members not being present, and it being then after Four of the clock—the House was adjourned by Mr. Speaker, at six minutes after Four of the clock, without a Question first put, till Tuesday next, pursuant to the Resolution of the House this day.

[Sir Arthur Salter presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Accounts of the General Lighthouse Fund for the year ended the 31st day of March 1940.

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


Report respecting the proceedings under the Railway Regulation Act, 1893, during the year ended the 27th day of July 1941.

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 Provisional Orders Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the National Health Insurance, Contributory Pensions and Workmen's Compensation Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the War Damage Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the National Health (Scotland) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Marriages Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Pharmacy and Medicines Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Pharmacy and Medicines Bill be printed.

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).—(Mr. Attlee.)

The Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) was, according to Order, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

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

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 Business of the House be exempted at this day's Sitting from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Mr. Attlee.)

The Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) was, according to Order, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Ordered, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Landlord and Tenant (War Damage) (Amendment) Bill; and the same Bill were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply:

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means:

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Solicitors Bill [Lords]:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

And it being after half-past Five of the clock, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then twenty-two minutes after Seven of the clock, till to-morrow.

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 Northumberland (Berwick-upon-Tweed Division) in the room of Sir Hugh Michael Seely, Baronet, who since his election for the said County hath accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of His Majesty's Three Chiltern Hundreds of Stoke Desborough and Burnham, in the County of Buckingham.—(Sir Percy Harris.)

Sir Andrew Duncan presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of a Draft of an Order proposed to be made under the Goods and Services (Price Control) Act, 1941, entitled the Prices of Goods Act, 1939 (Amendment of First Schedule) Order, 1941.

Copy of Rules made under the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, dated 30th July 1941, entitled the Gas (Special Orders) Rules, 1941.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

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Sir John Wardlaw Milne reported from the Select Committee on National Expenditure, Eighteenth Report. No. 106.

Sir John Wardlaw Milne reported from the Select Committee on National Expenditure, Nineteenth Report. No. 107.

Sir John Wardlaw Milne reported from the Select Committee on National Expenditure, Twenty-first Report. No. 109.

Sir John Wardlaw Milne reported from the Select Committee on National Expenditure, Twenty-second Report. No. 108.

Sir John Wardlaw Milne reported from the Select Committee on National Expenditure.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

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Ordered, That the Proceedings in connection with a statement to be made by the Lord Privy Seal, and upon any consequential Motion be held in Secret Session.—(Mr. Attlee.)

Notice being taken that Strangers were present:—Mr. Speaker pursuant to Standing Order No. 89 put forthwith the Question, That S.O. No. 89. Strangers be ordered to withdraw:—And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That this House, at its rising Adjournment, to-morrow, do adjourn until Tuesday the 6th day of September next.—(Mr. Attlee.)

The House was moved that the Resolution Adjournment of the House of the 21st day of November last relative to Adjournment (Acceleration of Meeting) might be read; And the same was read, as followeth:—

That during the present Session whenever the House stands adjourned and it is represented to Mr. Speaker by His Majesty's Government that the public interest requires that the House should meet at any earlier time during the Adjournment, and Mr. Speaker is satisfied that the public interest does so require, he may give notice that he is so satisfied, and thereupon the House shall meet at the time stated in such notice and the Government Business to be transacted on the day on which the House shall so meet shall, subject to the publication of notice thereof in the Order Paper to be circulated on the day on which the House shall so
meet, be such as the Government may appoint but subject as aforesaid the House shall transact
its business as if it had been duly adjourned to
the day on which it shall so meet, and any
Government Orders of the Day and Government
Notices of Motions that may stand on the
Order Book for 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.

Resolved, That the Resolution be amended, in
line 25, by leaving out the words "in his
capacity as Deputy Speaker," and inserting the
words "or the Deputy Chairman,"—(Mr. Attlee).—instead thereof.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself
into a Committee on the Consolidated Fund
(Appropriation) Bill.

(In the Committee.)
Clauses No. 1 to No. 7 agreed to.
Schedules A, B and C agreed to.
Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the
Chairman of Ways and Means reported, that
the Committee had gone through the Bill, and
directed him to report the same, without
Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third
time.—The Bill was accordingly read the
third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to
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, proceeded
to take into consideration the Amendments
made by the Lords to the Pharmacy and
Medicines Bill.

The Lords Amendments as far as the Amend-
ment in p. 3, l. 44, being read a second time,
were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 3, l. 44, at end,
insert new Clause A (Extension of local authorities
list), the next Amendment, being read a
second time, and it appearing that the object
of the Amendment was to carry out the intention
of the Commons, the same was agreed to.

Then the remaining Lords Amendments,
being read a second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to
the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House
 hath agreed to the Amendments made by their
Lordships.

The Local Government (Financial Provisions)
(Scotland) Bill, was, according to Order, read a
second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a
Committee of the whole House.—(Major
Dugdale.)

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow,
resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Secretary Johnston, by His Majesty's
Local Command, acquainted the House that His
Majesty, having been informed of the subject
matter of the Motion relating to Local Govern-
ment (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) (Money),
proposed to be moved, under Standing Order
No. 69, in Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the
House.

Then the House, pursuant to Standing Order
No. 69, resolved itself into Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That for the purposes of any Act
of the present Session to extend the third
fixed grant period under the Local Government
(Scotland) Act, 1929, and to make provision for
the stabilisation of Supplementary Exchequer
Grants under the said Act and for purposes
connected with the matters aforesaid, it is
expedient to authorise the payment out of
moneys provided by Parliament of any increase in the sums so payable which is attributable—

(a) to the extension of the said period until
such date as Parliament may hereafter
determine; and

(b) to the stabilisation for the term of the
extension of the said period of Supple-
mentary Exchequer Grants under the
Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1929.

—(Mr. Secretary Johnston.)
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.

Resolved, That the Special Order made by the
Electricity Commissioners under Electricity
(Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1936, and under
the South Wales Electric Power Act, 1932,
and confirmed by the Minister of War Trans-
porth under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919,
and the Public Works Facilities Act, 1930, to
increase the capital and borrowing powers of
the South Wales Electric Power Company, a
copy of which was presented to this House on
the 9th day of July last, be approved.—

(Colonel Llewellyn.)

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 Solicitors Bill
Second Reading of the Solicitors Bill [Lords] ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second
time to-morrow.
A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that the Order in Council, dated 18th July 1941, adding Regulation 78 to the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939, a copy of which was presented to this House on the 29th day of July last, be annulled.—(Mr. Spens) The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And it being after half-past Five of the clock, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then sixteen minutes before Six of the clock, till to-morrow.

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Thursday, 7th August, 1941.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

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—

(i) dated 21st July 1941, authorising the landing at Birkenhead and Glasgow of animals from certain counties in Eire (Order No. 6,156); and

(ii) dated 7th August 1941, authorising the landing at Birkenhead and Glasgow of animals from Northern Ireland, Dublin, Dundalk, Drogheda and Cork (Order No. 6,158).

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Captain Cookshank presented by His Majesty's Command, Copy of the Interim Report of the Committee on the Calling up of Civil Servants.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Margesson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Copy of Amendments made under the Pensions and Yeomanry Pay Act, 1884, to Articles of the Royal Warrant for the Pay, Appointment, Promotion and Non-effective Pay of the Army, 1940.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Johnston presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Copy of an Order made by the Town Council of the City and Royal Burgh of Aberdeen under the Shops Act, 1912, and confirmed by the Secretary of State for Scotland.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
Adjourment. And the Question being again proposed, That this House do now adjourn;
And it being Five of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed without Question put.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Major Dugdale);

And Notice being taken, that Forty Members were not present:—The House was told by Mr. Speaker; and Forty Members not being present, and it being then after Four of the clock:—The House was adjourned by Mr. Speaker, at nine minutes after Five of the clock, without a Question first put, till Tuesday the 9th day of September next, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of the 6th day of this instant August.

Tuesday, 9th September 1941.

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 Salop (The Wrekin Division) in the room of Colonel James Baldwin-Webb presumed killed as the result of enemy action. (Mr. James Stuart.)

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, North Riding (Scarborough and Whitby Division) in the room of Captain Sir Herbert Paul Latham, Baronet, who since his election for the said County hath accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of His Majesty's Manor of Northstead in the County of York.—(Mr. James Stuart.)

The following Papers, presented by His Majesty's Command during the Adjournment, and delivered to the Librarian of the House during the Adjournment, pursuant to Standing Order No. 93, were ordered to lie upon the Table:—

Copy of an agreement between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics providing for joint action in the war against Germany [with Protocol]. Moscow, 12th July 1941.

Copy of Notes exchanged between the Government of Canada and the United States regarding the reciprocal recognition of load line regulations for vessels engaged in international voyages on the Great Lakes. Ottawa, 29th April 1938 to 4th March 1940.

Copy of Notes exchanged between the Government of Canada and the United States Government relating to the Great Lakes—St. Lawrence Basin. Washington, 14th October 1940 (with Supplementary Notes of 31st October and 7th November 1940).

Copy of Notes exchanged between the Government of the Union of South Africa and the Portuguese Government relative to the Mozambique Convention of the 11th day of September 1928, as amended on the 17th day of November 1934 and extended on the 21st day of April 1939. Lisbon, 2nd May 1940.

Copy of the Report of the Committee on Police Widows' Pensions.


Copy of the Fourth Annual Report of the Spindles Board.

Copy of the Interim Report of the Committee on Skilled Men in the Services.

Copy of a Report by a Court of Inquiry into Trade Disputes, industrial unrest among the employees of Ribble Motor Services, Limited.

Copy of a Memorandum relative to Welfare Work outside the Factory, June 1940 to August 1941.

Copy of a Summary Report by the Department of Health for Scotland for the period from the 1st day of January 1939 to the 30th day of June 1941.

Mr. Alexander presented, pursuant to the Navy directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of Rules made under the Naval Discipline Act dated 22nd July 1941, entitled the Naval Detention Quarters (Amendment) Rules, 1941.

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 the Air Force (Constitution) Act, 1917, dated 24th July 1941, further amending in certain respects the Regulations appended to His Majesty's Order dated 15th June 1941, and included in a volume entitled The King's Regulations and Air Council Instructions for the Royal Air Force (1928), as amended by a subsequent Order.

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 Regulations made under the Fire Services (Emergency Provisions) Act, 1941, dated 18th August 1941, entitled—

(1) the National Fire Service (Preservation of Pensions) (Act of 1925) Regulations, 1941;

(2) the National Fire Service (Financial Regulations, 1941;
(3) the National Fire Service (Preservation of Pensions) (General Pension Funds) Regulations, 1941;

(4) the National Fire Service (Preservation of Pensions) (Police Firemen) Regulations, 1941;

(5) the National Fire Service (Preservation of Pensions) (London and West Ham) Regulations, 1941;

(6) the National Fire Service (Preservation of Pensions) (Birmingham and Leicester) Regulations, 1941; and

(7) the National Fire Service (Preservation of Pensions) (Bolton and Derby) Regulations, 1941.

Copy of an Order made by the County Council of the West Riding of Yorkshire for the Urban District of Earby under the Shops Act, 1912, and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department.

Copy of an Order made by the Council of the Urban District of Broadstairs and St. Peter's under the Shops Acts, 1912 to 1938, and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department.

Copies of Orders made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, extending Section 1 of the Act to:

(1) the County Borough of Barrow-in-Furness;
(2) the Borough of Crewe;
(3) the Borough of Crosby;
(4) the City of Salford;
(5) the Borough of Sudbury; and
(6) the City of Wells, in the County of Somerset.

Mr. Secretary Morrison also presented, pursuant to paragraph (6) of Regulation 18B of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939,—Report by the Secretary of State for the Home Department of action taken under the said Regulation during the period 1st June 1941 to 30th June 1941.

Mr. Secretary Morrison also presented pursuant to paragraph (5) of Regulation 15 of the Defence (War Zone Courts) (Northern Ireland) Regulations, 1941.—Copy of Rules made under the said Regulation, dated 23rd July 1941, entitled the War Zone Courts (Northern Ireland) Rules, 1941.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relative to the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939 (Regulation 18B), be printed.


(1) dated 5th August 1941, amending Regulation 42c of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939;

(2) dated 5th August 1941, adding Regulations 42d and 79c to, and amending Regulations 25, 298, 50, 53 and 55 of, the said Regulations;

(3) dated 5th August 1941, amending Regulation 62c of, and adding a Fifth Schedule to, the said Regulations;

(4) dated 5th August 1941, adding Regulations 44E and 44G to, and amending the Third Schedule to, the said Regulations;

(5) dated 5th August 1941, adding Regulation 47R to, and amending the Third Schedule to, the said Regulations;

(6) dated 5th August 1941, adding Regulation 7A to the Defence (Armed Forces) Regulations, 1939;

(7) dated 15th August 1941, adding Regulation 7AA to, and amending Regulation 3C of, the Defence (Finance) Regulations, 1939;

(8) dated 15th August 1941, adding Regulation 5 to the Defence (Companies) Regulations, 1940; and

(9) dated 15th August 1941, amending Regulation 29B of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939.


(1) amending Regulation 51 of the Defence (General) Regulations (Isle of Man), 1939; and

(2) amending Regulation 3C of the Defence (Finance) Regulations (Isle of Man), 1939.

Copy of an Order in Council made under Section 1 of the Emergency Powers (Defence) Act, 1939, and under that Section as extended to the Isle of Man by the Emergency Powers (Isle of Man Defence) Order in Council, 1939, dated 5th August 1941, making Regulations entitled the Defence (National Fire Service) Regulations, 1941.

Copy of an Order in Council made under the Extradition Act, 1879, dated 5th August 1941, entitled the New Zealand Extradition Act Order, 1941.

Copy of an Order in Council made under the Air Force, Air Force (Constitution) Act, 1917, dated 5th August 1941, relating to the constitution of the Air Council.


Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Robert Hudson presented, pursuant to the Land Drainage Act, 1930.

 ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
Mr. Hicks presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Draft of Regulations proposed to be made for Hyde Park under the Parks Regulation Acts, 1872 and 1892, amending the Regulation as to fishing in the Serpentine.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Requisitioning and Compensation.

Captain Crookshank presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Report of Mr. John W. Morris, r.c., on the requisitioning of land and buildings and the operation of the Compensation (Defence) Act, 1939.

Savings Banks and Friendly Societies.

Captain Crookshank also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Account for the year ended the 31st day of December 1940, showing the Interest accrued in respect of the Securities standing in the Names of the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt to the Credit of the Post Office Savings Banks Fund, the Interest paid and credited to Depositors in pursuance of the Acts relating to Post Office Savings Banks, and the Expenses incurred in the execution of those Acts.

Account for the year ended the 20th day of November 1940, showing the Interest accrued in respect of the Securities standing in the Names of the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt to the Credit of the Fund for the Banks for Savings, and the Interest paid and credited to Trustees of Savings Banks; also showing the Expenses incurred in the execution of the Acts relating to Savings Banks.

Account for the year ended the 20th day of November 1940, showing the Interest accrued in respect of the Securities standing in the Names of the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt to the Credit of the Fund for Friendly Societies, and the Interest paid and credited to the Trustees of Friendly Societies.

Bank Notes.

Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 29th August 1941, relative to the fiduciary note issue.

Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 13th August 1941, granting a retired allowance to Mr. Frederick Harold Bourne, Officer, Feltham Borstal Institution, under Section 2 of the Superannuation Act, 1887.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relative to Bank Notes be printed.

War Risks Insurance Act, 1930.

War Damage Act, 1941.

Sir Andrew Duncan presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order made under the War Risks Insurance Act, 1929, dated 26th August 1941, entitled the War Risks (Commodity Insurance) (No. 4) Order, 1941.

Copy of an Order made under the War Damage Act, 1941, dated 20th August 1941, entitled the War Damage (Business Scheme) (No. 3) Order, 1941.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Merchant Shipping (Mercantile Marine Fund) Act, 1898.

Colonel Llewellyn presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts 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, 1941.


Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Ernest Brown presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of a Scheme made by the Cardiff County Borough Council under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937, and approved by the Minister of Health.

Copy of Regulations made under the Public Health Act, 1936, dated 6th August 1941, entitled the Deptford and Islington (Chicken Pox Regulations Recission) Regulations, 1941.

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:

Schedule containing a List and Particulars of Public Records 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 Public Records certain classes of Documents existing or accruing in the Finance Division of the Ministry of Works and Buildings which are not considered of sufficient public value to justify their preservation in the Public Record Office.

Schedule containing Particulars of a class of Documents existing or accruing in the Office of the National Savings Committee which is not considered of sufficient public value to justify its preservation in the Public Record Office.

Schedule containing a List and Particulars of Public Records of certain classes of Documents existing or accruing in the Probate, Divorce and Admiralty Division of the High Court of Justice, and deposited in the Admiralty Registry or in any branch thereof, which are not considered of sufficient public value to justify their preservation in the Public Record Office.

Schedule containing a List and Particulars of Public Records of certain classes of Documents existing or accruing in the Ministry of Justice in the Public Record Office, or in the Admiralty Division (Probate, Divorce and Admiralty Division), which is not considered of sufficient public value to justify their preservation in the Public Record Office.

Copy of a Return to the Lord Chancellor of Lanark, 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 on the 30th day of June 1941.

Lieutenant George Charles Grey, Member for Berwick-on-Tweed (Berkwick-on-Tweed Division), was sworn.
Adjournment. 

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. James Stuart); And it being Five of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed without Question put.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Major Dugdale).

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-eight minutes after Five of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 99.]

Wednesday, 16th September, 1941.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

United States

Mr. Secretary Eden presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Correspondence respecting the policy of His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom in connection with the use of materials received under Section 2 of the Air Force (Constitution) Act, 1917.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Air Force.

Secretary Sir Archibald Sinclair presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Statement of Particulars of Grants of Pay and Allowances, &c., sanctioned by the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury during the year ended the 31st day of March 1941 under the Dispensing Order of the 14th day of January 1922, made under Section 2 of the Air Force (Constitution) Act, 1917.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That any Private Business set down for consideration this day by direction of the Chairman of Ways and Means shall be taken at the conclusion of Government Business if such Business is concluded before the hour appointed for the consideration of such Private Business, and that the proceedings on any Private Business set down as aforesaid be, excepted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(The Prime Minister.)

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.

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Resolved, That the Proceedings in connection Secret Session, with a statement to be made by the Prime Minister, and upon any consequential Motion be held in Secret Session.—(The Prime Minister.)

Resolved, That this House, at its rising Adjournment tomorrow, do adjourn till Tuesday the 30th day of this instant September.—(The Prime Minister.)

Ordered, That the Report which, upon the Privileges, 11th day of June last, was made from the Committee of Privileges be now taken into consideration.—(Mr. Attlee.)

The House accordingly proceeded to take the Report into consideration.

Resolved, That this House doth agree with the Committee in their Report.—(Mr. Attlee.)

Ordered, That the Report which, upon the Privileges, 22nd day of July last, was made from the Committee of Privileges be now taken into consideration.—(Mr. Attlee.)

The House accordingly proceeded to take the Report into consideration.

Resolved, That this House doth agree with the Committee in their Report.—(Mr. Attlee.)

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee on Local Government Financial Provisions (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Committee on the Local Government (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Solicitors Bill [Lords];

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the India and Burma (Postponement of Elections) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Solicitors Bill [Lords];

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 the Order made by the Sunday Committee for the House Department under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, extending Section 1 of the Act to the County Borough of Barrow-in-Furness, a copy of which was presented to this House on the 9th day of this instant September, be approved.—(Mr. Peake.)
Resolved, That the Orders made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, extending Section 1 of the Act to—

(1) the City of Salford;
(2) the City of Wells, in the County of Somerset;
(3) the Borough of Crewe;
(4) the Borough of Crosby; and
(5) the Borough of Sudbury,
copies of which were presented to this House on the 4th day of this instant September, be approved.—(Mr. Peake.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Grampian Electricity Supply Order Confirmation Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That," to the end of the Question, and adding the words "this House, while giving the greatest weight to the decision of the Commission which held an inquiry in Scotland, declines to read a second time a Bill confirming a scheme which is contentious, disturbs national unity, cannot be carried out during the war and may not be suitable or beneficial in the unpredictable conditions prevailing after the war,"—(Mr. Keeling),—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 again proposed:

The Question was amended, by leaving out the word "now," and adding at the end thereof, the words "upon this day three months."—(Sir Herbert Williams.)

And the Question, so amended, being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon this day three months.

Adjournment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Major Dougall);

And Notice being taken, that Forty Members were not present:—The House was told by Mr. Speaker; and Forty Members not being present, and it being then after Four of the clock:—The House was adjourned by Mr. Speaker, at eleven minutes after Five of the clock, without a Question first put, till to-morrow.

Mr. Paling reported from the Committee on Local Government (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) [Money]: a Resolution; which was read as followeth:—

That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to extend the third fixed grant period under the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1929, and to make provision for the stabilisation of Supplementary Exchequer Grants under the said Act and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any increase in the sums so payable which is attributable:—

(a) to the extension of the said period until such date as Parliament may hereafter determine; and
(b) to the stabilisation for the term of the extension of the said period of Supplementary Exchequer Grants under the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1929.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Local Government (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Bill. (In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 to No. 3 agreed to. Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence (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 India and Burma (Postponement of Elections) Bill [Lords], was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House. (Mr. Young.)

Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 and No. 2 agreed to. Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed 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 Draft of an Order entitled the Prices of Goods Act, 1939 (Amendment of First Schedule), Order No. 1941, proposed to be made by the Board of Trade under Section 6 of the Goods and Services (Price Control) Act, 1941, a copy of which was presented to this House on the 6th day of August last, be approved. (Captain Waterhouse.)

The Solicitors Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House. (Mr. Holdsworth.)

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday the 30th day of this instant September, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn. (Mr. Holdsworth);

And it being Five of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed without Question put.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. (Adjournment. Major Dnydale.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty minutes after Five of the clock, adjourned till Tuesday the 30th day of this instant September, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of the 10th day of this instant September.

[No. 101.]

Tuesday, 30th September, 1941.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

MR. Speaker made the following communi- cation to the House:—

I regret to have to inform the House of the death of Sir Isidore Salmon, C.B.E., Member for the County of Middlesex (Harrow Division), and George Balfour, Esquire, Member for the Borough of Hampstead, and I desire on behalf of the House to express our sense of the loss we have sustained and our sympathy with the relatives of the honourable Members.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That he had issued a Writ issued during the Adjournment, a Warrant during the Adjournment.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. (Adjournment.)

The following Paper, presented by His Majesty’s Command during the Adjournment, and delivered to the Librarian of the House during the Adjournment, pursuant to Standing Order No. 93, was ordered to lie upon the Table:—

Copy of an Outline of revised financial Railway arrangements between the Minister of War and Transport, the four Amalgamated Railway Companies and the London Passenger Transport Board.


(1) the institution of Warrant ranks in the Royal Naval Reserve;
(2) the transfer of certain Medical Officers of the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve to the permanent list of the Royal Navy; and
(3) the award of gratuities instead of retired pay to certain Officers placed on the Retired List.

(1) making Regulations entitled the Defence (Emergency Currency) Regulations, 1941;
(2) extending to Northern Ireland the Defence (Companies) Regulations, 1940;
(3) adding Regulation 58c to, and amending Regulation 56 of, the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939;
(4) amending Regulation 606 of, and adding Regulation 606A to, the said Regulations;
(5) adding Regulation 13A to, and amending Regulations 14A and 150 of, the said Regulations;
(6) amending Regulations 25A and 27A of, and the Third Schedule to, the said Regulations; and
(7) adding Regulations 23AD, 49B and 60DB to, and amending Regulations 328, 55, 68C of, and the Third Schedule to, the said Regulations.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—
Copy of an Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, extending Section 1 of the Act to the County Borough of Oldham.

Mr. Secretary Morrison also presented pursuant to paragraph (6) of Regulation 18 of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939,—Report by the Secretary of State for the Home Department of action taken under the said Regulation during the period 1st July 1941 to 31st July 1941.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relative to the said Regulations, 1939 (Regulation 18) be printed.

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, the Reserve Forces Act, 1882, as applied to the 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 29th July 1941, providing for the retention of rank by officers of His Majesty's Air Forces on ceasing to be employed.

Copy of an Order made under the Air Force (Constitution) Act, 1917, dated 23rd August 1941, further amending in certain respects the Regulations appended to His Majesty's Order dated 15th June 1941, 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 Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Robert Hudson presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Report by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries on an Order made under the Land Drainage Act, 1930, entitled the River Great Ouse Catchment Board (Appeal against Pre-cept) Order, 1940.

Copy of an Order made under the Destructive Insects and Pests Acts, 1877 to 1927, dated 12th September 1941, entitled the Wart Disease of Potatoes Order of 1941.

Copy of an Outline of a Scheme made under the Agriculture (Miscellaneous War Provisions) Act, 1940, entitled the Agricultural Goods and Services Scheme.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Ernest Brown presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of a Scheme made by the Chatham Borough Council under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937, and approved by the Minister of Health.

Copies of Regulations made under the National Health Insurance Act, 1936,—
(1) dated 8th September 1941, entitled the National Health Insurance (Dental Benefits) Amendment Regulations, 1941; and
(2) dated 12th September 1941, entitled the National Health Insurance (Approved Societies) Amendment Regulations (No. 2), 1941.

Copy of an Order made under the Poor Law Act, 1930, dated 10th September 1941, entitled the Leicestershire (Adjudicating Officers) Order, 1941.

Copy of a Scheme made under the Town and Country Planning Act, 1942, entitled the Hunslet (Temple Newsam) Town Planning Scheme Varying Scheme (No. 4).

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Captain Crookshank presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of a Certificate, dated 11th September 1941, issued by the First Lord of the Treasury, for the purposes of subsection (1) of Section II of the House of Commons Disqualification (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1941, certifying that the appointment of Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Walter Darlington Smiles, C.I.E., D.S.O., a Member of the Commons House of Parliament, to be Regional Representative to the Ministry of Aircraft Production in Northern Ireland, is required in the public interest for purposes connected with the prosecution of the present war.

Copy of Amending Regulations made under Income Tax the Income Tax Act, 1918, as amended by the Act, 1941, Finance Act, 1925, dated 8th September 1941, with respect to the Assessment, Charge and Collection of Income Tax in the case of Weekly Wage-earners, and the procedure to be adopted for the purpose.

Account of Receipts and Payments in respect Land Registry of the Land Registry for the year ended the 31st day of March 1941.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.
Mr. Secretary Johnston presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—

Copies of Orders made under Section 3 of the Milk and Dairies (Amendment) Act, 1922, as enacted in Section 10 of the Milk Act, 1934, and as read in conjunction with the Reorganisation of Offices (Scotland) Act, 1939, dated 27th August 1941, entitled the Milk (Special Designations) Amendment Order (Scotland) 1941.

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 the Third Report of the Cinematograph Films Council, being their Report for the year ended the 31st day of March 1941.

Copies of Orders made under the Goods and Services (Price Control) Act, 1941.—

(1) dated 11th September 1941, entitled the Electric Torch Dry Batteries (Maximum Prices) Order, 1941;

(2) dated 11th September 1941, entitled the Price-Controlled Goods (Invoices) Order, 1941;

(3) dated 11th September 1941, entitled the Utility Apparel (Maximum Prices) Order, 1941;

(4) dated 11th September 1941, entitled the Utility Cloth (Maximum Prices) Order, 1941; and

(5) dated 12th September 1941, entitled the Laundry (Maximum Charges) Order, 1941.

Copy of Regulations made under the Prevention of Fraud (Investments) Act, 1939, dated 25th September 1941, entitled the Prevention of Fraud (Investments) Act Licensing (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations, 1941.

Copy of an Order made under the War Damage Act, 1941, dated 25th September 1941, entitled the War Damage (Business Scheme) (No. 4) Order, 1941.

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:—

Schedule containing a List and Particulars of certain classes of Documents existing or accruing in the office of His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for War which are not considered of sufficient public value to justify their preservation in the Public Record Office.

Copy of Rules made under the Administration of Justice (Emergency Provisions) Act, 1939, dated 8th September 1941, entitled the Rules of the Supreme Court (No. 5), 1941.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Supplementary Vote of Credit, 1941.

(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 1942, 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.

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.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Copy of an Order made under Section 3 of the Milk and Dairies (Amendment) Act, 1922, as enacted in Section 10 of the Milk Act, 1934, and as read in conjunction with the Reorganisation of Offices (Scotland) Act, 1939, dated 27th August 1941, entitled the Milk (Special Designations) Amendment Order (Scotland) 1941.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Cinematograph Films Council.

Resolved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1942, the sum of £1,000,000,000 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.—(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.

The Deputy Chairman also acquainted the House, That he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till fourteen minutes before Three of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
[No. 102.]

Wednesday, 1st October, 1941.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Ernest Brown presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Schemes made by the undermentioned local authorities under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937, and approved by the Minister of Health:—

(1) the Banbury Borough Council;
(2) the Kent County Council;
(3) the Sheffield County Borough Council;
(4) the York County Borough Council.

Ordered, That the said Papers 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 25th September 1941, entitled the Fish Sales (Acute Rheumatism) Regulations, 1941.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Colonel Llewellyn presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Provisional Regulations made under the Roads Act, 1920, and the Finance Act, 1920, dated 15th September 1941, entitled the Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) (Amendment) (No. 2) Provisional Regulations, 1941.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

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, the Reserve Forces Act, 1882, as applied to the 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 19th September 1941, further amending in certain respects the Regulations appended to His Majesty's Order, dated 1st September 1939, which provided for the revision of the Regulations governing the payment of outfit allowance to officers in His Majesty's Air Forces, as amended by a subsequent Order.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—

Account of the Cinematograph Fund showing the Receipts and Payments during the year ended the 31st day of March 1942, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Account be printed.

The Prime Minister, supported by Mr. Attlee, Mr. Secretary Morrison, Secretary Sir Archibald Sinclair, Mr. Secretary Johnston, Mr. Ernest 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 to-morrow; and to be printed.

Mr. Robert Hudson, supported by Mr. Secretary Johnston, Captain Crookshank, Mr. Tom Williams and Mr. Scroyneguer Welderburn, presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to agriculture (including bee-keeping) and agricultural land: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Mr. Secretary Morrison, supported by Mr. Secretary Johnston, Mr. Attorney General and the Lord Advocate, presented a Bill to continue in force the Local Elections and Register of Electors (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1939, as amended by the Local Elections and Register of Electors (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1940, and to make certain amendments of those Acts, including amendments modifying the qualifications of common councilmen of the City of London and the persons entitled to vote at elections of aldermen and common councilmen in the said City and postponing the preparation of ward lists in the said City: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Alexandcr Cadwalader Mainwaring Spearman, Esquire, Member for the County of York, North Riding (Scarborough and Whitby Division), was sworn.

William Arthur Colegate, Esquire, Member for the County of Salop (The Wrekin Division), was sworn.

Mr. Montague reported from the Committee of Supply of the 30th day of September last, a Resolution; which was read, as follows:—

Supplementary Vote of Credit, 1941.

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 1942, 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. James Stuart reported from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 30th day of September last, 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 1942, the sum of £1,000,000,000 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 said Resolution; and that the Chairman of Ways 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-two, 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.

Finance (No. 2) Act, 1940.

Resolved, That the Purchase Tax (Exemptions) (No. 1) Order, 1941, dated 11th September 1941, made by the Treasury under Section 20 of the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1940, a copy of which was presented to this House on the 11th day of September last, be approved.—(Captain Crookshank.)

Finance (No. 2) Act, 1940.

Resolved, That the Purchase Tax (Exemptions) (No. 2) Order, 1941, dated 11th September 1941, made by the Treasury under Section 20 of the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1940, a copy of which was presented to this House on the 11th day of September last, be approved.—(Captain Crookshank.)

Finance (No. 2) Act, 1940.

Resolved, That the Purchase Tax (Reduction of Registration Limit) Order, 1941, dated 11th September 1941, made by the Treasury under Section 23 of the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1940, a copy of which was presented to this House on the 11th day of September last, be approved.—(Captain Crookshank.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Solicitors Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 amended and agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (Compensation Fund).

Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 6, to leave out the words "of five pounds," and insert the words "not exceeding one per cent. of the net profits of the solicitor from carrying on the profession of solicitor for the last accounting period for which an accountant's certificate has to be delivered."—(Mr. Douglas.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 43, at the end, to add the words:—"(10) The provisions of this section shall not take effect until such time as solicitors shall become exempt from the obligation of paying stamp duty upon practising certificates."—(Mr. Douglas.)

Question proposed, That those words be there added:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 3 amended, and agreed to.

Clauses No. 4 to No. 8 agreed to.

Clauses No. 9 to No. 10 amended, and agreed to.

Clauses No. 11 to No. 17 agreed to.

Clause No. 18 amended, and agreed to.

Clauses No. 19 to No. 22 agreed to.

Clause No. 23 (Amendment of ss. 47, 48, and 49 of Principal Act).

Amendment proposed, in p. 16, l. 25, to leave out subsection (1).—(Mr. Douglas.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses No. 24 to No. 29 agreed to.

Clause No. 30 amended, and agreed to.

First to Third Schedules agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be now taken into consideration.

The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time;—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Order of the day being read, for 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.
Adjournment. | Sir John Wardlaw-Milne, pursuant to the National Expenditure.  
Ordered, That the Minutes of their Proceedings on the 6th day of August last. (No. 117.)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Major Dugdale.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till sixteen minutes before Five of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 103.]

Thursday, 2nd October, 1941.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Secretary Eden presented, by His Majesty’s Command.—Copy of a Report of the Proceedings at the Inter-Allied Meeting held in London at St. James’s Palace on the 24th day of September 1941.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Ninety-third Report from the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, being their Report for the year preceding the 1st day of November 1940, with an Appendix.

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 Goods and Services (Price Control) Act, dated 25th September 1941, entitled the Utility Apparel (Maximum Prices) (No. 2) Order, 1941.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Bevin presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of the Annual Report of the Chief Inspector of Factories for 1940.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Alexander 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 on the 31st day of March 1942.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir John Wardlaw-Milne, pursuant to the National Expenditure.  
Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Select Committee on National Expenditure that they do report to the House the Minutes of their Proceedings upon the 6th day of August last.—(Sir Adam Maitland.)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Major Dugdale.)

The Consolidated Fund ( Appropriation) 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.

In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 to No. 5 agreed to.

Schedules A and B agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the 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 Mr. Speaker's table ; and desire their concurrence (the Bill having been endorsed by Mr. Speaker with the following Certificate:—

I 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 Adjournment.  
proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. James Stuart.)

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 Consolidated Fund ( Appropriation) (No. 2) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Bill, without any Amendment.
A Message was delivered by Air Chief Marshal Sir William Mitchell, K.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., A.F.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. Appropriation (No. 2) Act, 1941.
2. India and Burma (Postponement of Elections) Act, 1941.

And the Question being again proposed, That this House do now adjourn;—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour after Four of the clock, adjourned till Tuesday next, pursuant to the Resolution of the House this day.

Copy of Regulations made under the War Damage Act, 1942, entitled the War Damage to Goods (General) (No. 2) Regulations, 1941.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Johnston presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of a Summary Report by the Scottish Education Department on Education in Scotland for 1939 and 1940.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Butler presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of 1921 Regulations made under the Education Act, 1921, and the Economy (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1926, dated 22nd September 1941, entitled the Higher Education Grant Regulations, 1941.

Copy of a Draft of a Scheme proposed to be made under the Teachers (Superannuation) Act, 1925, entitled the Teachers Superannuation (Nurseries) Scheme, 1941.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:


Ordered, That the said Paper 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 Public Trustee Act, 1906, the Law of Property Act, 1925, (Rules), the Settled Land Act, 1925, the Trustee Act, 1925, the Administration of Estates Act, 1925, and the Supreme Court of Judicature (Consolidation) Act, 1925, dated 26th September 1941, entitled the Public Trustee (Custodian Trustee) Rules, 1941.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of Supply.

Ordered, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. Whiteley.)

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. Whiteley.)

Ordered, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That the Order of the day being read, for the Supply, Committee of Supply:

Ordered, 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 Agriculture (Miscellaneous) Provisions 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 a Debate arising thereupon:

Mr. Denman rose in his place, and claimed Assent withheld. to move, That the Question be now put, but Mr. Speaker withheld his assent and declined then to put that Question.

Then the House resumed the Debate.

And it being Five of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed without Question put.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Major Dogdale);

And it being half an hour after Five of the clock Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, till to-morrow.

Mr. Alexander presented, by His Majesty’s Navy (Pay, Non-Effective Pay, and Allowances) Regulations as to Pay, Non-Effective Pay, and Allowances during the financial year 1940, sanctioned by the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, with the approval of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Account of 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 the 31st day of March 1941, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Account be printed.

Ordered, That this House do now adjourn.—Adjournment.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till one minute before Five of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

MR. Secretary Johnston 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 2nd October 1941, entitled the Wart Disease of Potatoes (Scotland) Order of 1941.

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, dated 2nd October 1941, to the Reserved Posts (Other Services) Rules, 1938, made under the Government of India Act, 1935.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

NOTICE being taken that Strangers were Strangers present:—Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Question put, Standing Order No. 89, put forthwith the S.O. No. 89. Question, That Strangers be ordered to withdraw: And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That the Proceedings in connection with a statement to be made by the Lord Privy Seal, and upon any Motions relating to Sittings of the House &c., and Adjournment be held in Secret Session.—(Mr. Attlee.)

Ordered, That, as from the next sitting day Sittings of the House &c., and Adjournment be held in Secret Session.—(Mr. Attlee.)

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and that so much of the Order relative to Sittings of the House, &c., made upon the 4th day of February last as modifies the provisions of the Order relative to Sittings of the House (Air Raid Warnings) made upon the 21st day of November last be discharged.—(Mr. Attlee.)

Adjournment.

Resolved, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn till Tuesday next.—(Mr. Attlee.)

The Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Major Dugdale.)

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Attlee, 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 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 amend the law relating to agriculture (including bee-keeping) and agricultural land, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament—

(a) of such additional Exchequer contributions and grants as may become payable by reason of provisions, whether retrospective or not—

(i) postponing to the end of July, nineteen hundred and forty-four, as respects lime and as respects expenditure by drainage authorities, the dates specified in sections one and fifteen of the Agriculture Act, 1937, as the dates before which cost or expenses must have been incurred in order to qualify for Exchequer grants or contributions;

(ii) extending section fifteen of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous War Provisions) Act, 1940, and section sixteen of the Agriculture Act, 1937, to expenditure in connection with the supply of water to agricultural land;

(iii) extending section fourteen of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous War Provisions) Act, 1940, to land within any drainage district and to schemes estimated to cost not more than ten pounds per acre;

(b) of advances to drainage boards in respect of expenditure towards which it appears that a grant will be made under section fifteen of the Agriculture Act, 1937, or section fourteen of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous War Provisions) Act, 1940;

(c) of the expenses of the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries or the Secretary of State in acquiring land possession of which has been taken under Defence Regulations, and of any additional payments in respect of war damage to land so acquired which are ascribable to the extension of section sixteen of the War Damage Act, 1941, to that land;

(d) of any expenses incurred (whether before or after the passing of the said Act of the present Session) by the said Minister in connection with bee diseases or pests;

(e) of any increase in the grants or expenses authorised by section twenty-nine of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous War Provisions) Act, 1940, to be paid out of moneys provided by Parliament which is ascribable to the extension of that section to land which is being injured or is in danger of being injured by such a failure of the owner or occupier thereof as is mentioned in that section, being a failure in relation to other land in his ownership or occupation.—(Mr. Robert Hudson.)

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Tuesday next.

Resolved, That the Order made by the Sunday Secretary of State for the Home Department Entertainments under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, extending Section 1 of the Act to the County Borough of Oldham, a copy of which was presented to this House on the 30th day of September last, be approved.—(Major Dugdale.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being National proposed, That Mr. Ammon, Mr. Higgs, Mr. Expenditure. Leach and Sir Adam Macllaid be discharged from the Select Committee on National Expenditure.—(Major Dugdale):

And a Debate arising thereupon;

And it being Five of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Tuesday next.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.— Adjournment. (Major Dugdale.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-six minutes after Five of the clock, adjourned till Tuesday next, pursuant to the Resolution of the House this day.
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 29th September 1941, providing for the grant of extra duty pay for airmen employed on special watch duties during hostilities.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled Marriage (Members of His Majesty’s Forces) Bill [Lords], and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to this Bill, as circulated at this House, be printed.

Sir Dennis Herbert reported from the Select Committee on Offices or Places of Profit under the Crown, that they had considered the matters to them referred and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them, and Appendices: And the Report was brought up and read.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir James Edmondson reported from the Agriculture Committee on Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) [Money] a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to amend the law relating to agriculture (including bee-keeping) and agricultural land, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament—

(a) of such additional Exchequer contributions and grants as may become payable by reason of provisions, whether retrospective or not—

(i) postponing to the end of July, nineteen hundred and forty-four, as respects time and as respects expenditure by drainage authorities, the dates specified in sections one and fifteen of the Agriculture Act, 1937, as the dates before which cost or expenses must have been incurred in order to qualify for Exchequer grants or contributions;—

(ii) extending section fifteen of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous War Provisions) Act, 1940, and section sixteen of the Agriculture Act, 1937, to expenditure in connection with the supply of water to agricultural land;

(iii) extending section fourteen of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous War Provisions) Act, 1940, to land within...
any drainage district and to schemes estimated to cost not more than ten pounds per acre;

(b) of advances to drainage boards in respect of expenditure towards which it appears that a grant will be made under section fifteen of the Agriculture Act, 1937, or section fourteen of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous War Provisions) Act, 1940;

d) of the expenses of the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries or the Secretary of State in acquiring land possession of which has been taken under Defence Regulations, and of any additional payments in respect of war damage to land so acquired which are ascribable to the extension of section sixteen of the War Damage Act, 1944, to that land;

d) of any expenses incurred (whether before or after the passing of the said Act of the present Session) by the said Minister in connection with bee diseases or pests;

d) of any increase in the grants or expenses authorised by section twenty-nine of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous War Provisions) Act, 1940, to be paid out of moneys provided by Parliament which is ascribable to the extension of that section to land which is being injured or is in danger of being injured by such a failure of the owner or occupier thereof as is mentioned in that section, being a failure in relation to other land in his ownership or occupation.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 to No. 4 agreed to.

Clause No. 5 (Extension of powers as to drainage schemes).

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 9, at the end, to insert the words—

" ( ) Where, by reason of the increased cost of labour (including transport) or any other cause outside the control of a Catchment Board, the expenditure of such Catchment Board in preparing and carrying out any scheme approved by the Minister under section fourteen of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous War Provisions) Act, 1940, exceeds the amount of the expenditure as certified by the Minister, the Minister may defray the whole or part of such excess out of moneys provided by Parliament."—(Sir Annesley Somerville.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 6 (Recovery of expenses of certain drainage works).

An Amendment made.

Question put, That the Clause as amended, stand part of the Bill:

The Committee divided:

Tellers for the Mr. Grimston,
Yea, Mr. Boullon : 181

Tellers for the Mrs. Tate,
Noes, Sir Joseph Lamb : 5

Clause No. 7 agreed to.

Clause No. 8 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 9 (Power of Minister to buy requisitioned land).

Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 24, after the word " advice," to insert the words " of a majority of the committee consisting of not less than two-thirds of all the members."—(Sir Robert Smith.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 33, at the end, to insert the words " and that increase in value cannot by another means be preserved for the Crown."—(Mrs. Tate.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 40, to leave out the words " or any neighbouring."—(Mr. Pym.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 15, at the end, to insert the words,—

" ( ) The compensation payable in respect of the acquisition of any land under this section may, if the Minister thinks fit, be satisfied in whole or in part by the creation of a rentcharge issuing out of the land acquired."—(Mr. Stokes.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 43, after the word " held," to insert the words " or agreed to be held."—(Mr. Henry Strauss.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 10 (Disposal of land acquired under the last preceding section).

Amendment proposed, in p. 8, l. 2, to leave out the word " shall," and insert the word " may."—(Mr. Mander.)

Question, That the word " shall" stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 9, l. 9, at the end, to insert the words " and where the person to whom the offer is made has accepted the offer he shall be entitled to withdraw such acceptance at any time before the expiration of the said period."—(Mr. Pym.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 9, l. 24, to leave out the word "may," and insert the word "shall."—(Sir William Wayland.)

Question, That the word "may" stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 11 agreed to.

Clause No. 12 amended, and agreed to.

Clauses No. 13 to No. 16 agreed to.

A Clause (Prevention of speculation in land.)—(Dr. Russell Thomas),—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

First Schedule agreed to.

Second and Third Schedules amended, and agreed to.

Fourth 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.

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).—(Mr. Robert Hudson.)

Ordered, That the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) 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.

Ordered, That the Statement of the estimated Greenwich Income and Expenditure of Greenwich Hospital and of Travers' Foundation for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1942, presented to this House on the 2nd day of this instant October, be approved.—(Captain Hudson.)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—Adjournment. (Major Dugdale.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till nineteen minutes after Four of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
Public Petitions vide First Report.

Education Act, 1921.

Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932.

Defence (General) Regulations, 1939 (Regulation 18B).

No. 121.

Public Records (Ministry of Pensions).

Marriage (Members of His Majesty’s Forces) Bill [Lords].

National Expenditure.

[No. 108.]

Wednesday, 15th October, 1941.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

A PUBLIC Petition was presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Butler presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of Regulations made under the Education Act, 1921, dated 27th September 1941, entitled the Adult Education Amending Regulations No. 3, 1941.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Copy of an Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, extending Section 1 of the Act to the Urban District of Oakham.

Mr. Secretary Morrison also presented, pursuant to paragraph (6) of Regulation 18B of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939, Report by the Secretary of State for the Home Department of action taken under the said Regulation during the period 1st August 1941 to 31st August 1941.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relative to the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939 (Regulation 18B) be printed.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was 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 Ministry of Pensions which are not considered of sufficient public value to justify their preservation in the Public Record Office.

The Marriage (Members of His Majesty’s Forces) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. Boulton.)

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 9th day of this instant October, That Mr. Ammon, Mr. Higgs, Mr. Leach and Sir Adam Maillard be discharged from the Select Committee on National Expenditure;

And the Question being again proposed:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment, proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Major Dugdale);

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.—Adjournment. (Major Dugdale.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes after Four of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 109.]

Thursday, 16th October, 1941.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Sir John Anderson presented, pursuant to Chartered and the directions of several Acts of Parliament, Other Bodies (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1939, dated 10th October 1941, entitled—

(1) the General Medical Council (Temporary Provisions) Order, 1941; and

(2) the Malvern Hills Conservators (Temporary Provisions) Order, 1941.

Copies of Orders in Council made under the Emergency Powers (Defence) Acts, 1939 and 1940, dated 10th October 1941,—

(1) revoking Regulations 60A and 60AA of, adding Regulations 60A and 60BA to, and amending Regulations 100 and 102 of, and the Third Schedule to, the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939;

(2) adding Regulation 60AA to the said Regulations;

(3) substituting a new Regulation for Regulation 56A of, and adding a Sixth Schedule to the said Regulations; and

(4) adding Regulations 53A and 60M to, and amending Regulations 54B, 59, 60D, 63 and 72 of, the said Regulations.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Captain Crookshank presented, pursuant to Financial Powers (U.S.A. Securities) Acts, 1939 and 1940, dated 10th October 1941, entitled the U.S.A. Securities (Income Tax Relief) Regulations, 1941.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Solicitors Bill (Lords), without any Amendment.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to request that their Lordships will be pleased to give leave to the Lord Beaverbrook to attend to be examined, as a Witness, before the Select Committee on National Expenditure. —(Sir John Wardlaw-Milne.)

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the said Message.

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.

Adjournment.

Resolved, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn till Tuesday next.—(The Prime Minister.)

Adjournment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. James Stuart);

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. Adamson.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes after Four of the clock, adjourned till Tuesday next, pursuant to the Resolution of the House this day.

Mr. Secretary Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order made by the Council of the Urban District of Herne Bay under the Shops Acts, 1912 to 1928, and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department. 

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table. 

Secret Session.

Resolved, That the Proceedings in connection with a statement to be made by the Prime Minister, and upon any Motion relating to the Adjournment of the House, be held in Secret Session.—(The Prime Minister.)

Adjournment.

Ordered, That this House do now adjourn till Tuesday next, pursuant to the Resolution of the House this day.

[No. 110.]

Tuesday, 21st October, 1941.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Secretary Amery presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Draft of an Order proposed to be made under the Government of India Act, 1935, entitled the Government of India (Adaptation of Acts of Parliament) (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1941.

Copy of a Draft of an Order proposed to be made under the Government of India Act, 1935, entitled the Government of India (Scheduled Castes (Amendment) Order, 1941.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order made by the Council of the Urban District of Herne Bay under the Shops Acts, 1912 to 1928, and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department. 

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 the Air Force (Constitution) Act, 1917, dated 20th October 1941, further amending in certain respects the Regulations appended to His Majesty’s Order dated 15th June 1941, 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. 

Sir John Anderson presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Orders in Council made under the Extra-Admission Acts, 1870 to 1935, dated 10th October 1941, entitled—

(1) the Iraq (Extradition : Burma) Order in Council, 1941; and

(2) the United States of America (Extradition : Burma) Order in Council, 1941.

Copies of Five Orders in Council, dated 10th October 1941, approving Admiralty Memorials under the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865.

Copy of an Order in Council made under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, dated 10th October 1941, entitled the Northern Lighthouse Board (Variation of Establishment) Order, 1941.

Copies of Orders in Council made under the Emergency Powers (Defence) Acts, 1939 and 1940, dated 10th October 1941,—

(1) adding Regulations 60AB and 60AC to, and amending the Third Schedule to, the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939; and

(2) amending Regulation 9 of the Defence (Armed Forces) Regulations, 1939.

Ordered, That the said Papers 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) Acts, 1939 and 1940, dated 10th October 1941,—

(1) the United States of America (Extradition) Order in Council, 1941;

(2) amending Regulation 9 of the Defence (Armed Forces) Regulations, 1939.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table. 

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from Messaged had been brought from the Lords by the Lords, one of their Clerks, as followeth:—

The Lords give leave to the Lord Beaverbrook to attend to his being examined as a Witness before the Select Committee appointed by this House on National Expenditure, if his Lordship think fit.

Second-Lieutenant Fitzroy Hew Royle Maclean, New Member for the County of Lancaster (Lancaster sworn. Division), was sworn.
5 GEO. VI. 21st—23rd October.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on any Motion for the Adjournment of the House that may be moved by a Minister of the Crown at this day's Sitting be exempted from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Sir John Anderson.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Marriage (Members of His Majesty's Forces) Bill [Lords]. (In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 to No. 4 agreed to.

Clause No. 5 (Interpretation, &c.). Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 10, at the end, to insert the words,—

"... Nothing in this Act shall be construed as authorising a marriage that is not entirely bona fide."—(Mr. Hannah.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 6 agreed to.

First and Second 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 acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That this House do now adjourn.

(Dr. Adamson.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes after Four of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 111.]

Wednesday, 22nd October, 1941.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

SIR John Anderson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, a copy of a Statute made by the Governing Body of the Queen's College, Oxford, under the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1923, on the 24th day of May 1941, amending Statute XXIII of the College.

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 Supreme Court of Judicature (Consolidation) Act, 1925, dated 6th October 1941, entitled the Supreme Court Funds (No. 1) Rules, 1941.

Sir Annesley Somerville reported from the Public Committee on Public Petitions, That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 4th day of December last, and the 15th day of this instant October 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 Adjournment, proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. James Stuart);

And it being Four of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed without Question put.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply.

Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, extending Section 1 of the Act to the Urban District of Oakham, a copy of which was presented to this House on the 15th day of this instant October, be approved.—(Mr. Peake.)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—Adjournment. (Mr. Adamson.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes after Four of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 112.]

Thursday, 23rd October, 1941.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

CAPTAIN Crookshank presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account of Revenue and Expenditure in respect of the Duties of the Customs of the Isle of Man, and Accounts of the Accumulated Fund, and of Passenger Tax and Harbour
Dues, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1941, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Account do lie upon the Table.

Cathedral Measures, 1931 and 1934.

Sir John Anderson presented, pursuant to the directions of a Measure.—Copy of a Scheme prepared by the Cathedral Commissioners for England under the Cathedral Measures, 1931 and 1934, for the establishment of a Constitution and the making of Statutes for the Cathedral and Metropolitan Church of Christ, Canterbury.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Diseases of Animals Acts, 1894 to 1937.

Mr. Robert Hudson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of an Order made under the Diseases of Animals Acts, 1894 to 1937 dated 14th October 1941, authorising the prohibition on the landing of certain animals brought from Eire, Northern Ireland and Isle of Man (Order No. 6,164).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Prolongation of Parliament Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Elections and Register of Electors (Temporary Provisions) Bill, (No. 2) Bill, without any Amendment.

Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill be taken into consideration upon Tuesday the 11th day of November next; and be printed.


No. 122.

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, twenty-fourth Report.

No. 123.

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Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Strangers' Question put pursuant to S.O. No. 89.

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.

Secret Session

Resolved, That the Proceedings upon any Motion relating to the Adjournment of the House to be moved by the Prime Minister be held in Secret Session.—(The Prime Minister.)

Resolved, That this House, at its rising this Adjournment, day, do adjourn till Tuesday the 11th day of November next.—(The Prime Minister.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjourned, proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. James Stuart);

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.—Adjournment. (Mr. James Stuart.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty minutes after Four of the clock, adjourned till Tuesday, the 11th day of November next, pursuant to the Resolution of the House this day.

[No. 113.]

Tuesday, 11th November, 1941.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

P R A Y E R S.

ORDERED, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Hampstead Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to Borough Writ to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough of Hampstead in the room of George Balfour, Esquire, deceased.—(Mr. Grimston.)

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Brighton 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 Sir John Francis Ashley Erskine, G.C.S.I., G.C.I.E., commonly called Lord Erskine, who since his election for the said Borough hath accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of His Majesty's Three Chiltern Hundreds of Stoke, Desborough and Burnham, in the County of Buckingham.—(Mr. Grimston.)

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Middlesex County Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the County of Middlesex, (Harrow Division) Writ, in the room of Major Sir Isidore Salmon, C.B.E., deceased.—(Mr. Grimston.)

The following Papers, presented by His Parliamentary Majesty's Command during the Adjournment, and delivered to the Librarian of the House during the Adjournment, pursuant to Standing Order No. 93, were ordered to lie upon the Table:—

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Sir John Wardlaw-Milne reported from the Select Committee on National Expenditure, Twenty-sixth Report. No. 125.

Sir John Wardlaw-Milne reported from the Select Committee on National Expenditure, Twenty-sixth Report. No. 124.

Sir John Wardlaw-Milne reported from the Select Committee on National Expenditure.

The Lords Amendment in p. 7, l. 9, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 7, l. 37, after ("subject ") insert (" or might be made subject "), the next Amendment, being read a second time, and it appearing that the Special Entry, object of the Amendment was to carry out the intentions of the Commons, the same was agreed to.

Then the remaining Lords Amendments, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Resolved, That the 5th Sales (Charges) Emergency Order, 1941, dated 25th September 1941, 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 30th day of September last, be approved.—(Major Lloyd George.)

A Message was delivered by Air Chief Marshal Sir William Mitchell, K.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., A.F.C., 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 the Assent, as well as the Royal Assent to the several Acts therein mentioned; and the

Sir John Wardlaw-Milne reported from the Select Committee on National Expenditure, Vol. 196.

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Lords, thereby authorised, declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts, as followeth:

1. Solicitors Act, 1941.
2. Marriage (Members of His Majesty's Forces) Act, 1941.

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,

My Peoples have entered upon the third year of war with heightened vigour and resolution. I have seen the courage and fortitude with which they have endured savage attacks from the air, and I have watched with admiration the selfless devotion of the Civil Defence Forces.

During the past year My Forces, by sea, land and air, have continued, with the powerful support of the Armed Forces of my Allies, to defend the cause of freedom throughout the world. The enemy has added to the number of countries temporarily over-run, but the epic struggle of Greece and Yugoslavia, worthy of their glorious history, has inspired the civilised world.

I heartily welcome as an Ally the great Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. On the 12th July My Government and the Government of the Soviet Union agreed to aid each other in the war against Germany and to conclude no separate armistice or treaty of peace. The heroic resistance of the armies of the Soviet Union has won My deepest admiration. A Conference on aid to Russia between representatives of My Government and of the Governments of the United States of America and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics has been held in Moscow with eminently satisfactory results, and, in co-operation with the United States of America, My Empire is affording the Soviet Union all possible assistance against the common foe.

The life-time of this Parliament has been memorable for the strengthening of the already close ties between my Governments and Peoples and the Government and People of the United States of America. A striking illustration of this growing intimacy was afforded by the meeting at sea between the President of the United States and the Prime Minister of My Government in the United Kingdom. On the seas and the oceans, commanded by our two Navies in closest fraternity, a Charter was agreed upon and published to the world, which will stand as a beacon in history radiating resolution, justice and unselfish purpose.

My Navy has continued to attack the enemy wherever it has been able to find him. Aided by its Auxiliaries and the Fishing Fleet, it has maintained unceasing vigil and has kept open the seaways on which My gallant Merchant Navy, and the Merchant Fleets of My Allies, have brought an increasing flow of food-stuffs and munitions.

The position of My Forces in the Middle East has been greatly strengthened. The brilliant campaigns in East Africa, where the enemy, despite great numerical superiority, was evicted from the mountain fastnesses of Eritrea and Ethiopia and either destroyed or captured, prove the skill of My Commanders and the endurance of My Forces from many parts of the Empire. These operations, which augur well for the future, were rendered possible by the annihilation last winter of the hostile army which sought to invade Egypt from Cyrenaica.

My Air Force has carried the war into the enemy's territory and has attacked with growing power his industries, communications, naval bases and shipping. By the boldness of its assaults, it has compelled the enemy to keep large air formations in the West.

Developments in the Far East have engaged the close and constant attention of My Government, and it has been necessary to increase the Forces which defend My territories in those regions.

It has been a source of great gratification to Me that My Prime Ministers of Canada, the Commonwealth of Australia, and New Zealand have found it possible to visit this country and confer with My Ministers in the United Kingdom. Valuable discussions have been held in Egypt with My Prime Minister of the Union of South Africa. These personal exchanges are of the utmost value to My Ministers in the prosecution of the war.

Members of the House of Commons.

I thank you for the increased provision you have made towards the cost of the war. The unprecedented measures you have taken have been whole-heartedly supported by My People, who have willingly borne the heavy additional taxation imposed upon them and have also freely responded to the call for loans.

My Lords and Members of the House of Commons.

The War Damage Act for damage to property caused by enemy action has afforded immediate relief to many of My People, and the compensation which it provides has further strengthened the war economy of the country.

Under Providence, and thanks to the unexampled efforts of the seafaring and farming communities, the food supplies of My People are assured.

And I pray that the blessing of Almighty God may attend you.

Then a Commission for proroguing the Parliament was read.

After which the Lord Chancellor said:

My Lords and Members of the House of Commons.

By virtue of His Majesty's Commission, under the Great Seal, to us and other Lords directed, and now read, we do, in His Majesty's Name and in obedience to His Majesty's Commands, prorogue this Parliament to Wednesday the Twelfth day of November, One thousand nine hundred and forty-one, to be here holden; and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued until Wednesday the Twelfth day of November, One thousand nine hundred and forty-one.
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