From November the 11th, 1942,

In the Sixth and Seventh Years of the Reign of

King George the Sixth,

To November the 23rd, 1943.

Session 1942—43.

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WESTMINSTER.

10th November, 1942.

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 Wednesday the Eleventh day of this instant November, to be then here holden.
[No. 1.]

Wednesday, 11th November, 1942.

PRAYERS at Twelve of the clock.

A MESSAGE from His Majesty, by
Air Chief Marshal Sir William Mitchell,
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,
got up to attend His Majesty:—And having
returned;

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair at Two of
the clock.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ordered, That the Votes and Proceedings of Votes and
this House be printed being first perused by
Proceedings,
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 Privileges,
appointed.

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

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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 Montriond 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.

Ordered, That during the present Session the following provisions shall have effect as respects the sittings of the House, notwithstanding anything in any Standing Order, Order, or Resolution or the practice of the House:—

1. If, by reason of an air raid alarm signal being given, the sitting is suspended, it shall be resumed as soon as may be after the release signal is given;

2. If at the time appointed for the meeting of the House on any day an air raid alarm signal has been given and the release signal has not been given, the meeting of the House shall be postponed until as soon as may be after the release 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:

3. Where any sitting of the House is suspended or postponed as aforesaid—

(a) 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

(b) 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 the remainder of the business of the House has been disposed of before the time at which Private Business, or any Motion for adjournment under Standing Order No. 8 is required to be considered by the foregoing provisions of this paragraph, that Private Business or Motion shall be considered immediately after the conclusion of the remainder of the business;

4. At any sitting of the House which has been suspended or postponed as aforesaid, any Motion or other business which, but for this paragraph, could not have been made or taken without notice, or would have been required to be made or taken at a particular time or at a particular stage of the proceedings, may be made by, or taken at the instance of, a Minister of the Crown without notice and at any other time or other stage of the proceedings. — (Sir Stafford Cripps.)

Major Lloyd George presented, pursuant to Gas (Special Directions of an Act of Parliament) Order, 1942, of a Draft of a Special Order proposed to be made under the Gas Undertakings Acts, 1920 to 1934, on the application of the Swindon United Gas Company.

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

Mr. Noel-Baker presented, pursuant to the Road Traffic (Restriction of Traffic Orders) Order, 1939, entitled the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) (No. 6) Provisional Regulations, 1942.

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

Mr. Dalton presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, —Copy of an Order, dated 12th October 1942, entitled the Toys (Maximum Prices and Records) Order, 1942.

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

Mr. Bevin presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, —Copy of an Order, dated 10th November 1942, entitled the Unemployment Insurance (Banking Industry Special Scheme) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order, 1942.

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

Sir John Anderson presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, — Copy of an Order in Council, dated 22nd October 1942, entitled the Dental Board (Temporary Provisions) Order, 1942.

Copies of Orders in Council,—

(1) dated 14th October 1942, substituting a new Regulation for Regulation 26A of and inserting new Regulations 28 and 29 in, the Defence (General) Regulations (Isle of Man), 1939;

(2) dated 14th October 1942, making Regulations entitled the Defence (Recovery of Fines) Regulations (Isle of Man), 1942;

(3) dated 22nd October 1942, amending the Defence (War Zone Courts) (Scotland) Regulations, 1940;

(4) dated 5th November 1942, amending Regulations 27A, 47AAA and 91 of, and the Third Schedule to, and adding Regulations 33B and 47AAA to, the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939; and

(5) dated 5th November 1942, amending the Defence (Cinematograph Quotas) Regulations, 1940.


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

Mr. Secretary Morrison presented, pursuant to Petroleum (Compressed Gas) Regulations, 1942, to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, —Copy of Provisional Regulations, dated 1st July 1942, entitled the Gas Cylinders (Conveyance) Provisional Regulations, 1942.

Copies of Orders made by the undertakers, —Shop Regulation, 1942.
Secretary of State for the Home Department under the Shops Act, 1912:—

(1) Council of the City of Bradford.
(2) Hertfordshire County Council.
(3) Town Council of the City of Wakefield.
Copies of Orders made by the aforementioned local authorities and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department under the Shops Acts, 1912 to 1938:—

(1) County Council of the County Palatine of Chester for the Urban District of Bollington.
(2) County Council of the County Palatine of Chester for the Urban District of Marple.
(3) Council of the Borough of Haslingden.
(4) Council of the County Borough of Sunderland.

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

Mr. Ernest Brown presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Schemes made by the aforementioned local authorities and approved by the Minister of Health under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937:—

(1) Croydon County Borough Council.
(2) Flintshire County Council.
(3) Horwich Urban District Council.
(4) Hyde Borough Council.
(5) Malling and Hollingbourn Superannuation Joint Committee.
(6) Tiverton Borough Council.

Copy of Rules, dated 7th September 1942, entitled the Mental Treatment (Emergency Provisions) Rules, 1942.

Copy of Provisional Regulations, dated 24th September 1942, entitled the National Health Insurance (Insurance Committees) Amendment Regulations, 1942.

Copies of Regulations,—

(1) dated 14th September 1942, entitled the National Health Insurance (Arrears) Amendment Regulations (No. 2), 1942;
(2) dated 1st October 1942, entitled the National Health Insurance (Dental Benefit) Amendment Regulations, 1942;
(3) dated 6th October 1942, entitled the National Health Insurance (Navy, Army and Air Force) Amendment Regulations, 1942; and
(4) dated 7th October 1942, entitled the National Health Insurance (Emergency Additional Benefits) Regulations, 1942.

Copy of a Special Order, dated 28th July 1942, entitled the National Health Insurance (Subsidiary Employments) Order, 1942.

Copy of an Order, dated 7th October 1942, entitled the Monmouthshire (Administrative Officers) Order, 1942.

Copy of Regulations, dated 28th July 1942, entitled the Holborn (Acute Rheumatism) Regulations, 1942.

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 a Draft of an Order, entitled the Government of India (Adaptation of Acts of Parliament) (Amendment) Order, 1942.

Statement showing the number of appointments made to the Indian Civil Service, Indian Police and Indian Medical Service (Civil) and the number of vacancies remaining therein.

Copy of an Amendment, dated 18th August 1942, to the Reserved Posts (Indian Police) Rules, 1938.

Copy of Amendments, dated 19th September 1942, to the Reserved Posts (Other Services) Rules, 1938.

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

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

Account of 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 1942, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

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

Copy of a Scheme for effecting the Union of the benefice of Bristol, Saint Clement and the benefice of Bristol, Saint Paul, both situate in the diocese of Bristol.

Ordered, That the said Account be printed.

Mr. Speaker reported, That the House had, this day, attended His Majesty in the House of Peers, when His Majesty was pleased to make a most gracious Speech from the Throne to both Houses of Parliament; of which Mr. Speaker said he had, for greater accuracy, obtained a copy; which he read to the House, as followeth:

My Lords and Members of the House of Commons.

In this fourth year of war My Peoples look forward with unshakable courage. They are determined to fight on to complete victory, with no thought of parley. Whatever the future may hold, I know that they will respond whole-heartedly to every new demand made upon them.

I look with gratitude and pride upon the great and ever-growing war effort of My loyal Subjects throughout the Empire. Their comradship and unity in war will be an inspiration and source of power in the years to come.

In the last few days Providence has blessed our arms and those of our American Allies. The brilliant victory in the Western Desert and the great operation forestalling the attack of our enemies upon the French territories in Northern Africa, are notable steps towards final victory.

My Forces by sea, land and air continue to meet with courage and devotion the calls which the extension of the war has made upon their resources. Aided by the powerful support of the Armed Forces of My Allies and sustained by the growing output of our munition factories, they are now bringing an increasing weight of attack against the enemy.

The declaration of the United Nations endorsing the principles of the Atlantic Charter provides a foundation on which international society can be rebuilt after the war. "As a first step My Government have entered into consultation with the Governments of the United..."
Nations in preparation for the urgent needs which will arise when the victims of oppression regain their freedom. When the time comes, these tasks will, I am confident, be faced with the same spirit of comrade ship and resolution as has been shown in the war.

My Government desire to do their utmost to raise the standards and to improve the conditions of My Peoples in the Colonies, who are playing their full part in the united war effort.

Members of the House of Commons,

You will be asked to make further financial provision for the conduct of the war and for the other necessary services.

My Lords and Members of the House of Commons,

My Government’s first concern must be to seek and secure the means of achieving complete and speedy victory; and they will put before you such proposals for emergency legislation as may be necessary for the effective prosecution of the war or for meeting conditions arising out of the war. You will be asked to pass legislation with respect to war damage suffered by public utility undertakings.

A start has, however, been made in working out the measures which will be necessary when peace comes. My Government have already received and are examining Reports upon compensation and betterment in respect of public control of the use of land and upon land utilisation in rural areas. Renewed consideration will be given to the position of Old Age and Widowed Pensioners and further measures will be laid before you.

Conversations are taking place between My Ministers and others concerned with the provision and conduct of education in England and Wales with a view to reaching an understanding upon the improvements necessary. My Ministers hope that these discussions will result in such a wide measure of agreement being reached that further progress can be made with plans for the better education of My people. The system of education in Scotland is also under review.

My Ministers will continue to take all measures open to them to promote the health and well-being of My people in war-time by securing the better care of young children, by the prevention of disease, by the treatment of the sick and by the alleviation wherever possible of the housing difficulties consequent upon the war.

Our enemies yet remain powerful and we can look forward to no easy task. All our fortitude and all our determination will be needed to win through to victory. But I know that nothing will shake your purpose or cause your steps to falter on the way. I pray that the Almighty may give His blessing to your counsels.

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

Most Gracious Sovereign,

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

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.

—(Mr. James Stuart.)

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed tomorrow.

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.—(Sir Stafford Cripps.)

Ordered, That during the present Session, Sittings of the House shall continue until the 4th day of April next:

(1) Standing Orders Nos. 1, 6, 7, 8 and 14, shall have effect 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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(2) Standing Order No. 25 shall have effect as if for the references to a quarter past Eight and a quarter past Nine of the clock there were respectively substituted references to a quarter past One and a quarter past Two of the clock.

(3) Whenever the House sits on a Friday, Standing Orders Nos. 1 and 14 as amended by this Order 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.

—(Sir Stafford Cripps.)

And it being after half-past Five of the clock, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then seventeen minutes before Six of the clock, till to-morrow.

[No. 2.]

Thursday, 12th November, 1942.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

ORDERED, That where it is intended to make application for a Private Bill a draft of the notices relating to the Bill proposed to be published in accordance with the requirements of Standing Orders 20 and 11 shall twenty-one days at least before the 4th day of December be deposited at the office of the Ministry of Information.

Ordered, That, if it appears to the Ministry of Information that the publication of such
A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That during the present Session—

(i) Government business shall have precedence at every sitting;

(ii) The following provisions shall have effect as respects public Bills:—

(a) no Bills other than Government Bills shall be introduced;

(b) whenever the House is adjourned for more than one day, notices of amendments, new clauses or new schedules (whether they are to be moved in Committee or on Report) received by the Clerks at the Table at any time not later than 4.30 p.m. on the last day of adjournment may be accepted by them as if the House was sitting;

(c) notices of amendments, new clauses or new schedules to be moved in Committee may be accepted by the Clerks at the Table before a Bill has been read a second time;

(d) a new clause may be moved on Report without notice, notwithstanding anything in Standing Order No. 37.

(3) A Motion by a Minister of the Crown under paragraph (8) of Standing Order No. 1 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;

(4) Whenever the House is adjourned for more than one day, notices of questions received by the Clerks at the Table at any time not later than 4.30 p.m. on the last day of adjournment may be accepted—

(a) if received before 4.30 p.m. on the penultimate day of adjournment, as if they had been given on that day at a time when the House was sitting,

(b) if received thereafter, as if they had been given on the last day of adjournment at a time when the House was sitting.

For the purposes of this Order the expression "day of adjournment" means a day on which the House is not sitting, not being a Saturday or Sunday—(Sir Stafford Cripps);

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question in l.4, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words "except that after the first day of January nineteen hundred and forty-three, the House shall sit on a fourth sitting day each week for the consideration of private Members' Motions."—(Captain Charles Taylor.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted;

Mr. Speaker called the attention of the House Member directed to the continued irrelevance on the part of Mr. William Brown, Member for the County of seat, Warwick (Rugby Division), and directed the honourable Member to resume his seat.

And the said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn. Then the Main Question being put:

Ordered, That during the present Session—

(i) Government business shall have precedence at every sitting;

(ii) The following provisions shall have effect as respects public Bills:—

(a) no Bills other than Government Bills shall be introduced;
Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—Adjournment.

(Mr. Pym.)

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

[No. 3.]

Tuesday, 17th November, 1942.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Secretary Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, Copy of an Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department under the Shops Act, 1912, to

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

Mr. Secretary Amery presented, pursuant to the directions of the Act of Parliament, Copy of a Special Order, dated 3rd November 1942, entitled the National Health Insurance (Exclusion and Inclusion) Amendment Order (Scotland), 1942.

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

Mr. Secretary Amary presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, to

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

Mr. Secretary Johnston presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, to

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

Mr. Noel Baker presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, to

ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.

(Sir James Edmondson.)

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Tuesday next.

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

(Sir James Edmondson);

And it being Five of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed without a Question being put.

Adjournment.
The Committee was accordingly nominated of,—Mr. Atlee, Mr. Attorney General, Sir George Courtice, Mr. Denman, Mr. Greenwood, Colonel Gretton, Sir Percy Harris, Mr. Lambert, Sir Hugh O'Neil and Earl Winterton.

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

Ordered, That Five be the quorum of the Committee.—(Sir James Edmondson.)

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

Ordered, That the Committee do consist of Seventeen Members.

The Committee was accordingly nominated of,—Sir Ernest Bennett, Sir Reginald Blair, Sir William Brass, Viscountess Davidson, Sir Henry Fildes, Mrs. Hardie, Mr. Horabin, Mr. Leonard, Mr. Liddall, Colonel Sir Thomas Moore, Mr. Robert Morrison, Mr. Muff, Sir Ashton Pownall, Sir Bracewell Smith, Sir Lambert Ward and Mr. Arthur Young.

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

Ordered, That Three be the quorum of the Committee.—(Sir James Edmondson.)

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

Ordered, That the Committee do consist of Thirty-two Members.

The Committee was accordingly nominated of,—Mr. David Adams, Mr. Ammon, Sir Ernest Bennett, Mr. Bosson, Mr. Brooke, Mr. Butcher, Sir Edward Cadogan, Mr. Douglas Cooke, Mr. Culverwell, Viscountess Davidson, Sir Ralph Glyn, Sir Arnold Grilley, Mr. Geoffrey Hutchinson, Mr. Kimball, Mr. Kirby, Mr. Leach, Mr. Lipson, Sir Adam Matiland, Mr. Mori, Mr. Price, Mr. de Rothschild, Sir George Schuster, Sir John Shute, Mr. Silklin, Mr. Storey, Miss Ward, Sir John Wardlaw-Milne, Sir Harold Webbe, Mr. Graham White, Sir Herbert Williams, Mr. Woodburn and Sir Robert Young.

Ordered, That Seven be the quorum of the Committee.

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

Ordered, That the Committee have power, in cases where considerations of national security preclude the publishing of certain recommendations and of the arguments upon which they are based, to address a memorandum to the Prime Minister for the consideration of the War Cabinet, provided that the Committee shall, whenever they have exercised such power, report the fact as soon as possible to the House.

Ordered, That the Committee have power to appoint Sub-Committees and to refer to such Sub-Committees any of the matters referred to the Committee.
Ordered, That the Committee have power to appoint a Co-ordinating Sub-Committee to review, co-ordinate and direct the work of the investigating Sub-Committees, and to refer to such Sub-Committee any of the matters referred to the Committee.

Ordered, That the Committee have power to give such Co-ordinating Sub-Committee power to appoint such Sub-Committees as may seem to them desirable and to refer to such Sub-Committees any of the matters referred to the Committee, to alter the order of reference of any Sub-Committee, to direct two or more Sub-Committees to sit jointly, to nominate Members of the Committee for service on any Sub-Committee, to appoint the Chairman of any Sub-Committee, to discharge the members of any Sub-Committee and to appoint others in substitution for those discharged : Provided that any action taken by the Co-ordinating Sub-Committee in the exercise of any of the powers referred to in this Order shall be invalid unless approved by the Committee within twenty-one days.

Ordered, That every Sub-Committee, including any Co-ordinating Sub-Committee so appointed, have power to send for persons, papers and records ; to sit notwithstanding any Adjournment of the House ; and to adjourn from place to place ; and that every Sub-Committee shall report any evidence taken by them to the Committee.

Ordered, That the quorum of any Sub-Committee so appointed shall be two except that the quorum of any Co-ordinating Sub-Committee so appointed shall be three.

Ordered, That when two or more Sub-Committees have been directed to sit jointly, they shall constitute a single Sub-Committee, whose quorum shall be composed of two members of each of the Sub-Committees so directed to sit jointly.—(Sir James Edmonson.)

Adjournment.

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

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

[No. 4.]

Wednesday, 18th November, 1942.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

ORDERED, That, during the present Session, notwithstanding anything in the Standing Orders relating to Private Business, the following provisions shall have effect :—

(a) a petition for a Private Bill required by the Standing Orders to be deposited in the Committee and Private Bill Office on or before the 27th day of November shall be deemed to have been so deposited if deposited in the said Office on the 28th day of November before noon that day ;

(b) Standing Order 242 shall have effect as if for the Proviso to that Order the following Proviso were substituted :— Provided always that the provisions of this Standing Order shall not apply to an adjournment from a day in one week to a day in the following week ;

(c) 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" ;

(d) where by virtue of any Order in Council any functions of any Minister have been transferred to some other Minister references in any Standing Order to the Minister from whom the functions have been transferred shall so far as the Standing Order relates to the subject matter of the transferred functions have effect as if for such references there were substituted references to the Minister to whom the functions have been transferred and references to any "Ministry" shall be construed accordingly ;

(e) where by any Standing Order there is required to be deposited an ordnance map or a map published prepared or approved by the Ordnance Survey the deposit of a photographic copy of an ordnance map shall be sufficient compliance with the requirement ;

Provided that where the map to be deposited is required to be on a specified scale the photographic copy shall be on that scale ;

For the purposes of this Order "Minister" shall include any Government Department.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

The Order made upon the 17th day of this Road Traffic instant November that the Copy of the Order, dated 17th October 1942, entitled the Motor Vehicles (Authorisation of Special Types) (No. 5) Order, 1942, do lie upon the Table was read and discharged.

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

Captain Crookshank presented, pursuant to Income Tax, the directions of an Act of Parliament,— Copy of Regulations, dated 24th September 1942, entitled the Seasonal Employments (Income Tax) Regulations, 1942.

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

Mr. William Morrison presented, pursuant to Post Office (Telegraph and Telephone Service) (Account of Services or Terminable Annuities) (Telegraph Acts, 1868 to 1925, and the Post Office and Telegraph (Money) Acts, 1928 to 1939, for the purpose of the Services) :—And, certain Returns relating to Capital Borrowings. Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Ernest Brown presented, pursuant to Local Government Superannuation Schemes made by the under—
mentioned local authorities and approved by the Minister of Health under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937:
(1) Brecon County Council.
(2) Conway Borough Council.
(3) Nuneaton Borough Council.
(4) Thanet and District Superannuation Joint Committee.

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

Mr. Secretary Johnston presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Amending General Order, dated 13th November 1942, for the regulation of Proceedings under and in pursuance of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1936.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return respecting the application of Standing Order No. 26 (Closure of Debate) during Sessions 1939-40, 1940-41 and 1941-42 in the House and in Committee of the whole House under the following heads:

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Ordered, That there be laid before this House, 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 Session 1941-42:

Of all the Private Bills, Hybrid Bills, and Bills for confirming Provisional Orders which in Session 1941-42 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 met; the number of days 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 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 Session 1941-42 have been referred by the Committee of Selection to the Committee on Unopposed Bills, together with the names of the Members who served on the Committee; the number of days on which the Committee sat; the number of days on which each Member was summoned and on which each Member attended:

And, of the number of Private Bills, Hybrid Bills, and Bills for confirming Provisional Orders withdrawn or not proceeded with by the parties, the Bills being specified which have been referred to Committees and dropped during the sittings of the Committee.—(The Deputy Chairman.)

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Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the number of Select Committees appointed in Session 1941-42, the Chairman'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 Select Committee; and the total number of Members who served on Select Committees.—(The Deputy Chairman.)

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 11th 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 Graceful 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 Five of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed, to whom shall be referred all Petitions presented to this 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 this House all requisite information respecting their contents, and do report the same from time to time to this Committee; 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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the number of Public Bills presented and printed in Session 1941-42, with the total number of signatures in that Session.—(The Deputy Chairman.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the number of Public Petitions presented and printed in Session 1941-42, showing the number of days on which each Member was summoned and on which each Member attended:

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 11th day of this instant November, that an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, as followeth:

Most Gracious Sovereign,

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 Graceful Speech which Your Majesty has addressed to both Houses of Parliament:

And the Question being again proposed:—
The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

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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 this House.

The Committee was nominated of,—Colonel Acland-Troyte, Sir Edward Campbell, Mr. Chater, Sir Reginald Clarry, Mr. Daggar, Captain Alan Graham, Captain Hambro, Mr. Horabin, Sir Percy Hurd, Brigadier-General Sir Ernest Makins, Sir Alexander Russell, Dr. Russell Thomas, Mr. Tinker, Mr. Viant and Sir Richard Wells.

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

Ordered, That Three be the quorum of the Committee.—(Sir James Edmondson.)

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to assist Mr. Speaker in the arrangements for the Report of Debates and to enquire into the expenditure on Stationery and Printing for this House and the public services generally.

The Committee was nominated of,—Sir Reginald Clarry, Mr. Close, Mr. Emery, Sir Francis Fremantle, Mr. Isaacs, Dr. Morrison, Mr. Naylor, Mr. Storey, Rear-Admiral Sir Murray Sueter, 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.—(Sir James Edmondson.)

MEMORANDUM.

In pursuance of Standing Order No. 80 (4) —
I hereby nominate:—
Major the Honourable Sir Edward Cadogan, K.B.E.,
Major Sir Cyril Fullard Entwistle, K.C., M.C., Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Charles Glen MacAndrew,
Fred Marshall, esquire,
Major James Milner, M.C., Morgan Philips Price, esquire,
Sir Robert Smith, J.P.,
Colonel Sir Albert Lambert Ward, baronet, C.V.O., D.S.O.,
Charles Williams, esquire, and
Sir Robert Young, O.B.E.,
to be the Chairmen's Panel during this Session.

E. A. FitzRoy,
Speaker.

18th November, 1942.

[No. 5.]

Thursday, 19th November, 1942.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

SIR Irving Albery, Rear-Admiral Beamish, Selection.

Mr. James Edmondson.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed the day before, do adjourn till Tuesday next.—(Mr. James Stuart.)

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed the 18th and 19th November, 1942; and that such Committee have power to report from time to time.

Ordered, That Three be the quorum of the Committee.—(Sir James Edmondson.)
Resolved, That the Orders made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department extending section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to—

(1) the Parish of Sible Hedingham in the Rural District of Halstead;
(2) the Rural District of Hungerford; and
(3) the Urban District of Bishop's Stortford; copies of which were presented to this House on the 17th day of this instant November, be approved.—(Mr. Peake.)

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

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

[No. 6.]

Tuesday, 24th November, 1942.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Secretary Johnston presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1936, relating to the Edinburgh Merchant Company Endowments: And the same was ordered (under Section 7 of the Act) to be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Bill be printed.

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 Statement of proposed action by His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland regarding the undermentioned draft conventions adopted by, and recommendations of the General Conference of the International Labour Organisation of the League of Nations:

(1) Draft Convention concerning the Regulation of Written Contracts of Employment of Indigenous Workers.
(2) Recommendation concerning the Maximum Length of Written Contracts of Employment of Indigenous Workers.
(4) Recommendation concerning Labour Inspectorates for Indigenous Workers.

Sir Walter Womersley presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders, dated 24th October 1942, entitled:

(1) the War Pensions Committees (Extension) Order, 1942,
(2) the Buckinghamshire (War Pensions Committee) Order Amendment Order, 1942,
(3) the Leamington, Warwick and District (War Pensions Committee) Order Amendment Order, 1942,
(4) the Willesden, Hendon, Harrow and District (War Pensions Committee) Order Amendment Order, 1942,
(5) the Bromley, Sevenoaks and District (War Pensions Committee) Order Amendment Order, 1942,
(6) the Ilford and Romford (War Pensions Committee) Order Amendment Order, 1942,
(7) the Conssett, Blaydon and District (War Pensions Committee) Order Amendment Order, 1942,
(8) the Dartford and District (War Pensions Committee) Order Amendment Order, 1942,
(9) the East Ham and Barking (War Pensions Committee) Order Amendment Order, 1942,
(10) the Westmorland, Lancaster and District (War Pensions Committee) Order Amendment Order, 1942, and
(11) the Ealing, Acton, Uxbridge and District (War Pensions Committee) Order Amendment Order, 1942.

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 Orders in Council,—

(1) dated 1st July 1942, entitled the Tyne Improvement Commission (Temporary Provisions) Order, 1942,
(2) dated 13th July 1942, entitled the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board (Temporary Provisions) Order, 1942,
(3) dated 23rd July 1942, entitled the Leith Harbour and Docks Commissioners (Temporary Provisions) Order, 1942,
(4) dated 6th August 1942, entitled the Epping Forest Verderers (Extension of Term of Office) Order, 1942, and
(5) dated 17th September 1942, entitled the General Medical Council (Temporary Provisions) Order, 1942.


(1) the Special Constables Order, 1942, and
(2) the Special Constables (Scotland) Order, 1942.

Copies of Orders in Council,—

(2) dated 23rd July 1942, adding Regulations entitled the Defence (Amalgamation of Police Forces) Regulations, 1942,
(3) dated 23rd July 1942, making Regulations entitled the Defence (Burial, Inquests and Registration of Deaths) Regulations, 1942,
(4) dated 23rd July 1942, adding Regulations 6 and 7 to the Defence (Cinematograph Quotas) Regulations, 1940,
(5) dated 23rd July 1942, revoking the Defence (Game) Regulations, 1941, and making Regulations entitled the Defence (Game) Regulations, 1942,

editions of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, extending section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932,
(6) dated 6th August, 1942, entitled the Emergency Powers (Straits Settlements Defence) (Amendment) Order in Council, 1942,
(7) dated 6th August, 1942, entitled the Emergency Powers (Colonial Defence) (Amendment) Order in Council, 1942,
(8) dated 6th August, 1942, amending Regulation 8 of, and adding Regulation 8A to, the Defence (Patents, Trade Marks, &c.) Regulations, 1941,
(9) dated 6th August, 1942, adding Regulation 29B to the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939,
(10) dated 6th August, 1942, amending Regulations 58A, 58AB and 103 of, and adding Regulations 46AB and 55C to, the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939,
(11) dated 6th August, 1942, adding Regulation 79O to the Defence (General) Regulations (Isle of Man), 1939,
(12) dated 6th August, 1942, adding Regulation 8 to the Defence (Cinematograph Quotas) Regulations, 1940,
(13) dated 6th August, 1942, substituting a new Regulation for Regulation 6, and amending Regulation 12, of the Defence (Armed Forces) Regulations, 1939,
(14) dated 6th August, 1942, adding Regulation 7A to, and amending Regulation 8 of, the Defence (Women's Forces) Regulations, 1941,
(15) dated 6th August, 1942, amending Regulation 2 of the Defence (Burial, Inquests and Registration of Deaths) Regulations, 1942,
(16) dated 17th September, 1942, amending Regulations 26A, 27B, 29B, 31A, 49, 54B, 54C, 55, 60DA, 94A and 100, revoking Regulation 7A and renumbering Regulation 42AA of, and adding new Regulations 35, 42AA, 55D, 60DA and 79EA to, the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939,
(17) dated 17th September, 1942, amending the Defence (Armed Forces) Regulations, 1939, the Defence (Companies) Regulations, 1940, the Defence (Evacuated Areas) Regulations, 1940, the Defence (Home Guard) Regulations, 1940, and the Defence (Patents, Trade Marks, &c.) Regulations, 1941,
(18) dated 14th October, 1942, amending Regulations 18, 47A, 53, 60 and 78 of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939,
(19) dated 14th October, 1942, extending to the Isle of Man and amending the Defence (Finance) Regulations, 1939, and revoking the Defence (Finance) Regulations (Isle of Man), 1939,
(20) dated 14th October, 1942, amending the Defence (Finance) Regulations, 1939,
(21) dated 14th October, 1942, making Regulations entitled the Defence (Merchant Navy Reserve Pool) Regulations (Isle of Man), 1942, and
(22) dated 14th October, 1942, entitled the Defence Regulations (Merchant Navy Reserve Pool) Enforcement Order, 1942.

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

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, extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the Urban District of Newtown and Llanllwchaiarn.

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

Mr. Dalton presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 16th November, 1942, entitled the Boot and Shoe Repairs (Maximum Charges) (No. 2) Order, 1942.

Copy of an Order, dated 16th November, 1942, entitled the War Risks (Commodity Insurance) (No. 5) Order, 1942.

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

Captain Crookshank presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Report by Sir William Beveridge on Social Insurance and Allied Services.

Copy of Appendix G to the said Report by Sir William Beveridge: Memoranda from Organisations.

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

Mr. Ernest Brown presented, pursuant to the local Government Superannuation Act, 1937, the Metropolitan Borough Council and approved by the Minister of Health under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937, the Defence (Women's Forces) Regulations, 1940, the Defence (Evacuated Areas) Regulations, 1940, the Defence (Cinematograph Quotas) Regulations, 1942, the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939.

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

Captain Crookshank presented a Bill to continue certain expiring laws: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 11th 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. Secretary Eden.]

And the Original Question being again proposed;

King's Speech (Motion for an Address).

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

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.

King's Speech (Motion for an Address).
Speech contains no proposals for improving the organisation and training of the Army in the British Isles."—[Mr. Bernays.]

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there added:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

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

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.

—(Sir James Edmondson.)

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

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

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

[No. 7.]

Wednesday, 25th November, 1942.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Edinburgh Merchant Company Endowments (Amendment) Order Confirmation Bill.

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

Captain Crookshank presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Certificate, dated 16th November 1942, issued by the Treasury, certifying that it is inexpedient to lay before Parliament the Statement prepared by the Board of Trade under Section 70 of the War Damage Act, 1941, with respect to the War Damage (Business Scheme) for the year ended the 31st day of March 1942.

Copy of a Certificate, dated 16th November 1942, issued by the Treasury, certifying that it is inexpedient to lay before Parliament copies of the Accounts of the War Risks (Marine) Insurance Fund and the War Risks (Commodities) Insurance Fund for the year ended the 31st day of March 1942.

Captain Crookshank also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of a Certificate, dated 21st November 1942, 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 Colonel the Right Honourable John Jessyn Llewelyn, C.B.E., M.C., a Member of the Commons House of Parliament, to be Minister Resident in Washington for Supply, is required in the public interest for purposes connected with the prosecution of the present war.

Copy of a Statement of the Payments by the War Damage Commission and Contributions received by the Commissioners of Inland Revenue under Part I of the War Damage Act, 1941, for the period to the 31st day of March 1942.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relative to War Damage be printed.

Mr. Secretary Stanley presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Report for 1941, 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.

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

Mr. Dalton presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, entitled the Perambulators (Maximum Prices and Charges) Order, 1942.

Copy of a Statement prepared by the Board of Trade under Section 70 of the War Damage (Private Chattels Scheme) from the 1st day of May 1941 to the 31st day of March 1942.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relative to War Damage (Private Chattels Scheme) be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 11th 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.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question by adding, at the end thereof, the words "But humbly regret that no mention is made in the gracious Speech which Your Majesty has addressed to both Houses of Parliament; And the Question being again proposed:—

The House divided.

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

The Yeas to the Right;

The Nays to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. James Thomas: Mrs. Tate,

Mr. Douilton,

Dr. Summerskill:

Mrs. Tate,

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Mr. James Thomas: 229

So it passed in the Negative.

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

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

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

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

And it being half an hour after Five of the clock, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, till to-morrow.
The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The Edinburgh Merchant Company Endowments (Amendment) Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

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

Gas (Special Orders). 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 Corporation of the City of Glasgow.

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

National Service Bill. Mr. Bevin, supported by Secretary Sir Archibald Sinclair, Mr. Alexander, Secretary Sir James Grigg and Mr. McCorquodale, presented a Bill to authorise the making of preparatory arrangements for the calling up of male persons who are about to become liable to be called up for service under the National Service Acts, 1939 to 1941, to simplify the making of proclamations for the purposes of those Acts, and to amend the provisions of those Acts relating to exemptions: And the same, was ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next; and to be printed.

Adjournment. The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed—upon the 11th 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.

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

"Welcome in particular the declaration in the Gracious Speech that His Majesty's Government desire to do their utmost to raise the standards and improve the conditions of the peoples in the Colonies, but humbly regret that no mention is made of specific measures, including the establishment of a Colonial Development Board, to give practical effect to this declaration without delay."—(Sir Edward Grigg.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there added:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

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

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

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Tuesday next.

Resolved, That the Potatoes (1942 Crop) Emergency Powers (Defence) Act, 1939, a copy of which was presented to this House on the roth day of this instant November in the last Session of Parliament, be approved.—(Mr. Mabane.)

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to examine all documents and records in the custody or control of any officer of the House; to report which of these may be destroyed and which are of sufficient historical interest to justify their preservation; and to recommend methods for securing the safe custody of any classes of documents which ought to be preserved.

The Committee was nominated of,—Sir Percy Harris, Sir Dennis Herbert, Major Milner, Mr. Nicolson and Mr. Pickthorn.

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

Ordered, That Three be the quorum of the Committee.—(Sir James Edmonson.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment, proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Sir James Edmonson);

And it being Five of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed without a Question being put.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till nine minutes after Five of the clock, adjourned till Tuesday next, pursuant to the Resolution of the House this day.
Tuesday, 1st December, 1942.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Trade Disputes

Mr. Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command.—Copy of the Report of the Court of Inquiry appointed to enquire into and report upon the causes and circumstances of the threatened stoppages of work in engineering establishments in South Wales arising out of the dispute at the Tredomen Works of the Powell Duffryn Associated Collieries, Limited. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Emergency Powers (Defence).

No. 5.

Mr. Secretary Morrison 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 October 1942. Ordered, That the said Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Goods and Services (Price Control).

Mr. Dalton presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 17th November 1942, entitled the Flints (Lighters) (Maximum Prices) (No. 2) Order, 1942. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Universities of Oxford and Cambridge.

Sir John Anderson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Statute made by the Governing Body of the Queen's College, Oxford, on the 9th day of July 1942, amending Statute XXIII of the College. Copy of a Statute made by the Governing Body of Oriel College, Oxford, on the 16th day of July 1942, amending Statute II, 6, of the College. Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Road Traffic and Vehicles.

Mr. Noel-Baker presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Provisional Regulations, dated 24th November 1942, entitled the Public Service Vehicles (Equipment and Use) (Amendment) Provisional Regulations, 1942. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Treaty Series

[No. 13, 1942].

Copy of a Convention between His Majesty in respect of the United Kingdom, the Commonwealth of Australia, New Zealand and the Union of South Africa and the President of Paraguay supplementary to the Treaty of the 14th day of September 1908, regarding Extraterritorial Rights. Asuncion, 30th September 1933. [Ratifications exchanged at Asuncion, 22nd October 1942.] Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

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

Account of the Cunard Insurance Fund for 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.

Col. 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. Beattie, Sir Samuel Chapman, Mr. Erskine Hill, Sir Henry Fieldes, Sir Edmund Findlay, Sir John Graham Kerr, Mr. Kirkwood, Mr. McKie, Mr. Joseph MacIeray, Mr. Neil Madeean, Mr. Mathers, Sir Thomas Moore, Major Neven-Spence, Lord William Scott, Captain Shaw, Sir Robert Smith, Mr. Snadden, Mr. Henderson Stewart and Mr. Watson.

Col. Gretton reported from the Committee of Selection, that, they had selected the following Standing Orders Committee Members:

E. C. Church, Major Theobald, Sir Cyril Evett, Mr. Brine, Sir Francis Fremantle, Captain Sir Austin Hudson, Sir Henry Haydn Jones, Major Leighton, Sir Frank Sanderson and Mr. Tinker.

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

Col. Gretton reported from the Committee of Selection, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth: 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.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Motion had been brought from the Lords Command, Copy of the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of Northern Ireland to correspond with alterations in county court jurisdiction made by the Parliament of Northern Ireland, and to make
Supreme Court (Northern Ireland) Bill (Lords.)

The Supreme Court (Northern Ireland) 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 11th 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 on the Question relating to the said Supreme Court;—And a Debate arising thereupon;

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

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

Expanding Laws Continuance Bill.

The Expanding Laws Continuance 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. Butler, by His Majesty's Command acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Expanding Laws Continuance [Money] proposed to be moved, under Standing Order No. 69, in a Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House.—Whereupon the House, pursuant to Standing Order No. 69, resolved itself into a 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 Part I of the Coal Mines Act, 1930, the Cotton Manufacturing Industry (Temporary Provisions)—Act, 1934, and the Debts Clearing Offices and Import Restrictions Act, 1934, until the thirty-first day of December, nineteen hundred and forty-three, and of the Special Areas (Amendment) Act, 1937, until the thirty-first day of December, nineteen hundred and forty-four, being expenses which, under any of the four 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.—

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 this House do now adjourn.— Adjournment. (Sir James Edmondson.)

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

[No. 10.]

Wednesday, 2nd December, 1942.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Ernest Brown presented, pursuant to Local Government Superannuation Act, the directions of an Act of Parliament, Order, that the said Paper should be printed.

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

(1) New Sarum City Council.
(2) Pontardawe Rural District Council. Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Major Lloyd George presented, pursuant to Gas (Special Orders) Act, the directions of an Act of Parliament, Order, that the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Morrison, supported by Mr. Secretary Johnston, Mr. Attorney General, Mr. Peake and Mr. Westwood, presented a Bill, entitled the Police (Appeals) Bill, to extend to members of police forces who are punished by reduction in rank or in rate of pay the rights of appeal granted by the Police (Appeals) Act, 1927: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.
Mr. Secretary Morrison, supported by Major Lloyd George, Sir Walter Womersley, Mr. Peake and Mr. Tom Smith, presented a Bill to extend section forty-seven of the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1925, to women suffering from pneumoconiosis and to provide for the payment of benefit in the case of such women; to enable the Treasury to contribute to certain medical expenses; to amend certain provisions of the Coal Mines Act, 1911, relating to siliceous rocks; to amend the provisions of the Workmen's Compensation Acts, 1925 to 1941, relating to certain dependants, to payments in the case of incapacity, to examining surgeons and to the making of rules of court; to provide for the repayment of certain sums paid to dependants of seamen by the Minister of Pensions; 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.

Ordered, That no Notices of Amendments on going into Committee of Supply be given until the 2nd sitting day in February.—(Mr. Secretary Eden.)

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 1st day of this instant December, was proposed to be made to the Question proposed upon the 11th day of November last, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, as followeth:—

Most Gracious Sovereign,

We, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, in Parliament assembled, beg leave to offer our humble thanks to Your Majesty for the Gracious Speech which Your Majesty has addressed to both Houses of Parliament; Which Amendment was, at the end of the Question, to add the words,—

And, while welcoming the declaration of the United Nations endorsing the principles of the Atlantic Charter, humbly represent to Your Majesty the urgent necessity of Your Majesty's Advisers reaching practical conclusions, in co-operation with the United Nations, to fulfil these undertakings, and taking the necessary legislative and administrative action to implement without delay the pledges given to Your Majesty's subjects in the United Kingdom:—

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

And the said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Main Question being again proposed:—And a Debate arising thereupon; Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned. (Sir James Edmondson.)

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty in pursuance of the provisions of Section 309 of the Government of India Act, 1935, praying that the Government of India (Adaptation of Acts of Parliament) Amendment Order, 1942, be made in the form of the draft laid before Parliament.—(Mr. Secretary Amery.)
The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Statement of the activities of the Ministry of Labour and National Service in connection with Welfare outside the Factory and Seamen's Welfare in Port.

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

Mr. Secretary Morrison presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Report of the Committee on Electoral Machinery.

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

Major Lloyd George presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Draft of a Special Order proposed to be made under the Gas Undertakings Acts, 1920 to 1934, on the application of the Coatbridge Gas Company.

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

Captain Crookshank presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 30th November 1942, granting a retired allowance to Mr. George Harold Calvert, Night Supervisor, Post Office, Leeds, under Section 2 of the Superannuation Act, 1887.

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 Macclesfield Borough Council, and approved by the Minister of Health under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937.

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

Copy of an Order, dated 16th November 1942, entitled the County of Lancaster (Adjudicating Officers) Order, 1942.

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

Mr. Robert Hudson, supported by Mr. Secretary Johnston, Captain Crookshank, Mr. Tom Williams and Mr. Allan Chapman, presented a Bill to amend the law relating to agriculture, agricultural land and the drainage of land and to amend the Corn Returns Act, 1882: 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. James Stuart.)

King's Speech (Motion for an Address).

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 11th day of November last, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, as followeth:—

Most Gracious Sovereign,

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

And the Question being again proposed:— The House resumed the said adjourned Debate. Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by adding, at the end thereof, the words,—

"But humbly regret that the gracious Speech, while expressing the highest aspirations for the future peace and welfare of the peoples of the world, makes no concrete proposals for the realisation of these desirable objects and for removing the cause of war; and fails to promise legislation to remove the grave social inequalities of the present order, which in many cases have been intensified by the war, and offers no prospect of a new order for the common people here, in India and in the Colonies."—(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 Yeas, Mr. McGovern, Mr. Stephen; Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Stuart, Mr. Whiteley.

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 Ways and Means, next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.—(Mr. James Stuart.)

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday Supply, next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Ways and Means for raising the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.—(Mr. James Stuart.)

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

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.
The following Paper, pursuant to paragraph 35 of the Land Fertility Scheme, 1937, was also laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

**Account of the Land Fertility Research Fund for the year ended the thirty-first day of March, 1942, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.**

**Ordered, That the said Account be printed.**

**Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords National Expenditure, to request that their Lordships will be pleased to give leave to the Earl De La Warr to attend to be examined, as a Witness, before the Sub-Committee for Special Inquiries, appointed by the Select Committee on National Expenditure.—(Sir Herbert Williams.)**

**Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the said Message.**

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

The Lords give leave to the Earl De La Warr to attend in order to his being examined as a Witness before the Sub-Committee for Special Inquiries, appointed by the Select Committee appointed by this House on National Expenditure, if his Lordship think fit.

**Captain Crookshank 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 Part I of the Coal Mines Act, 1930, the Cotton Manufacturing Industry (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1934, and the Debts Clearing Offices and Import Restrictions Act, 1934, until the thirty-first day of December, nineteen hundred and forty-three, and of the Special Areas (Amendment) Act, 1937, until the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and forty-four, being expenses which, under any of the four 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.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved Expiring Laws Continuance Bill.

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

(3) amending Regulation 9 of the Defence (Finance) Regulations, 1939.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 24th November 1942, entitled the British Solomon Islands (Temporary Provisions) Order in Council, 1942.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and
The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the National Service Bill; And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That," to the end of the Question, and adding the words "this House declines to give a Second Reading to the National Service Bill until steps have been taken to discontinue the calling up of men over 37 years of age who are rendering important service in their civil avocations and until provision has been made for calling to the Colours men between the ages of 17 and 18½ who could be withdrawn from civil life with less social and economic disturbance and would be available immediately for home defence and adaptable for training to modern war; and until provision is made for an unified scheme of pre-entry training common to all three services."—(Mr. Molson.)—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;

The House divided;
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the \{Mr. James Thomas, Mr. Young :\} 267,
Tellers for the \{Mr. Maxton, Mr. Stephen :\} 5,
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.—(Sir James Edmondson.)

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

The 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.—(Sir James Edmondson.)

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

Mr. Bracken, by His Majesty’s Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Workmen’s Compensation [Money] proposed to be moved, under Standing Order No. 69, in a Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House:—Whereupon the House, pursuant to Standing Order No. 69, resolved itself into a Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to extend section forty-seven of the Workmen’s Compensation Act, 1925, to workmen suffering from pneumoconiosis, to provide for the payment of benefit in the case of such workmen, to enable the Treasury to contribute to certain medical expenses, and to make provision for certain other matters, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of such sums as may be advanced by the Minister of Fuel and Power to the board administering any scheme made under the said Act for the payment of benefit in the case of workmen suffering from pneumoconiosis, and of such sums as may be contributed by the Secretary of State to any medical expenses fund established under section two of the Workmen’s Compensation (Silicosis and Asbestosis) Act, 1930, as extended by the said Act;

(b) the payment into the Exchequer of any sums retained by the Minister of Fuel and Power out of payments collected from employers under any such scheme, being sums retained for the purpose of repaying any advance made by him as aforesaid.

—(Mr. Peake.)

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 this House do now adjourn.—Adjournment.

(Sir James Edmondson.)

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

[No. 13.]

Wednesday, 9th December, 1942.
The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The Vice-Chamberlain of the Household read the King’s Speech reported to the House, That His Majesty, having been attended with their Address of the 3rd day of this instant December, was pleased to receive the same very graciously, and to give the following Answer:

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

The Vice-Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, That His Address of the 2nd day of this instant December relative to India (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, 1942, be made in the form of the draft laid before Parliament. I will comply with your request.
A Public Petition was presented, and read ; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Captain Crookshank presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 3rd December 1942, entitled the War Damage (Valuation of Hereditaments in Special Cases) Regulations, 1942.

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 Edinburgh Merchant Company Endowments (Amendment) Order Confirmation Bill, without any Amendment.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the National Service Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. i to No. 5 agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be 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. Peake reported from the Committee on the Workmen's Compensation [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to extend section forty-seven of the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1925, to workmen suffering from pneumoconiosis, to provide for the payment of benefit in the case of such workmen, to enable the Treasury to contribute to certain medical expenses, and to make provision for certain other matters, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of such sums as may be advanced by the Minister of Fuel and Power to the board administering any scheme made under the said Act for the payment of benefit in the case of workmen suffering from pneumoconiosis, and of such sums as may be contributed by the Secretary of State to any medical expenses fund established under section two of the Workmen's Compensation (Silicosis and Asbestosis) Act, 1930, as extended by the said Act;

(b) the payment into the Exchequer of any sums retained by the Minister of Fuel and Power out of payments collected from employers under any such scheme, being sums retained for the purpose of repaying any advance made by him as aforesaid.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Workmen's Compensation Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (Benefit scheme for workmen formerly employed in coal mining industry and suffering from pneumoconiosis).

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 22, after the word "totally," to insert the words "or partially."—(Mr. James Griffiths.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clauses No. 3 and No. 4 agreed to.

Clause No. 5 (Power to disregard earnings of widow in respect of war work).

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 34, to leave out from the word "earnings" to the end of the subsection.—(Mr. James Griffiths.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 38, to leave out the words "in any such case."—(Mr. Stephen Davies.)

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

Another Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 6 (Calculation of weekly payments in case of changes in rates of remuneration.)

Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 28, after the word "remuneration," to insert the words "or in the duration of employment in each week."—(Mr. Ness Edwards.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.

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

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

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

The Supreme Court (Northern Ireland) 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.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjourned.

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

And it being Five of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed without a Question being put.

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

(Sir James Edmondson.)

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

PRAYERS.

SIR John Anderson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Statutes made by the Governing Body of New College, Oxford, on the 7th day of October 1942, amending Statutes III, IX and XIV of the College.

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

Mr. Dalton presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Report on the administration of the Road Fund for the year ended the 31st day of March 1942.

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

Debts Clearing Offices.

No. 9.

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

Accounts of the Receipts and Payments of the Anglo-Spanish, Anglo-Roumanian, Anglo-Italian and Anglo-Turkish Clearing Offices for the year ended the 31st day of March 1942, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor-General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Accounts be printed.

Adjournment.

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

Strangers.

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. Secretary Eden.)

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 a Question being put.

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

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

[No. 14.]

Thursday, 10th December, 1942.

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 Alexander Crawford Browne, Esquire, Member for the Borough of Belfast (West 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.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported, Private Bills.

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

Cardiff Corporation.

Grand Union Canal.

Liverpool Hydraulic Power.

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 the Report of the Committee on Hydro-Electric Development in Scotland.

Sir John Anderson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 24th November 1942, entitled the Dundee Harbour Trustees (Extension of Term of Office) Order, 1942.

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

Mr. Secretary Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Reports by the Secretary of State for the Home Department extending Cinematograph State Management Districts.

No. 10.

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

Mr. Secretary Amery presented, pursuant to the Burma, the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Ordinances promulgated by the Governor of Burma under the powers conferred upon him by Section 42 of the Government of Burma Act, 1935, entitled—

(1) the Military Police Act (Amendment) Ordinance (Extending) Ordinance, 1942.
(2) the Military Police Act (Amendment) Ordinance (Extending) Ordinance, 1942.
(3) the National Service (Medical Practitioners) Ordinance (Extending) Ordinance, 1942.
(4) the Burma Frontier Force Act (Second Amendment) Ordinance (Extending) Ordinance, 1942.
(5) the Burma Auxiliary Force Act (Amendment) Ordinance (Extending) Ordinance, 1942, and
Emergency Powers (Defence) Acts, 1939 to 1940, amending Regulations 27A, 47AA and 91 of, and the Third Schedule to, and adding Regulations 32B and 47AAA to, the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939, a copy of which was presented to this House on the 11th day of November last, be annulled.—(Dr. Summerskill.)

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

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Wilson: 31.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Thomas: 245.

So it passed in the Negative.

Resolved, That the Draft of the Special Order Gas (Special Regulations) proposed to be made by the Minister of Fuel and Power under the Gas Undertakings Acts, 1920 to 1934, on the application of the Crediton Gas Company, which was presented on the 17th day of November last, and published, be approved.—(Mr. Tom Smith.)

Resolved, That the Draft of the Special Order Gas (Special Regulations) proposed to be made by the Minister of Fuel and Power under the Gas Undertakings Acts, 1920 to 1934, on the application of the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Scunthorpe, which was presented on the 17th day of November last and published, be approved.—(Mr. Tom Smith.)

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

And it being half an hour after Five of the clock, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, till to-morrow.

[No. 16.]

Wednesday, 16th December, 1942.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Bevin presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 15th December 1942, entitling the Unemployment Insurance (Emergency Powers) (Amendment) (No. 5) Regulations, 1942.

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 a Scheme made by the Chester City 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.

Sir John Anderson presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of the Twenty-seventh Report of the Proceedings of the Committee of the Privy Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, covering the period
from the 1st day of October 1941 to the 30th day of September 1942, and of the Twenty-seventh Annual Report of their Advisory Council. 

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

The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—Copy of the New Parishes Measure passed by the National Assembly of the Church of England.


Copy of the Episcopal Endowments and Stipends Measure passed by the National Assembly of the Church of England.


Ordered, That the said Papers be printed.

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

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

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

The Lords give leave to the Lord Hyndlay to attend in order to his being examined as a Witness before the Sub-committee for Departmental Inquiries (A), appointed by the Select Committee appointed by this House on National Expenditure, if his Lordship think fit.

Resolved, That this House, at its rising to-morrow, do adjourn till Tuesday the 19th day of January next. (Mr. Secretary Eden.)

Ordered, That the House, according to order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Supreme Court (Northern Ireland) Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 to No. 3 agreed to. Schedule agreed to. Bill to be reported. 

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair: and Sir Robert Young reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment. 

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

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords and 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, extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to—

(1) the Urban District of Spalding,
(2) the Rural District of Overton, and
(3) the Rural District of Faringdon, copies of which were presented to this House on the 15th day of this instant December, be approved. —(Mr. Peake.)

Resolved, That the Draft of the Special Gas (Special Orders) Fuel and Power under the Gas Undertakings Acts, 1930 to 1934, on the application of the Corporation of the City of Glasgow, which was presented on the 26th day of November last and published be approved. —(Mr. Tom Smith.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment, 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 a Question being put.

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

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

[No. 17.]

Thursday, 17th December, 1942.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

ORDERED, That the Paper relative to War Risks Insurance, presented to this House upon the 15th day of this instant December, be printed.

Sir John Wardlaw-Milne reported from the National Select Committee on National Expenditure, First, Second and Third Reports, That they had made Progress in the matters to them referred and directed him to make three Reports thereof to the House: And the Reports were brought up and read.

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

Sir John Anderson, supported by Mr. Secretary Johnston, Mr. Robert Hudson and Captain Crookshank, presented a Bill to make the Secretary of State for Scotland a Commissioner of Crown Lands: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon the 19th day of January next; and to be printed.

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

A Message was delivered by the 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
Writs issued.

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 a Question being put.

Adjournment.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-eight minutes after Five o'Clock, adjourned till Tuesday the 26th day of January next, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of the 16th day of this instant December.

[No. 18.]

Tuesday, 19th January, 1943.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

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

I regret to have to inform the House of the death on active service of Major Lord Apsley, D.S.O., M.C., Member for the Borough of Bristol (Central Division), and Lieutenant-Colonel the Honourable Somerset Arthur Maxwell, Member for the County of Norfolk (King's Lynn 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 Members.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That he had issued, during the Adjournment, Warrants to the Clerk of the Crown to make out new Writs for the Election of Members to serve in this present Parliament—

for the University of Wales in the room of Ernest Evans, Esquire, K.C., who hath accepted the office of Judge of the County Court, North Wales; and for the County of Lanark (Hamilton Division) in the room of Duncan Macgregor Graham, Esquire, deceased.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown in Northern Ireland to make out a new Writ for the election of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough of Belfast (West Division) in the room of Alexander Crawford Browne, Esquire, deceased.—(Mr. James Stuart.)

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

Bridgewater Gas.
Colne Valley Water.
Northampton Corporation.
Sunderland Corporation.

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

Cardiff Corporation.
Grand Union Canal:
Liverpool Hydraulic Power.

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 Treaty between His Majesty in respect of the United Kingdom and India and His Excellency the President of the National Government of the Republic of China for the Relinquishment of Extra-Territorial Rights in China and the Regulation of Related Matters [with Notes exchanged]. Chungking, 11th January 1943. [The Treaty has not yet been ratified by His Majesty].

Copy of a Treaty of Inter-Allied Declaration against Dispossession committed in Territories under Enemy Occupation or Control (with a covering statement by His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and explanatory memorandum issued by the Parties to the Declaration). London, 5th January 1943.

List of Exceptions to the Regulations as to Pay, Non-effective Pay and Allowances sanctioned during the year ended the 31st day of March 1942.


Copy of a Report by H. J. Humphrys, Esquire, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C., His Majesty's Divisional Inspector of Mines, on the Causes of, and Circumstances attending, the Explosion of Floor which occurred at the Barnborough Main Colliery, South Yorkshire, on the 24th day of April 1942.

Copy of a Report by R. Yates, Esquire, D.S.O., M.C., His Majesty's Divisional Inspector of Mines, on the Causes of, and Circumstances attending, the Explosion which occurred at the Morton Colliery, Durham, on the 26th day of June 1942.


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Disability Persons
(Rehabilitation and Resettle-
ment.)

Mines and Quarries (Up- heaval of Floor
at Barnborough Main Colliery, South Yorkshire.)

Mines and Quarries (Ex-
ploration at Morton Colliery, Durham.)
Copy of a Report by Sir Harry Walker, C.B.E., LL.D., on the Causes of, and Circumstances attending, the Explosion which occurred at Sneyd Colliery, Staffordshire, on the 1st day of January 1942.

Sir John Anderson presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 16th December 1942, entitled the Blyth Harbour Commissioners (Temporary Provisions) Order, 1942.

Copies of Orders in Council,—
(1) dated 16th December 1942, amending Regulations 6A, 42A, 56AB, 60AC, 62 and 70 of, and adding Regulations 47D, 60AC and 104A to, the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939,
(2) dated 16th December 1942, making Regulations, entitled the Defence (United States Forces—Administration of Estates) Regulations, 1942,
(3) dated 16th December 1942, amending the Defence (Evacuated Areas) Regulations, 1940, and the Defence (Patents, Trade Marks, &c.) Regulations, 1941,
(4) dated 13th January 1943, amending Regulation 70 of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939,
(5) dated 13th January 1943, adding Regulation 14 to the Defence (Armed Forces) Regulations, 1939, and

Reports of Three Orders in Council, dated 16th December 1942, 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 the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Rules, dated 23rd December 1942, entitled the Juvenile Courts (Constitution) Rules, 1942.

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 November 1942.

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, dated 18th December 1942, entitled the National Service (Prevention of Evasion) (Amendment) Regulations, 1942.

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

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. 121, and 6 and 7 Will. 4, c. 94, for Interest and Sinking Fund on that part of the Greek Loan which was guaranteed by this Country under the authority of the said Acts, and of the Amount repaid by the Greek Government on account of the same, up to the 31st day of December 1942.

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 1943, for general Navy, Army and Air services and supplies 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 Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Morrison also presented, pursuant to paragraph (1) of Regulation 14B of the Defence (Armed Forces) Regulations, 1942.

Copy of an Order, dated 3rd December 1942, entitled the (No. 5) Order, 1942.

Copy of an Order, dated 31st December 1942, entitled the Coal (Charges) (Amendment) Order, 1942.

Accounts and Balance Sheets of Trading and Commercial Services conducted by Government Departments,

Account of Receipts and Expenditure of the Accountant General of the Supreme Court in respect of the Funds of Suitors of the Court in the year ended the 31st day of March 1942:

Statement of the Liability of the Consolidated Fund:—And, an Account of the National Debt Commissioners for the same period in respect of Funds held by them on behalf of the Supreme Court of Judicature, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Abstract Accounts of the Commissioners for Crown Lands, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1942, 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 1942, for the Interest and Management of the Debt, for the Civil List, and all other Issues in the financial year for expenses charged directly on the said Fund, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Abstract Account of Receipts into, and Payments out of, the Road Fund in the year ended the 31st day of March 1942, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Vote of Credit, 1943 (Expenditure arising out of the War.)

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No. 25.
Appropriation Accounts of the sums granted by Parliament for Revenue Departments for the year ended the 31st day of March 1942, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon, and upon Revenue and certain Store Accounts.

Appropriation Accounts of the sums granted by Parliament for Civil Services, Classes I—IX, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1942, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon, and upon certain Store Accounts.

Appropriation Account of the Sums granted by Parliament for Air Services for the year ended the 31st day of March 1942, 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 Army Services for the year ended the 31st day of March 1942, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon, and upon other Army Accounts.

Appropriation Account of the Sums granted by Parliament for Navy Services for the year ended the 31st day of March 1942, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon, and upon other Navy Accounts.

Copy of a Certificate, dated 30th December 1942, issued by the First Lord of the Treasury for the purpose of subsection (1) of Section 1 of an Act of Parliament, to be Minister Resident at Allied Headquarters in North West Africa is required in the public interest for purposes connected with the prosecution of the present war.

Ordered, That the said Estimates be referred to the Committee of Supply; and be printed; that the other Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the said Accounts, with the exception of the Account relative to the Greek Loan of 1832, be printed.

Mr. Ernest Brown presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Schemes made by the undermentioned local authorities and approved by the Minister of Health under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937—

(1) Cheshire County Council.
(2) Chingford Borough Council.
(3) Kingston-upon-Thames Borough Council.
(4) West Riding (Local Authorities) Superannuation Joint Committee.

Copies of Regulations,—

(1) dated 7th December 1942, entitled the National Health Insurance (Emergency Duration of Insurance) (No. 2) Regulations, 1942.
(2) dated 9th December 1942, entitled the National Health Insurance (Exception) Regulations (No. 2), 1942.
(3) dated 10th December 1942, entitled the National Health Insurance (Exempt Persons) Amendment Regulations, 1942.
(4) dated 14th December 1942, entitled the National Health Insurance (Additional Benefits) Amendment Regulations, 1942.
(5) dated 29th December 1942, entitled the National Health Insurance (Dental Benefit) Amendment Regulations (No. 2), 1942.

(6) dated 26th December 1942, entitled the National Health Insurance (Juvenile Deposit Contributors) Amendment Regulations, 1942, and
(7) dated 29th December 1942, entitled the National Health Insurance (Deposit Contributors) Amendment Regulations (No. 3), 1942.

Copy of Regulations, dated 29th December 1942, entitled the National Health Insurance and Contributory Pensions (War Occupations) Amendment Regulations, 1942.

Copy of Regulations, dated 10th December 1942, entitled the Contributory Pensions (Calculation of Contributions) Amendment Regulations, 1942.

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 the 31st day of March 1940.

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

Mr. Dalton presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders:—

(1) dated 10th December 1942, entitled the High Tension Dry Batteries (Maximum Prices) Order, 1942.
(2) dated 11th December 1942, entitled the General Furniture (Maximum Prices, Maximum Charges and Records) Order, 1942.
(3) dated 14th December 1942, entitled the Utility Footwear (Maximum Prices) (No. 2) Order, 1942.
(4) dated 16th December 1942, entitled the Services Laundry (Maximum Charges) (No. 2) Order, 1942.
(5) dated 18th December 1942, entitled the Fountain Pens (Maximum Prices) Order, 1942.
(6) dated 18th December 1942, entitled the Perambulators (Maximum Prices and Charges) (No. 2) Order, 1942.
(7) dated 18th December 1942, entitled the Uniforms (Retail Bespoke) (Maximum Prices) Order, 1942.
(8) dated 19th December 1942, entitled the Utility Furniture (Maximum Prices, Maximum Charges and Records) Order, 1942.
(9) dated 23rd December 1942, entitled the Laundry (Maximum Charges) (No. 6) Order, 1942.
(10) dated 23rd December 1942, entitled the Utility Cloth (Maximum Prices) (No. 5) Order, 1942.
(11) dated 24th December 1942, entitled the Utility Blackout Cloth (Maximum Prices) Order, 1942.
(12) dated 28th December 1942, entitled the Travel and Fancy Goods (Maximum Prices), Order, 1942.
(13) dated 28th December 1942, entitled the Utility Handkerchiefs (Maximum Prices) Order, 1942.
(14) dated 30th December 1942, entitled the General Apparel and Cloth (Maximum Prices and Charges) (No. 3) Order, 1942.
(15) dated 7th January 1943, entitled the Services Laundry (Maximum Charges) Order, 1943.
(16) dated 7th January 1943, entitled the Toilet Preparations (Maximum Prices) Order, 1943.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.
Secretary Sir Archibald Sinclair presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copies of Orders,—

(1) dated 9th December 1942, making special provision with regard to the issue of outfit allowance for officers travelling with inadequate baggage,

(2) dated 12th December 1942, amending in certain respects the Regulations appended to His Majesty's Order, dated 28th December 1941, relating to the powers of command to be exercised over and by officers and airmen of the Royal Norwegian Air Forces when attached to, or serving with, His Majesty's Air Forces,

(3) dated 16th December 1942, providing for the reissue, 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 (2nd Edition).

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

Mr. Secretary Amery presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts 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 the 30th day of September 1942, with the rates of interest and the 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 Papers do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

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

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

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

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 Mr. Secretary Eden be held in Secret Session.—(Mr. Secretary Eden.)

The Crown Lands Bill was, according to Crown Lands Order, read a second time.

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

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

The Police (Appeals) Bill was, according to Police (Appeals) 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 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 Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill;

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

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

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that the Order in Council dated 23rd July 1942, made under the Emergency Powers (Defence) Acts, 1939 and 1940, amending Regulations 26A, 27A, 27B and 28A of, and adding Regulations 32c, 32d, 32e, 32f, 32g, 79C to, the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939, and amending Regulation 13 of the Defence (Recovery of Fines) Regulations, 1942, a copy of which was presented to this House on the 24th day of November last, be annulled.

—(Flight-Lieutenant Raikes.)

The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.
MINISTRY OF WAR TRANSPORT.

And it being after half-past Five of the
clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the
House, without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being
then twenty-four minutes after Six of the
clock, till to-morrow.

[No. 19.]

Wednesday, 20th January, 1943.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Kent County (Ashford 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 Kent (Ashford Division) in the room of William Patrick Spens, Esquire, O.B.E., K.C., who, since his election for the said County hath accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of His Majesty's Manor of Northstead in the County of York. —(Mr. James Stuart.)

Sir Walter Womersley presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Royal Warrant for the Retired Pay and Pensions, &c., of Members of the Military Forces disabled and of the Widows, Children and Dependents of such Members deceased, in consequence of the present war.

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

Mr. William Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Warrant, dated 16th December 1942, entitled the Inland Post Amendment (No. 4) Warrant, 1942.

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

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

Copy of all the applications made by the
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 the 6th day of January 1942 to the 5th day of January 1943, with a copy of the Minutes of the Court of Directors thereon and the Answers of the said Court thereto.

Account of the Amount of all Exchequer Bills, and other Government Securities which have been purchased by the Governor and Company of the Bank of England, or on which any Sum or Sums have been lent and advanced for the Public Service by the Governor and Company of the said Bank, in the year ended the 5th day of January 1943:—And, an Account of the Amount of Balances of Sums issued for the Payment of Dividends due and not demanded, and which remained in the hands of the Governor and Company of the Bank of England on the 4th day of April 1942, the 4th day of July 1942, the 4th day of October 1942 and the 4th day of January 1943.

Schedule containing a List and Particulars of certain classes of Documents existing or accruing in the offices and sub-offices of the Ministry of War Transport, which are not considered of sufficient public value to justify their preservation in the Public Record Office.

Copy of Rules of Court, dated 5th January 1943, entitled the Non-Contentious Probate (United States Forces—Administration of Estates) Rules, 1939.

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 for dividing the benefice and ecclesiastical parish of Bedminster, St. Raphael, and uniting the several parts thereof to the benefice and ecclesiastical parish of Bristol St. Mary, Redcliffe, and the united benefice and ecclesiastical parish of Clifton, Holy Trinity, St. Andrew the Less and St. Peter, all of which benefices are situate in the diocese of Bristol.

Mr. Robert Hudson, supported by Mr. Attorney General, presented a Bill to make provision as to trust property held by or on behalf of certain universities and colleges for purposes connected with those universities and colleges: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Sir William Jowitt, supported by Sir John Anderson and Mr. Attorney General, presented a Bill to make provision in connection with the appointment of a Minister of Town and Country Planning; to provide for the transfer to that Minister of certain statutory functions; and to provide for the establishment of statutory Commissions for the purpose of exercising such functions in relation to the use and development of land in England and Wales as may hereafter be determined: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Mr. Secretary Johnston, supported by Sir John Anderson, Secretary Sir Archibald Sinclair, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Ernest Brown, Sir William Jowitt, Major Lloyd George and the Lord Advocate, presented a Bill to make provision in connection with the Planning Bill. —(Mr. Secretary Johnston, supported by Sir Hydro-Electric Development (Scotland) Bill.)

Bill 8.

Bill 9.

Bill 20.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That Colonel the Right Honourable Douglas Clifton Brown be the Chairman of Ways and Means and that Major Milner be the Deputy Chairman. —(Mr. Secretary Attlee): —And the Previous Question being proposed, That that Question be not now put. —(Mr. Hopkinson): the same was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then the Original Question being put ; Ordered, That Colonel the Right Honourable Douglas Clifton Brown be the Chairman of Ways and Means and that Major Milner be the Deputy Chairman.

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 Sitting be a Secret Session.—(Mr. Secretary Eden.)

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

And it being ten minutes after Five of the clock (the Sitting having been suspended at two minutes after One of the clock for ten minutes pursuant to the Order of the House of the 11th day of November last (Sittings of the House) (Air Raid Warnings), the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed without a Question being put.

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

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

[No. 20.]

Thursday, 21st January, 1943.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Majesty's Three Chiltern Hundreds of Stoke, accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of His since his election for the said County hath served in the present Parliament for the County out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to the Adjournment of the House lapsed without a Question being put.

SIR John Anderson presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, —Copy of an Order in Council, dated 13th January 1943, amending the Defence (General) Regulations (Isle of Man), 1939.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 13th January 1943, entitled the Northern Rhodesia (Native Reserves) Amendment Order in Council, 1943.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 13th January 1943, approving an Admiralty Memorial relating to the grant of a special duty allowance to certain Telegraphist ratings.

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

Captain Crookshank presented, by His Majesty's Command, —Estimate of the further Sum required to be voted for the service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1943 for Civil Departments.

Captain Crookshank also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, (Drawback.)

—Copy of an Order, dated 19th January 1943, entitled the Import Duties (Exemptions) (No. 1) Order, 1943.

Copy of an Order, dated 19th January 1943, entitled the Import Duties (Exemptions) (No. 1) Order, 1943.

Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 20th January 1943, granting a retired allowance to certain Telegraphist ratings.

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

Mr. Thomas Busson, “S” Class Clerk, War Office, under Section 2 of the Superannuation (Defence.) Act, 1887.

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. 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 Sea Fish Industry Act, 1938) during 1942.

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 City of Stoke-on-Trent.

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


Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
Mr. Noel Baker presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Report by the Minister of War Transport of the cases in which the Minister of Shipping exercised his powers under Section 78 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1906, during 1942. 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:—Accounts of Receipts and Payments by the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt in respect of the Capital and Income of the Local Loans Fund for the year ended the 31st day of March 1942, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon. Ordered, That the said Accounts be printed.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, that he will be graciously pleased to give directions that there be laid before this House, a Return showing (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 1942, 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. 66 of Session 1941–42).

—(Mr. Peake.)

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

(In the Committee.)

Supplementary Vote of Credit, 1942 (Expenditure arising out of the War).

1. Resolved, That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £90,000,000, be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom, for the purposes of any Act of Parliament, for the War, of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1943, the sum of £900,000,000 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom. (Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

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 1944, the sum of £1,000,000,000 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom. (Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Resolved, That the Report be received to-morrow.

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

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

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

(In the Committee.)

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 1943, the sum of £900,000,000 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom. (Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

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 1944, the sum of £1,000,000,000 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom. (Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Resolveds to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions. Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

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

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

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

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Deputv Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions. Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

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(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 1943, the sum of £900,000,000 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom. (Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

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 1944, the sum of £1,000,000,000 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom. (Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

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(In the Committee.)

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

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

(In the Committee.)
the Minister not exceeding five thousand pounds and, to such amount as may be sanctioned by the Treasury, of any other expenses incurred for the purposes of the said Act including any other remuneration payable thereunder.—[Mr. Henry Strauss.]

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.

Crown Lands Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Crown Lands Bill; Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Workmen’s Compensation Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Workmen’s Compensation Bill; Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Police (Appeals) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Police (Appeals) Bill; Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions.) Bill.

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.

Universities and Colleges (Trusts) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Universities and Colleges (Trusts) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Hydro-Electric Development (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Hydro-Electric Development (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Consolidation Bills.

Ordered, That the Lords Message of the 10th day of this instant January communicating the Resolution, That it is desirable that all Consolidation Bills in the present Session be referred to a Joint Committee of both Houses of Parliament, be now taken into consideration.—[Sir James Edmondson.]

The House accordingly proceeded to take the said Message into consideration.

Resolved, That this House doth concur with the Lords in the said Resolution.—[Sir James Edmondson.]

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to acquaint them therewith; and that the Clerk do carry the said Message.

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 in connection with a Motion for the Adjournment of the House to be moved by Mr. Secretary Attlee be held in Secret Session.—[Mr. Secretary Eden.]

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

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

[No. 22.]

Wednesday, 27th January, 1943.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough of Portsmouth (North Division) in the room of Admiral of the Fleet Sir Roger John Brownlow Keyes, Baronet, G.C.B., K.C.V.O., C.M.G., D.S.O., called up to the House of Peers.—[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 Norfolk (King’s Lynn Division) in the room of Lieutenant-Colonel Somerset Arthur Maxwell, commonly called the Honourable Somerset Arthur Maxwell, killed on active service.—[Mr. James Stuart.]

Mr. Secretary Eden presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of a Memorandum on the Proposals of His Majesty’s Government for the Reform of the Foreign Service. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, supported by Mr. Attorney General, the Lord Advocate, Mr. Solicitor General, Captain Crookshank and Mr. Assheton, presented a Bill to amend subsection (1) of section four of the War Damage Act, 1941, and to make consequential amendments; and to supply certain omissions from the provisions enacted by that Act and the War Damage (Amendment) Act, 1944, as to rentcharges: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Mr. Assheton reported from the Committee Supply of the 26th day of this instant January, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

i. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £900,000,000, be granted to His Majesty, towards defraying the expenses which may be incurred during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1943, for general Navy, Army and Air services and supplies 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.

Vote of Credit, 1943 (Expenditure arising out of the War).

2. That a 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 1944, for general Navy, Army and Air services and supplies in so far as specific provision is not made therefor by Parliament; for securing the public safety; for 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 Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Mr. Henry Strauss reported from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 26th day of this instant January, 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 1943, the sum of £900,000,000 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 1944, the sum of £1,000,000,000 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 said Resolutions and that the Chairman of Ways and Means, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Captain Crookshank and Mr. Assheton do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Assheton accordingly presented a Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make provision in connection with the appointment of a Minister of Town and Country Planning, to provide for transfers to that Minister of certain statutory Commissions for the purpose of exercising such functions in relation to the use and development of land in England and Wales as may hereafter be determined, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of an annual salary to the Minister not exceeding five thousand pounds and, to such amount as may be sanctioned by the Treasury, of any other expenses incurred for the purposes of the said Act including any other remuneration payable thereunder.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Minister of Town and Country Planning Bill.

Clause No. 1 (Appointment and functions of Minister of Town and Country Planning).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 5, to leave out the word “of,” and insert the word "for."—(Major Petherick.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 7, after the word “securing,” to insert the word "vigour."—(Mr. Denman.)

Question, That the word " vigour " be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 13, at the end, to add the words “and other functions with respect to the allocation of material and labour.”—(Mr. Henderson Stewart.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clauses No. 2 to No. 5 agreed to.

Clause No. 6 (Additional provisions as to transfer of functions to the Minister).

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 39, at the beginning, to insert the words,—

"There shall be transferred to the Minister of Town and Country Planning the control and administration of——

(a) the Ordnance Survey from the President of the Board of Agriculture;

(b) the Land Registry from the Lord Chancellor and."—(Dr. Russell Thomas.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 7 agreed to.

Clause No. 8 amended, and agreed to.

Clauses No. 9 to No. 12 agreed to.

Clause No. 8 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 an Amendment thereunto.

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

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

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Crown Lands 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
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;
Ordered, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Universities and Colleges (Trusts) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

A Motion was made and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that the Order in Council dated 14th October 1942, made under the Emergency Powers (Defence) Acts, 1939 and 1940, amending Regulations 18, 47A, 53, 60 and 78 of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939, a copy of which was presented to this House on the 24th day of November last, be annulled.—(Commander Bower);
The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

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

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

[No. 23.]

Thursday, 28th January, 1943.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Bevin presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Captain Crookshank presented, pursuant to Public Accounts the Resolution of the House of the 4th day of March 1879,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 26th January 1943, authorising the temporary application of the Excesses of the Sums realised on account of Appropriations in Aid on certain Army Votes for the year ending the 31st day of March 1942 towards making good the deficit in Receipts under Vote i for the same year.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.
Mr. Bevin, supported by Sir John Anderson, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Attorney General, Mr. McCorquodale and Mr. Tomlinson, presented a Bill to make provision for regulating the remuneration and conditions of employment of catering and other workers and, in connection therewith, for their health and welfare and the efficiency and development of the industries in which they are employed: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the practice of the House, the Consolidated Fund (No. 1) Bill may be considered in Committee immediately after the Bill has been read a second time.—(Mr. Secretary Eden.)

Adjournment.

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

The Consolidated Fund (No. 1) 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. 4 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

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

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

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

Mr. Speaker's Certificate.

National Expenditure.

Ordered, That the First of the Reports which, upon the 22nd day of October 1942, in the last Session of Parliament, were made from the Select Committee on National Expenditure, be now taken into consideration.—(Sir John Wardlaw-Milne):—The House accordingly proceeded to take the said Report into consideration.

Resolved, That this House recommends the Report to the consideration of His Majesty's Government.—(Sir John Wardlaw-Milne.)

Sunday Cinematograph Entertainments.

Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the City of Stoke-on-Trent, a copy of which was presented to this House on the 26th day of this instant January, be approved.—(Mr. Peake.)

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

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.
provision with respect to the health local
government and finance of the borough; and
for other purposes was presented and read the
first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to extend the time within which the
Mayor Aldermen and Burgessess of the County
Borough of Sunderland may advance money on
loan to the River Wear Commissioners and
guarantee the re-payment of and the payment
of interest upon money borrowed or to be
borrowed by the said Commissioners; to
authorise any such advances or guarantees made
or given between the thirty-first day of Decem-
ber nineteen hundred and forty-two and the
passing of this Act; to extend the time limited
for the compulsory purchase of lands authorised
by the Sunderland Corporation Act 1935 and the
Sunderland Corporation Act 1939 and the com-
petition of certain tramways authorised by the
first-named Act; and for other purposes, was
presented and read the first time; and ordered
to be read a second time.

Sir John Anderson presented, pursuant to the
directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a
Statute made by the Governing Body of Magda-
len College, Oxford, on the 4th day of No-
ember 1942, amending Statutes IX and XII of
the College.

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

Mr. Noel Baker 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
Borough of Wrexham.

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
Borough of Wrexham.

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

The following Papers, pursuant to the direc-
tions 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 No-
ember, 1942, with the Report of the Com-
troller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Accounts be printed.

William John Gruffydd, Esquire, Member for
the University of Wales, was sworn.

A Motion was made, and the Question being
proposed, That this House urges upon the
Government the essential need so to direct
their economic and financial policy as to ensure
that employment, industry and commerce may
be increased and developed after the war to the
greatest possible extent, and for that purpose
to co-operate to the full with other members of
the United Nations—[Earl Winterton]:—And
a Debate arising thereupon;

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.

(Sir James Edmondson.)

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-
morrow.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment
proposed, That this House do now adjourn—
(Sir James Edmondson);
And it being Five of the clock, the Motion for
the Adjournment of the House lapsed without a
Question being put.

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

And accordingly the House, having con-
tinued to sit till twenty-nine minutes
after Five of the clock, adjourned till
to-morrow.
persons rendering service in connection with the present war; to restrict the making of declarations of alienage in time of war; and to extend the power to make regulations under section nineteen of the British Nationality and Status of Aliens Act 1914; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The British Nationality and Status of Aliens Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Bill as circulated to this House be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 2nd day of this instant February, That this House urges upon the Government the essential need so to direct their economic and financial policy as to ensure that employment, industry and commerce may be increased and developed after the war to the greatest possible extent, and for that purpose to co-operate to the full with other members of the United Nations;

And the Question being again proposed:—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put;

Resolved, That this House urges upon the Government the essential need so to direct their economic and financial policy as to ensure that employment, industry and commerce may be increased and developed after the war to the greatest possible extent, and for that purpose to co-operate to the full with other members of the United Nations.

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 Draft of the Special Order proposed to be made by the Minister of Fuel and Power under the Gas Undertakings Acts, 1920 to 1934, on the application of the Coatesbridge Gas Company, which was presented on the 3rd day of December last and published, be approved, subject to the following modification:—

"Leave out Clause 15."

—(Mr. Tom Smith.)

Ordered, That Major Milner be discharged from the Select Committee on the Disposal and Custody of Documents, and that Colonel Clifton Brown and Mr. Parker be added to the Committee.—(Mr. Boulton.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Police (Appeals) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Universities and Colleges (Trusts) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Hydro-Electric Development (Scotland) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the War Damage (Amendment) Bill;

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

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

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

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that the Order in Council, dated 13th January 1943, made under the Emergency Powers (Defence) Acts, 1939 and 1940, amending Regulation 70 of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939, a copy of which was presented to this House on the 19th day of January last, be annulled.—(Mr. Levy.)

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.

And, it being after half-past Five of the clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House, without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then twenty minutes before Seven of the clock, till to-morrow.

[No. 26.]

Thursday, 4th February, 1943.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

P R A Y E R S.

MR. Ernest Brown presented, pursuant to Local Government (Superannuation) Act, a copy of a Scheme made by the Derbyshire County Council and approved by the Minister of Health under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937.

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

Mr. Secretary Attlee, supported by Mr. Secretary Eden, Secretary Sir Archibald Sinclair and Mr. Attorney General, presented a Bill to continue the House of Commons Disqualification (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1941:—

And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next; and to be printed.

Resolved, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn till Tuesday next.—(Mr. James Stuart.)
The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill;
And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

A Message was delivered by Air Chief Marshal Sir William Mitchell, R.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, and to Measures passed under the provisions of the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act, 1919, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read.

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

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


New Parishes Measure, 1943.
Episcopal Endowments and Stipends Measure, 1943.

And the Question being again proposed, That the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill be now read a second time;
And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.
The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

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

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

Mr. Robert Hudson, 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 a Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House:—Whereupon the House, pursuant to Standing Order No. 69, resolved itself into a Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to amend the law relating to agriculture, agricultural land and the drainage of land, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of such additional Exchequer contributions and grants, and such additional expenses of the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries and the Secretary of State, as may become payable by virtue of provisions of the said Act, whether retrospective or not,—

(a) increasing the maximum amount of Exchequer contributions under section one of the Agriculture Act, 1937, towards purchases of lime;
(b) extending section fifteen of the Agriculture Act, 1937, to grants towards expenditure incurred by a drainage authority after the thirty-first day of July, nineteen hundred and forty-four;
(c) extending the definition of agricultural land for the purposes of Part III and section twenty-nine of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1940, and the Land Drainage (Scotland) Act, 1941;
(d) extending the powers as to drainage schemes under section fourteen of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous War Provisions) Act, 1940, and under that section as set out in the First Schedule to the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1941;
(e) empowering the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries and the Secretary of State to acquire—

(i) land for drainage works;
(ii) land which was in the same ownership as land acquired under section nine of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1941;
(f) providing for the control of artificial insemination of animals.—(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.
Order, That the Report be received upon Tuesday next.

The Universities and Colleges (Trusts) Bill Universities was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

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

The House, according to Order, resolved Police into a Committee on the Police (Appeals) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 and No. 2 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

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

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

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

Resolved, That the Purchase Tax (Exempt Purchases Tax) (Furniture.) (No. 5) Order, 1942, dated 30th December 1942, 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 19th day of January last, be approved.—(Captain Waterhouse.)
Adjournment.

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

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

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 Richard John Russell, Esquire, Member for the County of Chester (Edisbury 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.

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

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

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

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

Mr. Secretary Morrison presented,—Return Aliens to an Address to His Majesty, dated the 26th day of January last, for a Return relative to Aliens (Naturalization).

Mr. Secretary Morrison also 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 Borough of Tynemouth.

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

Mr. Secretary Amery presented, pursuant to an Order of the House this day, to print a Proclamation issued on the 10th day of December, 1942, by the Governor of Burma under Section 130 of the Government of Burma Act, 1935.

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

Mr. Robert Hudson presented, pursuant to an Order of the House this day, that a Return be printed of the proceedings under the General Pier and Harbour Acts, 1861 to 1915.

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

Mr. Ernest Brown presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of the First Report of the Nurses Salaries Committee (upon the Salaries and Emoluments of Female Nurses in Hospitals).

Mr. Ernest Brown also presented, pursuant Local to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Report of the Superannuation Joint Committee.

(1) Chesterfield (Rural) and Staveley Superannuation Joint Committee.

(2) Watford Borough Council.

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

Mr. Secretary Johnston presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Memorandum with regard to the provision made for Religious Instruction in the Schools in Scotland.

Mr. Secretary Johnston also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Report by the Secretary of State for Scotland of his Proceedings under the General Pier and Harbour Act, 1861, and the General Pier and Harbour Act, 1861, Amendment Act, as applied by Section 5 of the Harbours, Piers, and Ferries
(Scotland) Act, 1937, in the year ended the 31st
day of January 1943.

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

Agricultural
Research
(Great Britain.)

Sir John Anderson presented, by His Majesty's
Command,—Copy of a Report by the Committee
of the Privy Council for the Organisation and
Development of Agricultural Research on
Agricultural Research in Great Britain.

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.

Accounts of the National Health Insurance
Fund (England), the Welsh National Health
Insurance Fund and the Scottish National
Health Insurance Fund, and of the Funds
under the control of the Joint Committee for
1941, with the Report of the Comptroller and
Auditor-General thereon.

Accounts of (a) the Sums received into and
paid out of the Redemption Annuities Account,
(b) the Advances to that Account from the
Consolidated Fund, and (c) the Redemption
Stock issued, for the year ended the 31st day
of March 1942, with the Report of the Comptroller
and Auditor-General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Accounts be printed.

New Member
sworn.

Thomas Fraser, Esquire, Member for the
County of Lanark (Hamilton Division), was
sworn.

Catering Wages
Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for
the Second Reading of the Catering Wages 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: "the Question, whilst willing to
support any measure necessary for the pro-
secution of the war and to give favourable
consideration to any other measures which,
after impartial examination, have won a
general measure of agreement, cannot approve
a Bill which as a whole fulfils neither of these
requirements and so involves a breach of the
undertaking given to this House on the 12th
day of November last regarding the intro-
duction of controversial legislation."—(Sir
Douglas Hacking.)—instead thereof;

And the Question being proposed, That the
words proposed to be left out stand part of the
Question:—And a Debate arising thereupon;
Mr. James Stuart rose in his place, and claimed
to move, That the Question be now put.

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

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

Tellers for the
Yea, Mr. James Thomas: 284.
Sir Douglas Hacking,

Tellers for the
Noes, Captain Peter Mac-
donald: 113.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being accordingly put,
That the words proposed to be left out stand
part of the Question:
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the
Mr. Boulton,

Yea, Mr. James Thomas: 283.
Sir Douglas Hacking,

Tellers for the
Noes, Captain Peter Mac-
donald: 116.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Mr. Bevin, by His Majesty's Command, Catering Wages
[Money]
acquainted the House that His Majesty, having
been informed of the subject matter of the
Motion relating to Catering Wages [Money]
proposed to be moved, under Standing Order
No. 60, in a Committee of the whole House,
recommends it to the consideration of the
House:—Whereupon the House, pursuant to
Standing Order No. 60, resolved itself into a
Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act
of the present Session to make provision for
regulating the remuneration and conditions of
employment of catering and other workers and,
in connection therewith, for their health and
welfare and the efficiency and development of
the industries in which they are employed, it is
expedient to authorise the payment out of
moneys provided by Parliament of the expenses
of the Minister of Labour and National Service
in carrying the said Act into effect and any
expenses authorised by that Minister with the
consent of the Treasury to be incurred by the
Commission or any wages board established
under the said Act or any committee appointed
thereunder.—(Sir James
Edmondson.)

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received
to-morrow.

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

And accordingly the House, having con-
tinued to sit till twenty-nine minutes
after Five of the clock, adjourned till
to-morrow.
Prayers.

The Vice-Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, That the Address of the 3rd day of this instant February relative to Emergency Powers (Defence) 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 13th January 1943, made under the Emergency Powers (Defence) Acts, 1939 and 1940, amending Regulation 70 of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939, be annulled.

I shall give directions in accordance with your Address.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 18th day of this instant February.

Mr. Secretary Johnston presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation, Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1936, relating to Clydebank and District Water. And the same was ordered (under Section 7 of the Act) to be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Ordered, That the said Bill be printed.

Mr. Assheton presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Account of the Annual Salaries of the Registrars, Clerks and all others holding offices in the Probate Division of the High Court in Northern Ireland, with an Account of all Fees and Stamps received in 1942.

Account of the Receipts and Disbursements of the Duchy of Lancaster in the year ended the 21st day of December 1942; and a separate Account of the Capital of the said Duchy to the same date.

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

Mr. Secretary Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Report by the Secretary of State for the Home Department as to the Expulsion, Registration, and Prohibition Orders made under the Prevention of Violence (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1939, during the period 1st October 1942 to 31st December 1942.

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

Mr. Secretary Johnston presented, by His Majesty's Command, —Copy of the Interim Report of the Scottish Nurses' Salaries Committee.

Mr. Secretary Johnston also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Report by the Chairman of Committees of the House of Lords and the Chairman of Ways and Means in the House of Commons under Section 2 of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1936, That they have taken into consideration the Provisional Order for which a Petition was presented to one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, on or before the 27th day of November 1942, namely, the Greenock Port and Harbours Provisional Order, and are of opinion that the Order be allowed to proceed, subject to such recommendations as they may hereafter make with respect to the said Order.

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

Mr. Secretary Stanley presented, by His Colonial Majesties Command,—Copy of a Report on the Operation of the Colonial Development and Welfare Act, 1940, to the 31st day of October 1942.

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

Mr. Dalton presented, pursuant to the Gas Fund, directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Accounts of the Gas Fund for the year ended the 31st day of March 1942.

Copy of an Order, dated 29th January 1943, entitled the Prices of Goods (Price-Regulated Goods) Order, 1943.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this Civil House, Accounts of the Civil Contingencies Fund, showing (1) the Receipts and Payments in connection with the Fund in the year ended the 31st day of March 1942; and (2) the Distribution of the Capital of the Fund at the commencement and close of the year; with a copy of the Correspondence with the Controller and Auditor General thereon.—(Mr. Assheton.)

The 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.—(Mr. Adamson.)

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

Mr. Attorney General, 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 (Amendment) [Money], proposed to be moved, under Standing Order No. 69, in a Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House:—Whereupon the House, pursuant to Standing Order No. 69, resolved itself into a Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to amend subsection (1) of section four of the War Damage Act, 1941, and to make consequential amendments, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any increase in the sums authorised to be paid out of such moneys by section fifty-four of the said Act of 1941 attributable to any provision of the said Act of the present Session requiring the question whether a payment in respect of any
war damage (whether occurring before or after the passing of the said Act of the present Session) is to be a payment of cost of works or a value payment to be determined by reference to prices current at the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and thirty-nine.—(Mr. Assheton.)
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 of Commons Disqualification (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. Adamson.)
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Universities and Colleges (Trusts) Bill.
(In the Committee.)
Clauses No. 1 to No. 5 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 Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the County Borough of Tynemouth, a copy of which was presented to this House on the 9th day of this instant February, be approved.—(Mr. Peake.)

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee on Catering Wages [Money]; Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Supply; 
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

Ordered, That Captain Crookshank be discharged from the Committee of Public Accounts and that Mr. Assheton be added to the Committee.—(Sir James Edmonson.)

Resolved, That Sir Assheton Pownall be appointed a Managing Trustee of the House of Commons Members' Fund in pursuance of Section 2 of the House of Commons Members' Fund Act, 1939.—(Sir James Edmonson.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Catering Wages 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 Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) 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 Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) [Money]; 
Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Hydro-Electric Development (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 British Nationality and Status of Aliens 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 15th January 1943, made under the Emergency Powers (Defence) Acts, 1939 and 1940, adding Regulation 14 to the Defence (Armed Forces) Regulations, 1939, a copy of which was presented to this House on the 19th day of January last, be annulled—(Captain Charles Taylor);
The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.
Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—Adjournment. (Mr. Pym.)

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

[No. 29.]

Thursday, 11th February, 1943.
The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Clydebank and District Water Order Confirmation Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Tuesday next.

Sir John Anderson presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Orders in Council, dated 10th February 1943,
(1) amending Regulation 33B of, and the Third Schedule to, the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939,
(2) adding Regulation 47AC to the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939.
(3) amending Regulations 54C, 55, 56A, 56AA and 56AB of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939, and Regulation 3 of the Defence (Palace of Westminster Fire Prevention) Regulations, 1941,
(4) adding Regulation 54CA to the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939,
(5) adding Regulation 55F to the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939,
(6) amending Regulation 576 of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939,
(7) substituting a new Regulation for Regulation 639 of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939,
(8) adding Regulation 99b to, and amending Regulation 100 of, the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939,
(9) amending Regulation 3 of the Defence (Administration of Justice) (Scotland) Regulations, 1939, and
(10) adding Regulation 4 to the Defence (Local Government) (Scotland) Regulations, 1939.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 10th February 1943, entitled the Port of London Authority (Extension of Term of Office) Order, 1943.

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

Mr. Assheton presented, a Return to an Order, 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.

Adjourment.

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

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 itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates, Supplementary Estimate, 1942.

Class II.

Vote 8. Colonial and Middle Eastern Services.

1. £10,273,650 (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.

Class VI.

Vote 7. Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

2. £1,010,000 (Supplementary), for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, and of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, including grants, 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.

Vote 15. State Management Districts.

3. £10 (Supplementary), for the salaries and expenses of the State Management Districts, including the salaries of the central office, and the cost of provision and management of licensed premises.

Class X.

Vote 20. Ministry of Production.

4. £100, for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Production.

Class I.

Vote 4. Treasury and Subordinate Departments.

5. £5,291 (Supplementary), for the salaries and other expenses in the Department of His Majesty's Treasury and Subordinate Departments, and the salaries and expenses of a Minister without Portfolio, a Minister of State, a Deputy Minister of State and the Ministers Resident in West Africa and at Allied Head-quarters in North-West Africa.

Vote 22. Miscellaneous Expenses.

6. £10 (Supplementary), for certain miscellaneous expenses, including certain grants in aid.

Class X.

Vote 1. Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (War Services).

7. £10 (Supplementary), for the cost of the war services of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

Vote 2. Ministry of Aircraft Production.

8. £10 (Supplementary), for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Aircraft Production.

Vote 5. Ministry of Health (War Services).

9. £10 (Supplementary), for the cost of the war services of the Ministry of Health.


10. £10 (Supplementary), for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Home Security.

Vote 10A. Ministry of Fuel and Power.

11. £10 (Supplementary), for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Fuel and Power.


12. £10 (Supplementary), for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Supply, including the expenses of the Royal Ordnance Factories.


13. £10 (Supplementary), for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of War Transport.
Vote 15A. Ministry of Works and Planning (War Services).
14. £10 (Supplementary), for the cost of the war services of the Ministry of Works and Planning.
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 also have leave to sit again.
Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Adjournment.
A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Sir James Edmondson);
And it being Five of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed without a Question being put.

Adjournment.
A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Sir James Edmondson);
And it being half-an-hour after Five of the clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, till Tuesday next, pursuant to the Resolution of the House this day.

[No. 30.]
Tuesday, 16th February, 1943.
The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The Clydebank and District Water Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Assheton 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 1943, for Civil Departments.
Estimates for Civil and Revenue Departments for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1944, with a Memorandum.

Estimate showing the several Civil Services for which a Vote on Account is required for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1944.

Mr. Assheton also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Account of the Receipts and Disbursements of the Duchy of Cornwall in 1942.

Account up to the 31st day of December 1942, showing the Total Sums issued and applied by virtue of the Turkish Loan Act, 1855, for Interest as guaranteed by Her late Majesty Queen Victoria and for Management of the Imperial Ottoman Guaranteed Loan of 1855, and also of the Total Repayments in respect of Advances under the said Act.

Accounts of all Sums received from and paid to Trustees during the year ended the 20th day of November 1942, with a Statement showing the aggregate amount of the Liabilities of the Government to Trustees of Savings Banks and of Friendly Societies on the 20th day of November 1942, 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 Estimates be referred to the Committee of Supply, and be printed; and that the other 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 extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to—
(3) the Rural District of Braintree ;
(2) the parishes of Freshwater and Totland in the Rural District of the Isle of Wight; and
(3) the Urban District of Sidmouth.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir Archibald Sinclair presented, Air Force, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 27th January 1943, amending in certain respects the Regulations appended to His Majesty’s Order, dated 16th December 1942, and included in a Volume entitled The King’s Regulations and Air Council Instructions for the Royal Air Force (1928) (2nd Edition).
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Dalton presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 29th January 1943, entitled the Perambulators (Maximum Prices and Charges) Order, 1943.
Copy of an Order, dated 5th February 1943, entitled the War Risks (Commodity Insurance) (No. 1) Order, 1943.
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 an Order, dated 28th January 1943, entitled the Poor Law (England) (Adjudicating Officers) Order, 1943.
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 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 ending the 31st day of December 1942.
Equal Compensation. 
Mr. Willink reported from the Select Committee on Equal Compensation, 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. 

New Members sworn. 
Edward Percy Smith, Esquire, Member for the County of Kent (Ashallford Division), was sworn. 
John Dernot Campbell, Esquire, Member for the County of Antrim, was sworn. 

Social Insurance and Allied Services. 
A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House welcomes the Report of Sir William Beveridge on Social Insurance and Allied Services as a comprehensive review of the present provisions in this sphere and as a valuable aid in determining the lines on which developments and legislation should be pursued as part of the Government's policy of post-war reconstruction.—(Mr. Greenwood.)—And a Debate arising thereupon; 
Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned. 
(Sir James Edmondson.) 
Ordered, That the Debate be resumed tomorrow. 
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the House of Commons Disqualification (Temporary Provisions) Bill. 
(In the Committee.) 
Clauses No. 1 and No. 2 agreed to. 
Bill to be reported. 

Adjourment. 
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. 
A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Sir James Edmondson); 
And it being half-an-hour after Five of the clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House, without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, till tomorrow. 

[No. 31.] 
Wednesday, 17th February, 1943. 
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 Colonel Clifton Brown, 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,—Private Bills [Standing Orders not previously inquired into complied with.] 
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:— 
Bridgewater Gas Bill. 
Ordered, That the Bill be committed. 

Mr. Ernest Brown presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Scheme made by the Dartford Rural District Council and approved by the Minister of Health under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937. 
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table. 
The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of a Measure, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:— 
Copy of a Scheme for effecting the union of the benefice and ecclesiastical parish of Manchester, St. Matthew and St. John, and the benefice and ecclesiastical parish of Manchester, St. Ann and St. Mary, both situate in the diocese of Manchester. 

Ordered, That the Proceedings on the Order of the day, relating to Social Insurance and Allied Services, be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Mr. Secretary Eden.) 
The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 16th day of this instant February, That this House welcomes the Report of Sir William Beveridge on Social Insurance and Allied Services as a comprehensive review of the present provisions in this sphere and as a valuable aid in determining the lines on which developments and legislation should be pursued as part of the Government's policy of post-war reconstruction; 
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 tomorrow. 
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 receiving the Report from the Committee on War Damage (Amendment) [Money]; 
Ordered, That the Report be received tomorrow. 
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the War Damage (Amendment) Bill; 
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.
The Clerk, at the Table, informed the House of the unavoidable absence, through indisposition, of Mr. Speaker from this day's sitting:—Whereupon Colonel Clifton Brown, 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 Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Colne Valley Water Bill;

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

Ordered, That, if at any time the Chairman of Ways and Means is of opinion that in order to facilitate the progress of the Bills then referred to the Committee on Unopposed Bills under Standing Order III the adoption of such a course is desirable, he may apportion the Bills between two Committees on Unopposed Bills, the composition and quorum of each being those prescribed by Standing Order 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.

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.

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, Fire, Sanitary, and other Local Government matters in conflict with, deviation from, or excess of the provisions of the general law, the Committee to whom the Bill is referred shall, when considering such clauses as aforesaid, have the assistance of the Counsel to Mr. Speaker.—(The Deputy Chairman.)

Mr. Alexander presented, by His Majesty's Command, Estimate of the further Supplementary Estimates for the Navy for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1943.

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

Mr. Assheton presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of the Fifty-first Annual Report of the Inspection Committee of Trustee Savings Banks (for the year ended the 20th day of November 1942).

Copy of a Certificate, dated 17th February 1943, issued by the First Lord of the Treasury for the purposes of subsection (2) of Section 1 of the House of Commons Disqualification (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1941, certifying that the appointment of John Dermot Campbell Esquire, a Member of the Commons House of Parliament, to be Deputy Flax Controller for Northern Ireland under the Ministry of Supply, 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.

Sir John Anderson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 10th February 1943, approving an Admiralty Memorial relating to the grant of extra duty pay to certain other ranks of the Royal Marines.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 20th February 1943, approving Regulations relating to the grant of retired pay, pensions, &c., to
Members of the Naval Forces and of the nursing and auxiliary services thereof disabled, and to the widows, children and dependants of such members deceased.

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 Warrant, dated 10th February 1943; entitled the Inland Post Amendment No. 5 Warrant, 1943.

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 Revenue and Expenditure of the Wheat Fund attributable to the cereal year ended the 31st day of July 1942, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Account be printed.

Edmund Maurice Burke, Lord Fermoy, Member for the County of Norfolk (King's Lynn Division), was sworn.

Adjournment. Resolved, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn till Tuesday next.—[Mr. James Stuart.]

Social Insurance and Allied Services. The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 16th day of this instant February, That this House welcomes the Report of Sir William Beveridge on Social Insurance and Allied Services as a comprehensive review of the present provisions in this sphere and as a valuable aid in determining the lines on which developments and legislation should be pursued as part of the Government's policy of post-war reconstruction;

And the Question being again proposed:—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, in l. 1, by leaving out from the word "House" to the end of the Question, and adding the words "expresses its dissatisfaction with the now declared policy of His Majesty's Government towards the Report of Sir William Beveridge on Social Insurance and Allied Services, and urges the reconsideration of that policy with a view to the early implementation of the plan,"—[Mr. James Griffiths],—instead thereof:

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

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

Tellers for the Yeas. [Mr. James Stuart, 135; Mr. Whiteley].

Tellers for the Noes. [Mr. Charnleton, 119; Mr. Robert Taylor].

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put:

Resolved, That this House welcomes the Report of Sir William Beveridge on Social Insurance and Allied Services as a comprehensive review of the present provisions in this sphere and as a valuable aid in determining the lines on which developments and legislation should be pursued as part of the Government's policy of post-war reconstruction.

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on 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 receiving the Report from the Committee on War Damage (Amendment) [Money];

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Tuesday next.

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Catering Wages [Money];

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Tuesday next.

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill;

Resolved, That the Report be received upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) [Money];

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee on Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) [Money];

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Hydro-Electric Development (Scotland) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Hydro-Electric Development (Scotland) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the British Nationality and Status of Aliens Bill [Lords];

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

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 11th day of this instant February;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Nationality and Status of Aliens Bill [Lords];

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

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 11th day of this instant February;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Tuesday next.
Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—
(Sir James Edmondson.)

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.

[No. 33.]

Tuesday, 23rd February, 1943.

The House met at Eleven of the clock

Mr. Speaker's Absence.

THE Clerk Assistant, at the Table, informed the House of the unavoidable absence, through indisposition, of Mr Speaker from this day's sitting:—Whereupon Colonel Clifton Brown, 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. Assheton also presented, by His Majesty's Command, Copies of Regulations, dated 16th February 1943, entitled the Commodity Insurance (Special Payments) Regulations, 1943.

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

Mr. Secretary Stanley presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Governor of Jamaica, dated 16th February 1943, relative to the Constitution of Jamaica.

Copy of a Report by Sir Frank Stockdale, K.C.M.G., C.B.E., Comptroller for Development and Welfare in the West Indies, for the years 1940 to 1942.

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

Mr. Ernest Brown presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1938, to—

(1) the Urban District of Bletchley, and
(2) the Urban District of Ventnor.

Mr. Secretary Morrison also presented, pursuant to paragraph (6) of Regulation 188 of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939, Report by the Secretary of State for the Home Department of action taken under the said Regulation during January 1943.

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

Mr. Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Memorandum relative to Training for the Building Industry.

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 by His Majesty, dated 12th February 1943, for Retired Pay, Pensions, Allowances and Gratuities for Members of the Air Force and of the Nursing and Auxiliary Services thereof disabled, and for the Widows, Children and Dependents of such Members deceased in consequence of the present war.

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

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

Account of the Sugar Industry (Research and Education) Fund showing the Revenue and Expenditure attributable to the year ending the 31st day of March 1942, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Copy of Regulations, dated 16th February 1943, entitled the Matrimonial Causes (Amendment) (No. 1) Rules, 1943.

Ordered, That the said Account be printed.
Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to request that their Lordships will be pleased to give leave to the Earl of Drogheda to attend to be examined, as a Witness, before the Sub-Committee for Finance and Establishments Inquiries, appointed by the Select Committee on National Expenditure.—

(Mr. Woodburn.)

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the said Message.

Sir David King Murray, K.C., Member for the County of Midlothian and Peebles (Northern Division), was sworn.

Admiral Sir William Milbourne James, K.C.B., Member for the Borough of Portsmouth (North Division), was sworn.

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

(In the Committee)

Civil Estimates and Estimates for Revenue Departments, 1943.

(Vote on Account).

£208,772,000, on account, for certain Civil and Revenue Departments (including Education and Broadcasting, Pensions, Health Insurance, Unemployment Insurance and Assistance, Roads and other grants and Exchequer Contributions to Local Revenues).

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-morrow, the Colne Valley Water Bill was read a second time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, the Motion of the House lapsed without a Question being put.

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. Beechman);

And it being half an hour after Five of the clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House, without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, till to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Hydro-Electric Development (Scotland) Bill;

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

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That," to the end of the Question, and adding the words "this House, recognising the vital part to be played by hydro-electric power in the regeneration of the Highlands and the development of Scottish life and industry, which it regards as a major object..."
of national policy, welcomes the proposal
to establish a public service corporation
in the North of Scotland for the generation
and distribution of electricity from water
power; but declines to give a Second Reading
to a Bill which so circumscribes the powers
and duties of the Corporation by bureaucratic
controls and needless references to Parliament
on details of its work that it robs the Corpora-
tion of freedom and initiative in the conception
and prosecution of the undertaking (for the
financial solvency of which it will be respon-
sible) and will cause repeated delays in the
performance of its task and unjustifiable
postponement of the betterment of Scottish
conditions,"—(Mr. Henderson Stewart.)—instead
thereof;

And the Question being proposed, That the
words proposed to be left out stand part of
thereof; "...conditions,"(Mr. Henderson Stewart,)instead
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conditions,"—(Mr. Henderson Stewart.)—instead
thereof;
contentment of the troops and suitable facilities provided for their education and vocational training."—(Mr. Grenfell)—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.

(In the Committee.)

Army Estimates, 1943

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 1944.

Vote 1. Pay, &c., of the Army.

2. £100 for the Pay, &c., of the Army.

Army Supplementary Estimate, 1942.

3. £10 (Supplementary) for expenditure beyond the sum already provided in the grants for Army Services for the year.

Schedule.

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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.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 11th day of this instant February:

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Hydro-Electric Development (Scotland) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee on Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) [Money];

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Nationality and Status of Aliens Bill [Lords];

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

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 23rd day of this instant February;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Tuesday next.

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee on Catering Wages [Money];

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Catering Wages [Money];

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee on Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) [Money];

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Catering Wages [Money];

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee on Catering Wages (Scotland) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Hydro-Electric Development (Scotland) Bill;

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

Resolved, That the Orders made by the Sunday Cinematograph Entertainments Act, 1932, to—

1. the Urban District of Bletchley, and

2. the Urban District of Ventnor, copies of which were presented to this House on the 23rd day of this instant February, be approved.—(Sir James Edmondson.)

And it being after half past Five of the clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then twenty-four minutes before Eight of the clock, till Tuesday next, pursuant to the Resolution of the House this day.
Tuesday, 2nd March, 1943.

The House met at Eleven of the clock

Mr. Speaker's Absence.

T HE Clerk Assistant, at the Table, informed the House of the unavoidable absence, through indisposition, of Mr. Speaker from this day's sitting. Whereupon Colonel Clifton Brown, 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. Ernest Brown presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, a Copy of a Scheme made by the Lewisham Metropolitan Borough Council and approved by the Minister of Health under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937.

Copy of an Order, dated 18th February 1943, entitled the Coventry (Adjudicating Officers) Order, 1943.

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 showing the Nature and Amount of the Securities held by the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt at the 31st day of December 1942 as Investments for Moneys, forming part of (a) the National Health Insurance Funds for England, Wales and Scotland, respectively; (b) the Central Fund; and (c) the Unemployment Arrears Fund, paid over to them under subsection (1) of Section 158 of the National Health Insurance Act, 1936.

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 value to justify their preservation in the Public Record Office.

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

Copy of Rules of Court, dated 23rd February 1943, entitled the Rules of the Supreme Court (Poor Persons), 1943.

Ordered, That the said Account be printed.

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

(In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates, Supplementary Estimate, 1942.

Class V.

Vote 6. Old Age Pensions.

2. £600,000 (Supplementary), for Old Age Pensions, pensions to blind persons, and for certain administrative expenses in connection therewith.

Class I.


3. £18,086, for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Town and Country Planning.

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.

Mr. Tom Williams reported from the Committee of Supply of the 11th day of February last, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Civil Estimates, Supplementary Estimate, 1942.

Class II.

Vote 8. Colonial and Middle Eastern Services.

1. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £10,273,650, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1943, for sundry Colonial and Middle Eastern Services under His Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, including certain non-effective services and grants in aid.

Class VI.

Vote 15. State Management Districts.

3. 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 1943, for the salaries and expenses of the State Management Districts, including the salaries of the central office, and the cost of provision and management of licensed premises.

Class X.

Vote 20. Ministry of Production.

4. That a sum, not exceeding £100, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge that will
come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1943, for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Production.

Class I.

Vote 4. Treasury and Subordinate Departments.

5. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £5,291, 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 1943, for the salaries and expenses in the Departments of His Majesty’s Treasury and Subordinate Departments, and the salaries and expenses of a Minister without Portfolio, a Minister of State, a Deputy Minister of State and the Ministers Resident in West Africa and at Allied Headquarters in North-West Africa.

Vote 22. Miscellaneous Expenses.

6. 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 1943, for certain miscellaneous expenses, including certain grants in aid.

Class X.

Vote 1. Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (War Services).

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 1943, for the cost of the services of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

Vote 2. Ministry of Aircraft Production.

8. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £10, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1943, for the cost of the war services of the Ministry of Aircraft Production.

Vote 5. Ministry of Health (War Services).

9. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £10, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1943, for the cost of the war services of the Ministry of Health.


10. 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 1943, for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Home Security.

Vote 10A. Ministry of Fuel and Power.

11. 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 1943, for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Fuel and Power.


12. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £10, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1943, for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Supply, including the expenses of the Royal Ordnance Factories.

Vote 14. Ministry of War Transport. (Supplementary).

13. 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 1943, for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of War Transport.

Vote 15A. Ministry of Works and Planning (War Services). (Supplementary).

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 1943, for the cost of the war services of the Ministry of Works and Planning.

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

Mr. James Stuart reported from the Committee on War Damage (Amendment) (Money) a Resolution; which was read, as follows:

That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to amend subsection (1) of section four of the War Damage Act, 1941, and to make consequential amendments, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any increase in the sums authorised to be paid out of such moneys by section fifty-four of the said Act of 1941 attributable to any provision of the said Act of the present Session requiring the question whether a payment in respect of any war damage (whether occurring before or after the passing of the said Act of the present Session) is to be a payment of cost of works or a value payment to be determined by reference to prices current at the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and thirty-nine.

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 (Amendment) Bill.

(Clauses No. 1 to No. 3 agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Bill to be reported.)

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

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

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

Mr. Bowtell reported from the Committee on Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Money) a Resolution; which was read, as follows:

That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to amend the law relating to agricultural, agricultural land and the drainage of land, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of such additional Exchequer contributions and grants, and such additional expenses of the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries and the Secretary of State, as may become payable by virtue of
provisions of the said Act, whether retrospective or not,—
(a) increasing the maximum amount of Exchequer contributions under section one of the Agriculture Act, 1937, towards purchases of lime;
(b) extending section fifteen of the Agriculture Act, 1937, to grants towards expenditure incurred by a drainage authority after the thirty-first day of July, nineteen hundred and forty-four;
(c) extending the definition of agricultural land for the purposes of Part III and section twenty-nine of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1940, and the Land Drainage (Scotland) Act, 1941;
(d) extending the powers as to drainage schemes under section fourteen of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous War Provisions) Act, 1940, and under that section as set out in the First Schedule to the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1941;
(e) empowering the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries and the Secretary of State to acquire:
(i) land for drainage works;
(ii) land which was in the same ownership as land acquired under section nine of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1941;
(f) providing for the control of artificial insemination of animals.

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. 3 agreed to.
Clause No. 4 (Extension of powers as to drainage schemes).
Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 1, to leave out subsection (2).—(Mr. Burden.)
Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clause No. 5 agreed to.
Clause No. 6 (Acquisition of land for drainage works).
An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 5, at the end, to insert the words,—
"(2) In the case of land owned and/or leased by public utility undertakings the question of acquisition shall be subject to negotiation and failing a settlement by arbitration."—(Mr. Crutchley.)
Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses No. 7 and No. 8 agreed to.
Clause No. 9 amended, and agreed to.
Clause No. 10 (Improvement of common lands).
Amendments made.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 26, at the end, to add the words,—
"(4) A notice served for the purposes of this section shall specify the sum which the owner on whom it is served is required to pay and the rights in respect of which he is required to pay it and that sum shall not exceed either of the following limits, that is to say:—
(a) the amount by which the value for agricultural purposes of the specified rights will be increased by the doing of the work;
(b) the same proportion of the expenses as the amount aforesaid bears to the amount by which the value for agricultural purposes of all the rights affected will be increased by the doing of the work."—(Mr. Charles Williams.)

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

Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses No. 11 to No. 13 agreed to.
Clause No. 14 amended, and agreed to.
Clause No. 15 agreed to.
Clause No. 16 amended, and agreed to.
Clause No. 17 agreed to.
Clause No. 18 amended, and agreed to.
Clauses No. 19 and No. 20 agreed to.
Clause No. 21 amended, and agreed to.
Clauses No. 22 and No. 23 agreed to.

A Clause (Amendment of provisions relating to dams and sluices)—(Mr. Tom Williams.)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added. First to Third Schedules agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Report from the Committee of Supply of the 25th day of February last;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

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

The Report from the Committee of Supply of the 23rd day of February last;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Catering Wages.

The Report from the Committee on Catering Wages [Money];

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Catering Wages Committee on the Catering Wages 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 British Nationality and Status of Aliens Bill [Lords];

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Hydro-Electric Development (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 Hydro-Electric Development (Scotland) [Money];

Ordered, That the Report be received, to-morrow.

Ordered, That so much of the Lords Message of the 24th day February last as relates to the appointment of a Joint Committee on Consolidation Bills be now taken into consideration —(Mr. Adamson):—The House accordingly proceeded to take so much of the said Message into consideration.

Ordered, That a Select Committee of Six Members be appointed to join with the Committee appointed by the Lords to consider all Consolidation Bills in the present Session.

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

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

Ordered, That a Message be sent to acquaint them therewith and that the Clerk do carry the said Message.

The Committee was nominated of,—Mr. Bowles, Mr. Geoffrey Hutchinson, Mr. Jevson, Flight-Lieutenant Rashis, Mr. Silverman, and Colonel Sir Lambert Ward.—(Mr. Adamson.)

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

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

[No. 37.]

Wednesday, 3rd March, 1943.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

Mr. Speaker's Absence.

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

Prevention of Fraud (Investments).

Mr. Dalton presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 19th February 1943, entitled the Prevention of Fraud (Investments) Act Licensing (Amendment) Regulations, 1943.

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

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At Eleven of the clock, the Serjeant came in and brought the Mace, and laid it under the Table.

Then Mr. Secretary Eden, addressing himself to the Clerk of the House (who, standing up, pointed to him, and then sat down), acquainted the House that His Majesty having been informed of the death of Captain the Right Honourable Edward Algernon Fitzroy, late Speaker of this House, gives leave to the House to proceed forthwith to the choice of a new Speaker.

Then Mr. Lambert stood up, and addressing himself to the Clerk, proposed to the House Colonel the Right Honourable Douglas Clifton Brown do take the Chair of this House as Speaker, which Motion was seconded by Mr. Tinker.

And after a Debate, Colonel the Right Honourable Douglas Clifton Brown stood up in his place and expressed the sense he had of the honour proposed to be conferred upon him, and submitted himself to the House.

The House then having unanimously called Colonel the Right Honourable Douglas Clifton Brown to the Chair, he was taken out of his place and conducted to the Chair by Mr. Lambert and Mr. Tinker, and standing on the upper step, he expressed his thanks to the House and his humble acknowledgment of the high honour which the House had conferred upon him, and sat down in the Chair.

Then the Mace, which before lay under the Table, was placed upon the Table.

Whereupon Mr. Secretary Eden, Mr. Greenwood, Sir Percy Harris, Mr. Holmes, and General Clifton Brown congratulated Mr. Speaker Elect; and Mr. Secretary Eden signified the pleasure of His Majesty that the House should present their Speaker this day at Three of the clock in the House of Peers, for His Majesty's Royal Approbation.

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, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers; Accordingly Mr. Speaker Elect, with the House, went up to the House of Peers; where Mr. Speaker Elect was presented to the said Lords Commissioners for the approbation of His Majesty; And,

Then the Lord High Chancellor, one of the said Lords Commissioners, in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, signified His Majesty's approbation of Mr. Speaker Elect.

The House having returned;

Mr. Speaker reported, That the House had been at the House of Peers; Where His Majesty had been graciously pleased, by His Commissioners, to approve of the choice the House had made of him to be their Speaker:

And then Mr. Speaker repeated his respectful acknowledgments to the House of the honour they had done him and renewed the assurance of his entire devotion to the service of the House.

Mr. Secretary Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, an Account of Extraordinary Works executed, other than General Repairs, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1942;—And, an Account of Extraordinary Works executed, other than General Repairs, for the same period.

Copy of an Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section I of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the Parish of Aldenham in the Rural District of Watford.

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

Mr. Ernest Brown presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders:

(1) dated 25th February 1943, entitled the South Western Joint Vagrancy Committee Order, 1943, and,

(2) dated 26th February 1943, entitled the Nottingham (Adjudicating Officers) Order, 1943.

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

Mr. Noel Baker presented, pursuant to the Road Vehicles, directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Provisional Regulations, dated 4th March 1943, entitled the Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) (Amendment) Provisional Regulations, 1943.

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

Mr. Secretary Anmey presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Draft of an Order, entitled the Government of India (Governors' Allowances and Privileges) (Amendment) Order, 1943.

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

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

The Lords propose that the Joint Committee on Consolidation Bills do meet in the Chairman of Committees' Committee Room, House of Lords, on Tuesday next, at Eleven of the clock.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, Supply.

Mr. Secretary Eden.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till nineteen minutes after Three of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
[No. 39.]

Wednesday, 10th March, 1943.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker

Death of

Mr. Speaker

FitzRoy.

Resolved, nemine contradicente, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty praying His Majesty that He will be most graciously pleased to confer some signal mark of His Royal Favour upon the family of Captain the Right Honourable Edward Algernon FitzRoy, late Speaker of this House, for his eminent services during the important period in which he presided with such ability and dignity in the Chair of this House.—(Mr. Secretary Eden.)

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

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 come to the following Resolution, nemine dissenteante: That a Message be sent to the Commons to express to that House the profound sympathy of the House of Lords on the loss which the House of Commons has sustained by the death of a Speaker who will long be remembered with affection and regard for the distinction with which he discharged the duties of his office. Ordered, That the said Message be now taken into consideration:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the said Message into consideration.

Resolved, nemine contradicente, That this House desires to express its sense of grateful appreciation to the House of Peers for their message conveying their profound sympathy on the loss which this House has sustained by the death of Mr. Speaker FitzRoy.—(Mr. Secretary Eden.)

Ordered, That the said Resolution be communicated to the Lords; and that the Clerk do communicate the same.

Ordered, That Major Milner be the Chairman of Ways and Means; and that Mr. Charles Means and Williams be the Deputy Chairman.—(Mr. Secretary Eden.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply (Naval Estimates.)

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 Women's Royal Naval Service Estimates by leaving out from the word "That," to the end of the Question, and adding the words "this House desires to record its admiration of the part played by the members of the Women's Royal Naval Service in the present conflict and to express the opinion that a still further extension of their activities should be considered.—(Mr. Holmes.)

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

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

The House accordingly resolved itself into Supply, Committee of Supply;

"That the said Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn. And the Main Question being put;—(In the Committee.)

Vote A. Numbers,

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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 1944.

Vote 1. Wages, &c., of Officers and Men of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines and of certain other personnel serving with the Fleet.

2. £100 for Wages, &c., of Officers and Men of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines and of certain other personnel serving with the Fleet.

3. £10 (Supplementary) for expenditure beyond the sum already provided in the grants for Navy Services for the year.

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Resolved, that the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That this House do now adjourn.

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

[No. 40.]

Thursday, 11th March, 1943.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Dalton presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, — Copy of an Order, dated 2nd March 1943, entitled the Perambulators (Maximum Prices and Charges) (No. 2) Order, 1943.

Copy of an Order, dated 25th February 1943, entitled the War Damage (Business Scheme) (No. 1) Order, 1943.

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

Mr. Secretary Johnston presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,— Copy of Regulations, dated 29th January 1943, entitled the National Health Insurance (Insurance Committees and Panel and Pharmaceutical Committees) Amendment Regulations (Scotland), 1943.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House an Account of the Receipts and Payments of the Accounting Officer of the Vote for the Supreme Court on behalf of the Admiralty Division in Prize for the period from the 3rd day of September 1939 to the 31st day of March 1942, with copies of the Correspondence with the Comptroller and Auditor-General thereon.

—(Sir James Edmondson.)

Mr. Secretary Johnston, supported by the Lord Advocate, Mr. Solicitor-General for Scotland, Mr. Westwood and Mr. Chapman, presented a Bill to extend the time within which applications for assistance under the Housing (Agricultural Population) (Scotland) Act, 1938, may be made to local authorities: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next; 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. Secretary Eden.)

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply (Air Estimates.)

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair—(Secretary Sir Archibald Sinclair).

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:


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 ‘‘This House, appreciating the important part which civil aviation will play in post-war reconstruction, urges the Government to adopt a policy which will ensure the immediate development of civil air transport at the conclusion of hostilities, so that, in co-operation with the countries of the British Commonwealth and with other members of the United Nations, this means of communication shall be turned to peaceful ends and promote better international relationships as well as the economic welfare of all peoples’’—(Mr. Burke),—instead thereof :—

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

And the Main Question being put ;

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Air Estimates, 1943.

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 1944.


2. £100, for the Pay, &c., of the Air Force.

Air Services Supplementary Estimate, 1942.

3. £10 (Supplementary) for expenditure beyond the sum already provided in the grants for Air Services for the year.

Schedule.

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Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. 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.

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

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

(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 1943, the sum of £12,001,057 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.—(Sir James Edmondson.)

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 1944, the sum of £208,773,300 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.—(Sir James Edmondson.)

Resolutions to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Tuesday next.

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

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 2nd day of this instant March ;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Tuesday next.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 23rd day of February last ;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee on Catering Wages [Money] ;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Nationality and Status of Aliens Bill [Lords] ;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Hydro-Electric Development (Scotland) Bill ;

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

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee on the Hydro-Electric Development (Scotland) Bill ;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 10th day of this instant March ;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Tuesday next.

Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the Parish of Aldenham,
in the Rural District of Watford, a copy of which was presented to this House on the 9th day of this instant March, be approved.—(Mr. Beechman.)

And it being after half-past Five of the clock, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then seventeen minutes before Seven of the clock, till Tuesday next, pursuant to the Resolution of the House this day.

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:—Liverpool Hydraulic Power Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

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 Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of the City of Leicester. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Assheton presented,—Return to an Order, Supreme Court (Prize, &c., Deposit Account, 1939-42.)

Mr. Assheton also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account showing all the Sums which have been received into the Treasury Chest, and which have been paid out of the same between the 1st day of April 1941 and the 31st day of March 1942, and the Liabilities and Assets on the latter day, with the Report of the Comptroller-and Auditor General thereon. Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Secretary Amery presented, pursuant to India, the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Proclamation issued on the 15th day of February 1943 by the Governor of Bombay under Section 93 of the Government of India Act, 1935, in modification of his previous Proclamation.

Copy of a Proclamation issued on the 15th India, day of February 1943, by the Governor of Madras under Section 93 of the Government of India Act, 1935, in modification of his previous Proclamation. 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 Orders in Council, dated 11th March 1943, entitled—

(1) the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain (Retirement of Council) Order, 1943.
(2) the Wimbledon and Putney Commons Conservators (Temporary Provisions) Order, 1943, and
(3) the Universities and Colleges (St. David’s College, Lampeter) Order, 1943.

Copies of Orders in Council, dated 11th March 1943—

(1) adding Regulation 6 to the Defence (Savings Banks) Regulations, 1939,
(2) adding Regulation 47AD to the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939,
(3) adding Regulation 47AE to the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939,
(4) amending Regulations 44B, 47AB and 93 of, and adding Regulation 48A to, the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939.
Mr. Secretary Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, a Copy of an Order proposed to be made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department respecting the reckoning of unestablished service towards pension by officers of the staff of Metropolitan Police and Metropolitan Police Courts, entitled the Metropolitan Police Staffs of Metropolitan Police and Metropolitan Police, &c., for the year ended the 31st day of March 1942, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Account of the Special Areas Fund, showing the Receipts and Payments for the year ended the 31st day of March 1942, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Account of the Unemployment Assistance Fund showing the Receipts into and the Payments out of the Fund for the year ended the 31st day of March 1942, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Mr. Chapman reported from the Committee of Supply of the 23rd day of February last, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

Civil Estimates and Estimates for Revenue Departments, 1943 (Vote on Account).

That a sum, not exceeding £208,773,000, be granted to His Majesty, on account, for or towards defraying the charges for the Civil and Revenue Departments (including Education and Broadcasting, Pensions, Health Insurance, Unemployment Insurance and Assistance, Roads and other grants and Exchequer Contributions to Local Revenues) for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1944, viz.:

Civil Estimates.

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### Total for Revenue Departments

| £46,530,000 |

The said Resolution being read a second time:

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution:

And it being Five of the clock, Mr. Speaker put the Question put forthwith to the Question necessary to dispose of the Report:

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution:

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 2nd day of this instant March:

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read for receiving the Report from the Committee on Catering Wages [Money]:

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read for receiving the Report from the Committee on Catering Wages [Money]:

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read for receiving the Report from the Committee on Catering Wages 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 British Nationality and Status of Aliens Bill [Lords]:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Hydro-Electric Development (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 Hydro-Electric Development (Scotland) [Money]:
*Ordered*, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 10th day of this instant March; *Ordered*, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 11th day of this instant March; *Ordered*, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Housing (Agricultural Population) (Scotland) Bill; *Ordered*, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Charles Williams be discharged from the Select Committee on Publications and Debates Reports; and that Commander King-Hall be added to the Committee.—(Sir James Edmondson.)

*Ordered*, That Colonel Clifton Brown be discharged from the Select Committee on the Disposal and Custody of Documents.—(Sir James Edmondson.)

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

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

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**Resolution:**

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, by His Majesty’s Command.—Copy of a Memorandum on the Board of Education Estimates, 1943.
*Ordered*, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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Secretary Sir James Grigg presented, pursuant to Army, to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Amendments to the Rules of Procedure, 1926 (Army).

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

Mr. Assheton presented, pursuant to the Public Accounts Resolution of the House of the 4th day of March, 1879,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 10th February 1943, authorising the temporary application of the Excesses of the Sums realised on account of Appropriation in Aid on certain Navy Votes for the year 1941 towards making good the deficit in Receipts under other Votes for the same year.

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

Mr. Ernest Brown, supported by Mr. Ernest Nurses Bill. Bevin and Mr. Attorney General presented a Bill to provide for the enrolment of assistant nurses for the sick, to restrict the use of the name or title of nurse, to regulate agencies for the supply of nurses for the sick and to amend the Nurses Registration Act, 1919: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

*Ordered*, That this day, notwithstanding any-thing in Standing Order No. 14, the Reports of the House, Supplementary Estimates, 1942, and Business other than the Business of Supply may be taken before the hour appointed for the interruption of Business; that the proceedings on the Reports from the Committee of Supply of the 10th day of this instant March, the 25th day of February last, and the 11th and 2nd days of this instant March may be taken after the hour 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).—(The Prime Minister.)

Sir James Edmondson reported from the Supply Committee of Supply of the roth day of this instant March, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

**Navy Estimates, 1943**

**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 1944.

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 £900, 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 the course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1944.

**Navy Supplementary Estimate, 1942**

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
Mr. Arthur Henderson reported from the Committee of Supply of the 25th day of February last, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Army Estimates, 1943.

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 1944.

2. That a sum, not exceeding £100, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1944, for the discipline and regulation of the Army and the Air Force; and that Secretary Sir James Grigg, Mr. Alexander, Secretary Sir Archibald Sinclair, Mr. Arthur Henderson and Captain Balfour do prepare and bring it in.

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 1943, for expenditure beyond the sum already provided in the grants for Army Services for the year.

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

Mr. Peake reported from the Committee of Supply of the 11th day of this instant March, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Air Estimates, 1943.

1. Vote A. Number for Air Force Service

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

Mr. Peake reported from the Committee of Supply of the 1st day of this instant March, a Bill to provide, during twelve months, for the discipline and regulation of the Army and the Air Force; and that Secretary Sir James Grigg, Mr. Alexander, Secretary Sir Archibald Sinclair, Mr. Arthur Henderson and Captain Balfour do prepare and bring it in.

Then the remaining Resolutions reported from the Committee of Supply of the 11th day of this instant March, being read a second time, to-morrow; and to be printed.

Mr. Peake reported from the Committee of Supply of the 2nd day of this instant March, several Resolutions; which were read, as follows:

Civil Estimates, Supplementary Estimate, 1942.

Class II.

Vote 2. Diplomatic and Consular Services.

1. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £93,800, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1943, 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 V.

Vote 6. Old Age Pensions.

1. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £600,000, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1943, for Old Age Pensions, pensions to blind persons, and for certain administrative expenses in connection therewith.

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

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 Secretary Sir James Grigg, Mr. Alexander, Secretary Sir Archibald Sinclair, Mr. Arthur Henderson and Captain Balfour do prepare and bring it in.
Adjournment.

Mr. Peake reported from the Committee of Ways and Means and Means of the 11th day of this instant March, several Resolutions; which were read, and to which the House agreed.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the said Resolutions, being read a second time, to-morrow.

Mr. Assheton accordingly presented a Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

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

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

[No. 43.] Thursday, 18th March, 1943.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

SIR John Anderson presented, pursuant to Medical Councils, the directions of an Act of Parliament,—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 1942.

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


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

Secretary Sir James Grigg presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Amendments to 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.

Sir Lambert Ward reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Consolidation Bills; Committee.) That they had considered the Courts Emergency Powers Bill [Lords], now pending in the House of Lords, and had agreed to a Report in respect thereof which they had directed him to make to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before t hem: 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. James Stuart.)

The Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Bill was, accordingly, read a second time and to-morrow.

The British Nationality and Status of Aliens Bill [Lords] 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.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Sir James Edmondson); And it being Five of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed without a Question being put.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes after Five of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—
(Sir James Edmondson);

And it being half an hour after Five of the clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House, without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, till Tuesday next, pursuant to the Resolution of the House this day.

In pursuance of Standing Order No. 80 (4), I hereby nominate Charles George Ammon, Esquire, a Member of the Chairman's Panel, in the room of Major James Milner, M.C., now Chairman of Ways and Means.

D. Clifton Brown, Speaker.

18th March 1943.

[No. 44.]

Tuesday, 23rd March, 1943

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

The Liverpool Hydraulic Power Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

Sir John Anderson presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament.—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 11th March 1943, entitled the Copyright (Rome Convention) (Hayti) Order, 1943.

Copies of Orders in Council, dated 22nd March 1943,—
(1) substituting a new Regulation for Regulation 54CA of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939, and
(2) adding Regulation 108 to the Defence (Armed Forces) Regulations, 1939.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 11th March 1943, entitled the Merchant Shipping (Administration at Massawa) (Provisional) Order, 1943.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 11th March 1943, relating to the investigation of claims to Naval assets.


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

Secretary Sir James Grigg presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Amendments to the Regulations for the Territorial Army, 1936.

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

Mr. Secretary Eden presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Statement published by the Government of India on the Congress Party's responsibility for the Disturbances in India, 1942-43.

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 a Report of the Visit of Inspection to the Broadmoor Criminal Lunatic Asylum in 1942 by Commissioners, Board of Control.

Copy of the Ninety-second Report of the Church Estates Commissioners for the year preceding the 1st day of March 1943.


Copies of Orders made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department extending Section 1 of the Sunday Cinematograph Entertainments Act, 1932, to—
(1) the City of Bradford, and
(2) the Rural District of Petworth.

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 February 1943.

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

Mr. Assheton presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 15th March 1943, entitled the China Clay (Charges) Order, 1943.

Copy of an Order, dated 16th March 1943, entitled the Purchase Tax (Alteration of Rates) (Parts of Musical Instruments) (Defence.) Order, 1943.

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

Mr. Dallow presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Orders, dated 12th March 1943, entitled—
(1) the Utility Furniture (Maximum Prices, Maximum Charges and Records) Order, 1943.
(2) the Second-hand Goods (Maximum Prices, Maximum Charges and Records) Order, 1943.
(3) the Perambulators (Maximum Prices and Charges) (No. 3) Order, 1943, and
(4) the General Furniture (Maximum Prices, Maximum Charges and Records) Order, 1943.

Copy of an Order, dated 15th March 1943, entitled the War Damage (Private Chattels Scheme) (No. 4) Order, 1943.

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 Offices of the Ministry of Food, 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 had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:—

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to amend the Evidence and Powers of Attorney Act, 1940, to provide for the proof of notarial acts of certain foreign, diplomatic and consular representatives, and for purposes connected therewith; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

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,

D. CLIFTON BROWN,
Speaker).

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

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

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee on Catering Wages [Money];—

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Catering Wages 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 Hydro-Electric Development (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 Hydro-Electric Development (Scotland) [Money];—

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Housing (Agricultural Population) (Scotland) Bill;—

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

The Order of the day being read, for the British Nationality and Status of Aliens Bill [Lords];—

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

And it being after half-past Five of the clock, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then nineteen minutes before Seven of the clock, till to-morrow.

PRAYERS.

MR. Assheton presented, pursuant to the Government 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 1942.

Ordered, That the said Accounts 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 War Damage War Damage Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the War Damage Lords to the War Damage (Amendment) Bill, to be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Nurses Bill was, according to Order, Nurses Bill. 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 the Housing (Agricultural Population) (Scotland) Bill;—

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time;
The House divided.

The Yeas were as follows:

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Bondton, Mr. Maxton ; 
Mr. Stephen.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Boulton.

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.—(Captain McEwen.)

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

Mr. Attorney General, by His Majesty’s Command, acquainted the House that His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Housing (Agricultural Population) (Scotland) [Money], proposed to be moved, under Standing Order No. 69, in a Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House.—Whereupon the House, pursuant to Standing Order No. 69, resolved itself into a Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to extend the time within which applications for assistance under the Housing (Agricultural Population) (Scotland) Act, 1938, may be made to local authorities, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of such additional sums as may become payable under section eight of the said Act of 1938 by reason of any extension of the time within which applications for assistance must be made to local authorities in order that their power to give assistance under the said Act of 1938 may be exercisable.—(Mr. Westwood.)

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 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.—(Captain McEwen.)

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the British Nationality and Status of Aliens Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 to No. 11 agreed to.

A Clause (Nationality of married women.)—(Colonel Cazalet.)—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 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.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment, proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Sir James Edmundson);

And it being Five of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed without a Question being put.

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

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

[No. 46.]

Thursday, 25th March, 1943.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

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

I have to inform the House that I have received the following telegram from the President of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey:

While making the ministerial declaration to the Grand National Assembly of Turkey on the occasion of the constitution of his new Cabinet, M. Sukru Sarayoglu, President of the Council, defined Anglo-Turkish relations in the following terms:

"After this survey of the general lines of our policy, there is one point on which particular emphasis should be laid. That is Anglo-Turkish friendship. After the Adana Conference, having got to know Mr. Churchill more intimately, we have begun to love him better. We see around us the outstretched hands of all British statesmen, beginning with Mr. Churchill, and we hear the cordial words of these same statesmen. The House of Lords has also been the scene of a new manifestation of this friendship. Our British friends may rest assured that with all sincerity we grasp their outstretched hands, and that we consider the cordial words which come to us from England as the echo of those which we, from the bottom of our hearts, address to London. For it is our conviction that Anglo-Turkish friendship is not only a friendship dictated by mutual interests, but also by one of the most vital needs of the two countries."

I am happy to tell you that this declaration on the part of the President of the Council was received with applause and an enthusiastic and unanimous ovation from the whole Assembly. I take this opportunity to pay to you Mr. Speaker, my highest respects.

I propose to send the following reply on behalf of the House:—

It was with great pleasure and satisfaction that the House of Commons, to whom I
Mr. Secretary Amery presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of an Abstract of Tables giving the Main Statistics of the Census of the Indian Empire of 1941, with a brief introductory Note.

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 Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Bill, without any Amendment.

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 two Reports thereof to the House: And the Reports were brought up and read.

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

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the War Damage (Amendment) Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

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

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make provision for regulating the remuneration and conditions of employment of catering and other workers and, in connection therewith, for their health and welfare and the efficiency and development of the industries in which they are employed, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of the expenses of the Minister of Labour and National Service in carrying the said Act into effect and any expenses authorised by that Minister with the consent of the Treasury to be incurred by the Commission or any wages board established under the said Act or any committee appointed thereunder.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Catering Wages Bill.

Clause No. 1 (The Catering Wages Commission and the workers to whom this Act applies).

Catering Wages Bill. Amendment proposed, in p. r. l. 15, at the end, to insert the words "except members of the family of the proprietor."—(Mr. Loftus.) Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:

Whereupon the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod being come with a Message, the Chairman left the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

A Message was delivered by Air Chief Marshal Royal Assent.


Mr. Speaker,

The Lords, authorised by virtue of His Majesty's Commission, for declaring His Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read.

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

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

1. Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Act, 1943.
2. War Damage (Amendment) Act, 1943.

Then the House again resolved itself into a Committee on the Catering Wages Bill.

(Catering Wages Bill. (In the Committee.) Question again proposed, That the proposed words be there inserted:

Question put. The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Loftus, Mr. Colgate; 70.

Tellers for the Nos, Mr. James Thomas: 214.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. r. l. 21, to leave out from the word "undertaking," to the end of the Clause, and add the words,—

"Provided that such workers shall not include any person who is not wholly or mainly employed in one or more of the said activities or any person whose employment is wholly or mainly connected with administration, accounting or management."—(Sir Douglas Hacking.)

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 (General functions of the Commission). Amendment proposed, in p. r. l. 25, to leave out from the word "fit," to the word "into," in l. 20.—(Mr. Craik Henderson.) Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Ordered, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again.—(Sir James Edmondson.)
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

Sunday Cinematograph Entertainments.

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

(1) the City of Bradford and
(2) the Rural District of Petworth, copies of which were presented to this House on the 23rd day of this instant March, be approved.—(Mr. Peake.)

Gas (Special Orders.)

Resolved, That the Draft of the Special Order proposed to be made by the Minister of Fuel and Power 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 16th day of this instant March and published, be approved.—(Mr. Tom Smith.)

Adjournment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Sir James Edmondson) : The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Supply.

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

Ways and Means.

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

Hydro-Electric Development (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Hydro-Electric Development (Scotland) Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Hydro-Electric Development (Scotland) [Money.]

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee on Hydro-Electric Development (Scotland) [Money];
Ordered, That the Report be received upon Tuesday next.

Nurses Bill.

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

Housing (Agricultural Population) (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Housing (Agricultural Population) (Scotland) Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Housing (Agricultural Population) (Scotland) [Money.]

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee on Housing (Agricultural Population) (Scotland) [Money];
Ordered, That the Report be received upon Tuesday next.

Army and Air Force (Annual) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Army and Air Force (Annual) Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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 26th December 1942, made under the Emergency Powers Defence Acts, 1939 and 1940, amending Regulations 6A, 45A, 50A, 60A, 62 and 70 of, and adding Regulations 47D, 60DA and 104A to, the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939, a copy of which was presented to this House on the 27th day of this instant March last, be annulled—(Mr. Peake) :—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 a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then twenty-seven minutes after Six of the clock, till Tuesday next, pursuant to the Resolution of the House this day.

[No. 47.]

Tuesday, 30th March, 1943.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

A MOTION was made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the County of Northampton with the Soke of Peterborough (Daventry Division), in the room of Captain the Right Honourable Edward Algernon FitzRoy, deceased—(Mr. James Stuart);
And it being a quarter of an hour after Eleven of the clock, the said Motion lapsed, without a Question being put.

Sir John Anderson presented, pursuant to Dental Board, the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account of the Income and Expenditure of the Dental Board of the United Kingdom for 1942.
Ordered, That the said Account do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Assheton presented, pursuant to War Damage, directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 25th March 1943, embodying a Scheme entitled the War Damage (Highways) Scheme, 1943.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Captain Crookshank presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Regulations, dated 22d February 1943, entitled the Post Office Savings Bank Amendment (No. 3) Regulations, 1943.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Noel-Baker presented, by His Majesty's Railways Command,—Copy of Estimates of the pooled Revenue Receipts and Expenses and resultant net Revenue of the Controlled Railway Undertakings for 1942.
The Evidence and Powers of Attorney Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the County of Northampton with the Soke of Peterborough (Division of Daventry) in the room of Captain the Right Honourable Edward Algernon FitzRoy, deceased.—[Mr. James Stuart.]"
copies of which were presented to this House on the 28th day of November 1939, the 21st day of January 1940 and the 10th day of this instant March, respectively.—(Mr. Secretary Amery.)

Resolved, That this House approves the continuation in force of the Proclamation issued under Section 93 of the Government of India Act, 1935, by the Governor of the North West Frontier Province on the 20th day of November 1939, and of his 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.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That after the 4th day of April next, during the remainder of the present Session—

(1) Standing Orders Nos. 1, 6, 7, 8 and 14 shall have effect as if for any reference to a time mentioned in the first column of the following Table there were substituted—

(a) until the 17th day of October next, a reference to the time respectively mentioned in the second column of that Table; and

(b) after the 17th day of October next, a reference to the time respectively mentioned in the third column of that Table;

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(2) Standing Order No. 25 shall have effect as if for the references to a quarter past Eight and a quarter past Nine of the clock there were respectively substituted references to a quarter past One and a quarter past Two of the clock.

(3) Whenever the House sits on a Friday in any week, Standing Orders Nos. 1 and 14, as amended by this order, shall apply as if the House were sitting on a Tuesday in that week, notwithstanding anything in Standing Order No. 2 or paragraph (10) of Standing Order No. 14.—(The Prime Minister;)

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question by leaving out sub-paragraph (6).—(Sir Edward Grigg);

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question;—And a Debate arising thereupon;—The Prime Minister rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put. And the Question being put, That the Question be now put;—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being accordingly put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question;
Catering Wages Bill.

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

Tellers for the Mr. Adamson.
Yeaas, Mr. Pym : 241.
Tellers for the Mr. Molson.
Noes, Major Thorneycroft : 63.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do include the record of the said Division in his Report of the Proceedings in Secret Session this day.-(Sir Edward Grigg.)

Then the Main Question being put : It was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

Clause No. 2 (General functions of the Commission).

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, 1. 7, to leave out the words "existing methods of regulating the," and insert the word "normal." —(Sir Alfred Beit.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, 1. 3, after the word "applies," to insert the words "and in particular the conditions of employment in undertakings which are only open for seasonal periods." —(Mr. Holmes.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, 1. 3, after the word "into," to insert the words "tipping and." —(Rear-Admiral Beamish.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, 1. 4, to leave out the word "welfare," and insert the word "comfort." —(Sir Leonard Lyle.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, 1. 5, at the end, to insert the words "including the restoration repair and re-equipment of undertakings which have been affected by events and conditions during the war and in which such workers have been or will be employed." —(Mr. Holmes.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, 1. 5, at the end, to insert the words "including the advisability of setting up representative joint committees in catering undertakings." —(Mr. Mander.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, 1. 6, to leave out paragraph (b).—(Sir Leonard Lyle.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, 1. 70, to leave out paragraph (c).—(Sir Edward Cadogan.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out to the word "from," in I. 11, stand part of the Clause : Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, 1. 13, at the end, to insert the words, —

"Provided that the Commission shall not make any enquiries or recommendations or general reports under the foregoing provisions of this subsection affecting the remuneration or conditions of employment of all or any of the workers in relation to whom a wages board operates under the provisions of this Act."—(Major Gluckstein.)

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

Another Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 3 (Machinery for wage regulation by agreement).

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, 1. 26, after the word "any," to insert the words "class or classes of."—(Sir Douglas Hacking.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, 1. 26, after the word "applies," to insert the words "and if in their opinion the remuneration and conditions of employment of those workers are unsatisfactory, and accordingly require further regulation." —(Sir Douglas Hacking.)

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

Sir Waldron Smithers moved, That the Chair-man do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again; but the Chairman, being of opinion that the Motion was an abuse of the Rules of the House, declined to propose the Question thereupon to the Committee.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, 1. 41, to leave out from the word "question," to the end of the Clause.—(Major Gluckstein.)

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, 1. 46, at the end, to add the words,—

"(3) Before making any report to the Minister under this section the Commission, if they think it desirable, may hold a formal enquiry with respect to the subject upon which the report is to be made, or direct such an enquiry to be held and a report to be made to them thereon by a competent and impartial person not in the employment of any Government department." —(Sir Douglas Hacking.)

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

Question proposed, That the Clause stand part of the Bill : Chairman declines to propose Question to the Committee.

Sir Waldron Smithers moved, That the Chair-man do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again; but the Chairman, being of opinion that the Motion was an abuse of the Rules of the House, declined to propose the Question thereupon to the Committee.

Questions put, and agreed to.

Clause No. 4 (Establishment of wages boards).

Amendment proposed, in p. 3, 1. 22, to leave out the words "in writing."—(Sir John Mellor.)

Question, That the words "in writing" stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

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

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, 1. 37, to leave out from the word "recommendation," to the end of the subsection.—(Major Gluckstein.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "in," in I. 38, stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 48, at the end, to add the words "except that the recommendation shall not again be referred back by the Minister to the Commission."—(Major Gluckstein.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 48, at the end, to add the words,—"(5) Every copy of any order of the Minister made under this section printed by the King’s Printer or under the superintendence or authority of His Majesty’s Stationery Office shall have printed upon it a statement of the date on which the order comes into force."—(Major Gluckstein.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 5 agreed to.

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

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.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Hydro-Electric Development (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 Hydro-Electric Development (Scotland) [Money];

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Nurses 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 Housing (Agricultural Population) (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 Housing (Agricultural Population) (Scotland) [Money];

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

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.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Evidence and Powers of Attorney Bill [Lords];

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

And it being after half-past Five of the clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House, without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then three minutes after Eight of the clock, till to-morrow.
Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, entitled An Act to extend temporarily the powers of the court under section sixty-four of the Settled Land Act, 1925, and section fifty-seven of the Trustee Act, 1925; and to amend the first-mentioned section as respects improvements: 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 next; and be printed.

The Settled Land and Trustee Acts (Court's General Powers) Bill [Lords].

Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 12, to leave out the words "government department concerned," and insert the word "Minister."—(Sir Herbert Williams.)

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

An Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 7 (Power to fix remuneration and holidays).

Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 26, to leave out the word "Minister," and insert the word "Commission."—(Major Petherick.)

Question, That the word "Minister" stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 28, after the word "the," to insert the word "minimum."—(Major Petherick.)

Question proposed, That the word "minimum" be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 34, to leave out paragraph (b).—(Sir Herbert Williams.)

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

Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 8 (Effect and enforcement of wages regulation Orders).

Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 11, after the word "employer," to insert the word "wilfully."—(Sir Herbert Williams.)

Question proposed, That the word "wilfully" be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 25, to leave out the words "two years," and insert the words "twelve months."—(Major Petherick.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 34, at the end, to insert the words "but where a worker has sought to recover under this subsection any sum for remuneration from an employer against whom proceedings are brought under the last preceding subsection in respect of such an offence as aforesaid he shall not be entitled to claim by civil proceedings against that employer any sum for remuneration in respect of any period preceding the date of such offence."—(Mr. Watt.)

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

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 7, to leave out from the word "operates" to the end of the subsection.—(Sir Joseph Lamb.)

Question proposed, That the words "or affecting the," stand part of the Clause:—Debate arising;

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

Question, That the Question be now put, put, and agreed to.

Question put accordingly, That the words "or affecting the," stand part of the Clause:—The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Thomas, 103; Mr. Pym.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Cyril Lloyd:

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Catering Wages Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 6 (General provisions as to wages boards).

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

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 42, after the word "operates," to insert the words "and their employers."—(Major Petherick.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 44, after the word "to," to insert the words "the remuneration, conditions of employment, health or comfort of."—(Sir Leonard Lyle.)

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

Other Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 7, to leave out from the word "operates," to the end of the subsection.—(Sir Joseph Lamb.)

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Question, That the Question be now put, put, and agreed to.

Other Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 26, to leave out the words "government department concerned," and insert the word "Minister."—(Sir Herbert Williams.)

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

Other Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 7 (Power to fix remuneration and holidays).

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Question, That the word "Minister" stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

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Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 8 (Effect and enforcement of wages regulation Orders).

Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 11, after the word "employer," to insert the word "wilfully."—(Sir Herbert Williams.)

Question proposed, That the word "wilfully" be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

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

Question, That the Question be now put, put, and agreed to.

Question put accordingly, That the words "or affecting the," stand part of the Clause:—The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Thomas, 103; Mr. Pym.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Cyril Lloyd: 42.
Clause No. 11 agreed to.
Clause No. 12 (Officers).
Amendment proposed, in p. 10, l. 2, to leave out paragraph (a).—(Mr. Craik Henderson.)
Question That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.
Amendments made.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 10, l. 22, to leave out subsection (3).—(Mr. Craik Henderson.)
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. 10, l. 35, at the end, to insert the words,—
"Provided that an officer acting for the purposes of the Act shall have no right of audience as a plaintiff suing in person in civil proceedings undertaken on behalf of or in the name of any such employee."—(Dr. Peters.)
Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Another Amendment made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clause No. 13 agreed to.
Ordered, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Whiteley.)

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Hydro-Electric Development (Scotland) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee on Hydro-Electric Development (Scotland) [Money];

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Housing (Agricultural Population) (Scotland) [Money];

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

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee on the Army and Air Force (Annual) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Evidence and Powers of Attorney Bill;

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

And it being after half-past five of the clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House, without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then eighteen minutes after six of the clock, till Tuesday next, pursuant to the Resolution of the House this day.

[No. 50.]

Tuesday, 6th April, 1943.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE Vice-Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, That their Address of the 30th day of March last relative to India (Governors' Allowances and Privileges (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 (Governors' Allowances and Privileges) (Amendment) Order, 1943, be made in the form of the draft laid before Parliament.
I will comply with your request.

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

I regret to have to inform the House of the death of William George Howard Gritten, Esquire, Member for the Borough of The Hartlepools, 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.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Liverpool Hydraulic Power Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.
Sir John Anderson presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 22nd March 1943, entitled the China Order in Council, 1943.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 22nd March 1943, approving an Admiralty Memorial relating to payment of extra remuneration to certain Royal Marine ranks.

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 extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the Borough of Newcastle-under-Lyme.

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 a Scheme made by the Chelmsford Borough Council and approved by the Minister of Health under the local Government Superannuation Act, 1937.

Copy of Provisional Regulations, dated 1st April 1943, entitled the National Health Insurance (Medical Benefit) Amendment Regulations, 1943.

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, dated 16th March 1943, further amending in certain respects the Councils appointed to His Majesty’s Order, dated 16th December 1942, and included in a volume entitled the King’s Regulations and Air Council Instructions for the Royal Air Force, 1928 (2nd Edition), as amended by subsequent Orders.

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

Mr. Dalton presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders, dated 29th March 1943, entitled—

(1) the Utility Apparel (Maximum Prices and Charges) Order, 1943,
(2) the General Apparel and Cloth (Maximum Prices and Charges) Order, 1943, and
(3) the Utility Household Textiles and Bedding (Maximum Prices) Order, 1943.

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

Mr. Aspleton presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of a Memorandum, entitled Proposals for an International Clearing Union, explanatory of a plan for the establishment of a currency union.

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

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to make better provision for regulating the capital of the Grand Union Canal Company and the administration of their affairs; to confer further powers on the Company: and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Grand Union Canal Bill [Lords] was read for the first time.

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

Mr. Raikes reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Consolidation Bills, That they had considered the War Damage Bill [Lords], now pending in the House of Lords, and directed him to make a Report in respect thereof to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them:

And the Report was brought up and read.

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

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Catering Wages Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 14 agreed to.

Clause No. 15 (Orders and regulations).

Amendment proposed, in p. 11, l. 24, to leave out from the word "and," to the end of the subsection, and insert the words "shall not come into force until each House of Parliament has sat on forty days after the order or regulation has been laid before it, and if either House within the next forty days on which it has sat after the order or regulation has been laid before it resolves that the order or regulation be annulled it shall thenceforth be void but without prejudice to the making of a new order or regulation."—(Captain Peter Macdonald.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 16 (Application to the Crown).

Amendment proposed, in p. 11, l. 38, after the word "with," to insert the words "any business or."—(Mr. Craik Henderson.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 17 (Interpretation).

Amendment proposed, in p. 12, l. 4, to leave out subsection (2).—(Sir Harold Webbe.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 18 (Application to Scotland).

Amendment proposed, in p. 12, to leave out ll. 12 to 20.—(Mr. Matthers.)

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. 21, at the end, to add the words "and-

* (c) "licensing justices" shall mean 'licensing court,' "intoxicating liquor' shall mean 'exciseable liquor' and references to the Licensing (Scotland) Acts, 1903 to 1934, shall be substituted for references to the Licensing Acts, 1910 to 1934."

—(Mr. Matthers.)
Question proposed, That those words be there added.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn. Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 15 agreed to.

A Clause (Exclusion of workers employed in ships).—(Mr. Bevin.)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Power to establish register).—(Mr. Bevin.)—brought up, and read the first and second time.

Amendment proposed, in l. 5, at the end, to insert the words "Provided that no such register shall preclude any person from entering the Catering Trade."—(Major Petherick.)

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

Clause added.

Another Clause (Application to local authorities).—(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 (Restriction on disclosure of information).—(Sir Reginald Clarry.)—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 (Safeguard for general public interest).—(Mr. Craik Henderson.)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time, put, and negatived.

First Schedule.

Amendment proposed, in p. 13, l. 4, after the word "of," to insert the word "eleven."—(Captain Peter Macdonald.)

Question proposed, That the word "eleven" be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Schedule agreed to.

Second Schedule agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

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

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

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

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

Army and Air Force (Annual) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Army and Air Force (Annual) Bill:

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

Evidence and Powers of Attorney Bill [Lords].

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Evidence and Powers of Attorney Bill [Lords]:

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

Courts (Emergency Powers) Bill [Lords].

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Courts (Emergency Powers) Bill [Lords]:

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

Resolved, That the China Clay (Charges) Order, 1943, dated 15th March 1943, 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 March last, be approved.—(Captain Waterhouse.)

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

(Sir James Edmondson.)

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

Wednesday, 7th April, 1943.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker made the following communication:—Death of a Member:—(Mr. Craik Henderson.)—I regret to have to inform the House of the death on active service of Lieutenant-Colonel Edward Orlando Kellett, Member for the Borough of Birmingham (Aston 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.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Sunderland Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. Robert Hudson presented, by His Majesty's Command, —Copy of the Report of the Committee, on Post-War Agricultural Education.

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

Mr. Secretary Johnston presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, —(Scotland). Copy of a Minute, dated 19th March 1943, by the Secretary of State for Scotland, entitled the Regulations for the Preliminary Education, Training and Certification of Teachers for Various Grades of School (Scotland) (Amendment) Minute, 1943.

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

Mr. Assheton presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, —Statement of Guarantees given by the Treasury under Section 1 of the Development (Loan Guarantees and Grants) Act, 1929, up to its expiration on the 31st day of August 1932:—And, An Account up to the 31st day of March 1943, of the total Sums issued from the Consolidated Fund in fulfilment of Guarantees given under the said Section 1, and of the sums paid in or towards repayment of any Sums so issued.

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

Resolved, That the Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Nurses Bill, be taken into consideration to-morrow; and be printed.

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

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

(Sir James Edmondson.)

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

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

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Roll of assistant nurses).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 9, to leave out the words " assistant nurses," and insert the words " nursing assistants."—(Mr. Hutchinson.)

Question, That the words " assistant nurses" stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

An Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (Rules).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 16, after the word " rules," to insert the words " after consultation with trade unions and other organisations representing nurses."—(Mr. Messer.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 21, to leave out the word " either."—(Mr. Linstead.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 23, after the second word " Council," to insert the words " after yearly consultation with the General Nursing Council."—(Sir Francis Fremantle.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 37, at the end, to insert the words " and (d) taking into account the qualification of persons certified in other parts of His Majesty's Dominions."—(Mr. Hammersley.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 3 (The Assistant Nurses Committee).

Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 6, to leave out the words " of the Council."—(Mr. Burden.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 4 (Fees).

Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 35, at the end, to insert the words,—

" Provided always that such fees shall not be more than seventy-five per cent. of the amount paid by the State Registered Nurse."—(Mr. Messer.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 40, to leave out of the word " determine," to the end of paragraph (b).—(Major Haden Guest.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 5 agreed to.

Clause No. 6 (Restriction on use of title of nurse and assistant nurse and penalties for misuse of certificates and falsification).

Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 21, after the word " nurse," to insert the words " tends or holds himself out as tending for reward a sick person."—(Mr. Linstead.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 30, after the word " nurse," to insert the words " provided it is preceded by the word " children's."”—(Mr. Messer.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 4, to leave out the second word " or."—(Mr. Storey.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 7 (Conduct of agencies for supply of nurses).

Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 33, at the end, to add the words " and shall furnish each year an annual financial return to the local licensing authority."—(Mr. Messer.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 8 (Licensing of agencies).

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 14, at the end, to insert the words—

" (7) The licensing authority shall immediately on the grant, revocation or refusal of a licence under this Part of this Act transmit to the Minister such particulars of the grant, revocation or refusal as may be prescribed and such particulars shall be open to inspection by any licensing authority."—(Mr. Ammon.)

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

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 9 agreed to.

Clause No. 10 amended, and agreed to.

Clauses No. 11 and No. 12 agreed to.

Clause No. 13 (Sister tutors).

Amendment proposed, in p. 9, l. 34, at the end, to add the words " Such persons shall be known as nursing teachers and shall include male and female."—(Mr. Messer.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 14 agreed to.

Clause No. 15 (List of certain nurses not registered or enrolled).

Amendment proposed, in p. 10, l. 8, to leave out the words " form and keep a list."—(Mr. Messer.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 16 agreed to.

Clause No. 17 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 18 agreed to.

A Clause (Delegation of powers by county council to council of county district.)—(Sir Adam Maitland.)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Amendment of s. 2 (3) of principal Act.)—(Mr. Linstead.)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

First Schedule agreed to.

Second Schedule.

Amendment proposed, in p. 12, l. 32, at the end, to insert the words " and shall be entitled to the designation of State Registered Nurse."—(Mr. Messer.)
The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 11, l. 20, by inserting after the word "with," the words "trade unions representing nurses and." — (Mr. Messer.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

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

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

The House, according to order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Army and Air Force (Annual) Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clauses No. 11 to No. 14 agreed to.

A Clause (Political controversy).—(Captain Cunningham-Reid)—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,
{Captain Cunningham-Reid,
Mr. Kendall:
33.

Tellers for the Noes,
{Mr. Boulton,
Mr. Pym:
195.

Another Clause (Amendment of s. 108A of Army Act and s. 108A of Air Force Act)—(Mr. Bellenger.)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Preamble agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

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

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 22nd March 1943, made under the Emergency Powers (Defence) Acts, 1939 and 1940, substituting a new Regulation for Regulation 54A of the Defence (General Regulations, 1939, a copy of which was presented to this House on the 23rd day of March last, be annulled.—(Mr. Simmonds.)

The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

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:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Hydro-Electric Development (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 Hydro-Electric Development (Scotland) [Money];

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Housing (Agricultural Population) (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 Housing (Agricultural Population) (Scotland) [Money];

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill;

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Settled Land and Trustee Acts (Court's General Powers) Bill [Lords];

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Catering Wages Bill as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

And it being after half-past Six of the clock, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then nineteen minutes after Eight of the clock, till to-morrow.
The House accordingly resolved itself into Supply.  

(Committee.)  

Civil Estimates, 1943  

Class I  

Vote 2.  House of Commons  

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum, not exceeding £329,400, 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 1944, for the salaries and expenses of the House of Commons: Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again,—(Sir James Edmondson,)—put, and agreed to.  

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.  

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

Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the Borough of Newcastle-under-Lyme, a copy of which was presented to this House on the 6th day of this instant April, be approved.—(Sir James Edmondson.)  

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

And it being half an hour after Six of the clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, till Monday next, pursuant to the Resolution of the House this day.  

[No. 53.]  

Monday, 12th April, 1943.  

The House met at Two of the clock.
Mr. Assheton also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Appropriation Accounts of the Sums granted by Parliament for the Civil Services (Unclassified Votes) for the year ended the 31st day of March 1942, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Copy of an Order, dated 7th April 1943, entitled the Fish Sales (Charges) Order, 1943.

No. 74.

Account of Receipts and Payments in respect of the Land Registry for the year ended the 31st day of March 1943.

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

Ordered. That there be laid before this House, a Statement of Revenue and Expenditure, as laid before the House by Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer when opening the Budget.—(Mr. Assheton.)

Mr. Assheton accordingly presented the said Paper.

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

Ordered, That the Proceedings of the Committee of Ways and Means be exempted, at this day’s Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(The Prime Minister.)

Ways and Means.

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

(In the Committee).

Beer (Excise).

1. Resolved, That, as from the thirteenth day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-three, the duty of excise charged in respect of beer under section one of the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1939, shall be charged at the following increased rates:—

For every 36 gallons of worts of a specific gravity of 1.027 degrees or less - £ 6 s. 18 d.

For every 36 gallons of worts of a specific gravity exceeding 1.027 degrees—

For the first 1,027 degrees - £ 6 18 4½ d.

For every additional degree in excess of 1,027 degrees - £ 5 11 d.

and so in proportion for any less number of gallons;

and, in the case of beer in respect of which it is shown to the satisfaction of the Commissioners of Customs and Excise that duty at the foregoing increased rates has been paid, the excise drawback allowed under that section shall be allowed at the following increased rates:—

For every 36 gallons the worts whereof were, before fermentation, of a specific gravity of 1.027 degrees or less - £ 6 18 6½ d.

For every 36 gallons the worts whereof were, before fermentation, of a specific gravity exceeding 1.027 degrees—

For the first 1,027 degrees - £ 6 18 6½ d.

For every additional degree in excess of 1,027 degrees - £ 5 11 d.

and so in proportion for any less number of gallons.

Provided that, as respects beer the worts whereof were, before fermentation, of a specific gravity of less than 1,027 degrees, the amount of drawback allowable shall not exceed by more than twopence for every 36 gallons the amount of duty which is shown as aforesaid to have been paid.

And it is hereby declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution shall have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act, 1913.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Beer (Customs).

2. Resolved, That, as from the thirteenth day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-three, the duty of customs charged in respect of beer under section one of the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1939, shall be charged at the following increased rates:—

For every 36 gallons the worts whereof were, before fermentation, of a specific gravity of 1.027 degrees or less—

In the case of beer being an Empire product - £ 6 18 9½ d.

In the case of beer not being an Empire product - £ 7 18 9½ d.

For every 36 gallons the worts whereof were, before fermentation, of a specific gravity exceeding 1,027 degrees—

In the case of beer being an Empire product—

For the first 1,027 degrees - £ 6 18 9½ d.

For every additional degree in excess of 1,027 degrees - £ 5 11 d.

and so in proportion for any less number of gallons;

and in the case of beer in respect of which it is shown to the satisfaction of the Commissioners of Customs and Excise that duty at the foregoing increased rates has been paid, the customs drawback allowed under that section shall be allowed at the following increased rates:—

For every 36 gallons the worts whereof were, before fermentation, of a specific gravity of 1,027 degrees or less—

In the case of beer being an Empire product - £ 6 18 6½ d.

In the case of beer not being an Empire product - £ 7 18 6½ d.

For every 36 gallons the worts whereof were, before fermentation, of a specific gravity exceeding 1,027 degrees—

In the case of beer being an Empire product—

For the first 1,027 degrees - £ 6 18 6½ d.

For every additional degree in excess of 1,027 degrees - £ 5 11 d.
In the case of beer not being an Empire product—
For every litre of beer not being an Empire product, an additional duty of 7 s. 6 d. per gallon shall be charged.

For every litre of beer exceeding 42 degrees proof spirit, an additional duty of 17 s. 0 d. per gallon shall be charged.

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.)

Wines (Excise).

3. Resolved, That, as from the thirteenth day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-three, the rate of the duty of excise charged on spirits of the gravity of less than 1,027 degrees, the amount of drawback allowable shall not exceed the amount of duty which is shown as aforesaid to have been paid, less threepence for every 36 gallons.

And it is hereby declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution shall have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act, 1913.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Spirits (Customs).

4. Resolved, That, as from the thirteenth day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-three, the duties of customs charged on spirits of the descriptions set out in the first column of the following Table by section three of the Finance Act, 1920, in addition to the duties specified in Part III of the First Schedule to that Act, shall be increased to seven pounds, seventeen shillings and sixpence per gallon computed at proof.

And it is hereby declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution shall have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act, 1913.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

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And it is hereby declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution shall have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act, 1913.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Wines (Customs).

5. Resolved, That, as from the thirteenth day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-three, the duties of customs charged on wines under paragraph (a) and paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section three of the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1939, shall respectively be charged at the increased rates set out in Part I and Part II of the following Table, and the duty charged under paragraph (b) of that subsection on wine not exceeding twenty-seven degrees of proof spirit and being an Empire product shall be increased accordingly.

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Part II.

Wines being Empire Products.

6. Resolved, That, as from the thirteenth day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-three, the rate of the duty of excise on sweets, and from eleven shillings and sixpence to fourteen shillings and sixpence per gallon in the case of sparkling sweets, and from eleven shillings and sixpence to fourteen shillings and sixpence per gallon in the case of other sweets.

And it is hereby declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution shall have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act, 1913.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Sweets (Excise).

And it is hereby declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution shall have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act, 1913.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)
Tobacco (Customs).

7. Resolved, That, as from the thirteenth day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-three, in lieu of the full and preferential duties of customs theretofore chargeable on tobacco imported into the United Kingdom, there shall be charged on tobacco so imported of the descriptions set out in the first column of the following Table—

(a) in the case of tobacco not being an Empire product, duties of customs at the rates respectively specified in the second column of that Table; and

(b) in the case of tobacco being an Empire product, duties of customs at the rates respectively specified in the third column of that Table.

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<td>Other manufactured tobacco...</td>
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<td>Snuff...</td>
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<td>containing more than 13 lbs. of moisture in every 100 lbs. weight thereof...</td>
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<td>containing not more than 13 lbs. of moisture in every 100 lbs. weight thereof... and so in proportion for any less quantity.</td>
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And it is hereby declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution shall have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act, 1913.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Tobacco (Excise).

8. Resolved, That, as from the thirteenth day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-three, in lieu of the duties of excise theretofore chargeable on tobacco grown in the United Kingdom, there shall be charged on tobacco so grown of the descriptions set out in the first column of the following Table duties of excise at the rates respectively specified in the second column of that Table:—

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<td>containing 10 lbs. or more of moisture in every 100 lbs. weight thereof...</td>
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And it is hereby declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution shall have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act, 1913.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Tobacco (Drawback).

9. Resolved, That, as respects tobacco on which there have been paid duties of customs or excise at the increased rates for which provision is made by any Resolution of the Committee of Ways and Means together with this Resolution, drawback shall be allowed at the rates set out in the following Table instead of at the rates set out in Part III of the Fourth Schedule to the Finance Act, 1942:—

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<td>Cigarettes...</td>
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<td>Cut, roll, cake or other manufactured tobacco...</td>
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<td>Snuff (not being offal snuff)...</td>
<td>1 16 0</td>
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<td>Stalks, shorts or other refuse of tobacco, including offal snuff...</td>
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And it is hereby declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution shall have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act, 1913.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Entertainments (Excise).

10. Resolved, That, as respects payments for admission to entertainments held on or after the sixteenth day of May, nineteen hundred and forty-three, other than payments made before the thirteenth day of April in that year, entertainments duty shall be charged—

(a) in the case of entertainments chargeable at reduced rates by virtue of subsection (3) of section one of the Finance Act, 1935, at the rates set out in Part I of the following Table;

(b) in the case of other entertainments at the rates set out in Part II of that Table.

Entertainments (Excise). Part I.

Reduced Rates.

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<td>exceeds 3d. and does not exceed 11d.</td>
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<td>exceeds 11d. and does not exceed 31d.</td>
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<td>exceeds 31d. and does not exceed 54d.</td>
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And it is hereby declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution shall have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act, 1913.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Purchase Tax.

Resolved, That the higher rate of purchase tax shall, in the case of tax becoming due on or after the thirteenth day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-three, be one hundred per cent. of the wholesale value of the goods.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Charge of Tax.

Resolved, That—

(a) income tax for the year 1942-43 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 1942-43, 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 1943-44.

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 1942-43.

Resolved, That income tax for the year 1942-43 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 and 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.)

Settlements and Dispositions.

Resolved, That any Act of the present Session relating to finance may contain such declaratory or other provisions as Parliament may determine as to the effect of the provisions of the Income Tax Acts relating to settlements or dispositions where there is more than one settlor or party to the disposition.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Excess Profits Tax.

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 amendments as to the computation of profits and provisions relating to cases where stock in trade of a company is disposed of otherwise than for at least its full market value.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Estate Duty.

Resolved, That the enactments relating to Estate Duty shall, in the case of persons dying after the twelfth day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-three, be amended as respects the definition of the property which is to be treated as derived from the deceased for the purposes of sections thirty and thirty-one of the Finance Act, 1939.—(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. Bonarlaw),—put, and agreed to.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions. Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee of Supply:—Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Evidence and Powers of Attorney 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 Courts (Emergency Powers) Bill (Lords):—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Hydro-Electric Development (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 Hydro-Electric Development (Scotland) [Money] ;
Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Housing (Agricultural Population) (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 Housing (Agricultural Population) (Scotland) [Money] ;
Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill ;
Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Settled Land and Trustee Acts (Court's General Powers) Bill [Lords] ;
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Catering Wages Bill, as amended in the Committee ;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

And it being after half-past Six of the clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House, without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then twenty-five minutes before Eight of the clock, till to-morrow.

Mr. Assheton presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,— Appropriation Account of the Sums granted by Parliament 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, for the year ended the 31st day of March, 1942, with the Report of the Controller and Auditor General thereon.
Ordered, That the said Account do lie upon the Table ; and be printed.

Major Lloyd George presented, pursuant to Gas (Special Directions of an Act of Parliament) [Money] ;
Ordered, That a Draft of a Special Order proposed to be made under the Gas Undertaking Acts, 1920 to 1934, on the application of the Uxbridge, Maidenhead, Wycombe and District Gas Company, be printed.
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 a Scheme made by the Gloucestershire County Council and approved by the Minister of Health under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth :—
The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to provide for the suspension of the rebates from railway charges in respect of certain coal, coke and patent fuel traffics allowable under the Eleventh Schedule to the Local Government Act, 1929, for the payment to the Minister of Fuel and Power out of the fund established under that Schedule of amounts corresponding to the amounts of the suspended rebates, for consequential adjustments as to review of the rates of those rebates and of the rebates so allowable in respect of certain agricultural traffics and as to the disposal of certain balances in the said fund and certain credits and liabilities thereof; and for purposes connected with the matter aforesaid ; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

John Eric Liversedge, Esquire, Member for the County of Chester (Eddisbury Division), was sworn.

The House, according to Order, resolved Ways and Means.

Upon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress ; and ask leave to sit again,—(Sir James Edmundson)—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, immediately, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House accordingly again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

National Loans.

Resolved, That 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-four, and in addition a sum not exceeding two hundred and fifty million pounds.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

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.

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

Adjournment.

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

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

In pursuance of Standing Order No. 80 (4), I hereby nominate Sir Douglas Thomson, Baronet, to serve on the Chairmen's Panel, in the room of Mr. Charles Williams, now Deputy Chairman.

D. CLIFTON BROWN
Speaker.

13th April, 1943.

[No. 55.]

Wednesday, 14th April, 1943.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Ernest Brown presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 30th March 1943, entitled the National Health Insurance (Dental Benefit) Amendment Regulations, 1943.

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

Mr. Assheton presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 8th April 1943, entitled the Savings Certificates (Amendment) Regulations, 1943.

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

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Standing Order No. 69, resolved itself into a Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorise—
(a) the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of the sum of three hundred and seventy-five million pounds for the permanent annual charge for the National Debt for the current financial year, instead of the sum of three hundred and fifty-five million pounds;
(b) the provision 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, 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.

—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)
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—
(Sir James Edmondson) ;
And it being Six of the clock, the Motion for Adjournment of the House lapsed without a Question being put.

Adjournment.

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

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

[No. 56.]

Thursday, 15th April, 1943.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

MR. Assheton presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—
Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 12th April, 1943, relative to the fiduciary note issue.
Copy of an Order, dated 10th April 1943 entitled the Fish Sales (Charges) (Amendment) Order, 1943.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table ; and that the Paper relative to Bank Notes 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 two Reports thereof to the House ; and the Reports were brought up and read.

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

Ordered, That this day, notwithstanding anything in Standing Order No. 14, Business of the House.

Ordered, That all the remaining stages of the National Loans Bill may be taken at this day's Sitting, notwithstanding the practice of the House relating to the interval between the various stages of such a Bill, and that when the Bill has been read a second time, it shall stand committed to a Committee of the whole House and shall be considered in Committee forthwith.

—(Mr. Secretary Eden.)

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

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

(In the Committee.)

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a further sum, not exceeding £20, be granted to His Majesty, towards defraying the charges for the following services connected with Colonial Administration in the West Indies for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1944, namely :—

Civil Estimates, 1943.
Class II, Vote 9, Development and Welfare (Colonies, &c.)—
Class II, Vote 8, Colonial and Middle Eastern Services—

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress ; and ask leave to sit again,—(Captain McEwen)—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.

The National Loans Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and the House immediately resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill, pursuant to the Order of the House on this day.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 and No. 2 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

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

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

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence (the
Mr. Speaker's Certificate.

Bill having been endorsed by Mr. Speaker with the following Certificate:—

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

D. CLIFTON BROWN, Speaker.

Evidence and Powers of Attorney Bill [Lords].

The Evidence and Powers of Attorney Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

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

Courts (Emergency Powers) Bill [Lords].

The Courts (Emergency Powers) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

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

Ways and Means.

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

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


The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 12th day of this instant April;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Tuesday next.

Hydro-Electric Development (Scotland) Bill [Money].

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee on Hydro-Electric Development (Scotland) Bill;

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

Housing (Agricultural Population) (Scotland) Bill [Money].

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Housing (Agricultural Population) (Scotland) Bill;

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

Housing (Agricultural Population) (Scotland) Bill [Money].

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee on Housing (Agricultural Population) (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Tuesday next.

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

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

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[No. 57.]

Tuesday, 20th April, 1943.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE Grand Union Canal Bill [Lords] was Grand Union Canal Bill [Lords] read a second time, and committed.

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 the Report of the Scottish Nurses' Salaries Committee.

Mr. Dalton presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 9th April 1943, entitled the Flashlamp Bulbs (Maximum Prices) Order, 1943.

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

Mr. Assheton presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Austrian Government Guaranteed Loan, 1933-53. Account of the Sums issued out of the Consolidated Fund during the year ended the 31st day of March 1943 in fulfilment of the Guarantee given under subsection (3) of Section 1 of the Austrian Loan Guarantee Act, 1933.

Statement of the Guarantees given by the Coal Mines.

Treasury during the year ended the 31st day of March 1943, in pursuance of subsection (1) of Section 29 of the Coal Act, 1938, on loans proposed to be raised by the Coal Commission:—

And, An Account up to the 31st day of March 1943, of the total Sums issued out of the Consolidated Fund for the purpose of Guarantees given by the Treasury under the said subsection, or received by way of Repayment of any Sums so issued.

Mr. Assheton also presented, pursuant to Public Accounts (Air Votes) 1941. the Resolution of the House of the 4th day of March 1879,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 9th January 1943, authorising the temporary application of the Excesses of the Sums realised on account of Appropriations in Aid on certain Air Votes for the year 1941 towards making good the Deficit in Receipts under Vote 1 for the same year.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Papers relative to Coal Mines and to Public Accounts (Air Votes) 1941 be printed.

Mr. Ernest Brown presented, pursuant to Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937, the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Scheme made by the Preston Rural District Council and approved by the Minister of Health under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

1. Account showing the Receipts and Expenditure in respect of the High Court and the Court of Appeal during the year ended the 31st day of March 1943.

2. Copy of Rules of Court, dated 13th April 1943, entitled the Rules of the Supreme Court (No. 1), 1943.

3. Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

   The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to Consolidate the War Damage Act, 1941, the War Damage (Amendment) Act, 1942 and the War Damage (Amendment) Act, 1943 (other than provisions thereof for amending the War Risks Insurance Act, 1939); to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

4. Mr. William Morrison, supported by Sir John Anderson, Sir William Jowitt, Mr. Ernest Strauss, presented a Bill to bring under planning control land which is not subject to a scheme or resolution under the Town and Country Planning Act, 1932, to secure more effective control of development pending the coming into operation of planning schemes, 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.

5. The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Catering Wages Bill, as amended in the Committee.

   Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House in respect of the proposed Amendments in the First Schedule, in page 13, line 23, page 13, line 26 and page 13, line 27, standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Bevin. — (Mr. Bevin.)

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

   The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

   (In the Committee.)

   First Schedule.

   Amendment proposed, in p. 13, l. 23, at the end, to insert the words,—

   "4. (1) The Minister may appoint such number of persons as he thinks fit as assessors to be available to the Commission in connection with any investigation or enquiry that the Commission may undertake, being persons who, in the opinion of the Minister, have expert knowledge of any of the matters which fall within the jurisdiction of the Commission.

   (2) An assessor shall not vote or otherwise be a party to any report or recommendation of the Commission." — (Mr. Bevin.)

   Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.

   Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, in l. 1, after the word "may" to insert the words "after such consultation as he thinks necessary with organisations appearing to him to represent employers and workers or other interests concerned." — (Sir Douglas Hacking.)

   Question proposed, That those words be there inserted in the proposed Amendment. — Amend-

   ment to the proposed Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

   Proposed words there inserted.

   Other Amendments made.

   Schedule, as amended, agreed to. Bill, as amended, to be reported.

   Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had made further Amendments 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 was offered to be added to the Bill (Interpretation). — (Mr. Pethick.) And the said Clause was brought up and read the first time.

   And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the said Clause be read a second time:—It passed in the Negative.

   An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 23, by inserting at the end thereof, the words,—

   "Provided that such workers shall not include any persons employed as a manager of any undertaking and who is in receipt of remuneration exceeding four hundred and twenty pounds per annum." — (Sir Douglas Hacking.)

   And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

   Then Amendments were made to the Bill. Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 8, l. 37, by inserting at the end thereof, the words "or the provisions of the Truck Acts, 1837 to 1940, relating to the payment of wages in current coin of the realm and of the statutory or other provisions whatsoever that would restrict a wages board in authorising such benefits or advantages." — (Sir Douglas Hacking.) And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

   Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

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

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

   The House, according to Order, resolved Evidence and Powers of Attorney Bill [Lords].

   (In the Committee.)

   Clauses Nos. 1 to No. 5 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 Courts (Emergency Powers) Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 to No. 14 agreed to.
First and Second Schedules 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 Settled Land and Trustee Acts (Court's General Powers) Bill [Lords], was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

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. —(Captain McEwen.)

And it being Six of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed without a Question being put.

Adjourning.

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

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

No. 58.

Wednesday, 21st April, 1943.

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 Proclamation issued on the 31st day of March 1943 by the Governor of Bengal under Section 93 of 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,—Copies of Schemes made by the aforementioned local authorities and approved by the Minister of Health under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937—

(1) Newcastle-under-Lyme Superannuation Joint Committee.
(2) Staffordshire County Council.
(3) Walthamstow Borough Council.

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

Sir Edward Campbell reported from the Committee on Public Petitions, That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 6th day of December last and the 17th day of March last, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

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

The War Damage Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Bill, as circulated to this House, be printed.

The House was moved, That the Order, made upon the 12th day of November last, relating to Business of the House, might be read; and the same being read;

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the said Order be amended by leaving out paragraph (3)—(Mr. Secretary Eden);—The House divided.

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

Tellers for the Yeas,—Mr. Boulton, Mr. Young;—Tellers for the Noes,—Mr. Stokes, Mr. Lipson;—

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That during the present Session the following provisions shall be substituted for paragraphs (8) and (9) of Standing Order No. 1:

(8) A motion may be made by a Minister of the Crown, either with or without notice, and either at the commencement of public business or at any time thereafter, to be decided without amendment or debate, to the effect either—

(a) That the proceedings on any specified business be exempted at this day's sitting from the provisions of the Standing Order 'Sittings of the House,' or

(b) That the proceedings on any specified business be exempted at this day's sitting from the provisions of the Standing Order 'Sittings of the House' for a specified period after the hour appointed for the interruption of business.

(9) If a motion made under the preceding paragraph be agreed to the business so specified shall not be interrupted if it is under discussion at the hour appointed for the interruption of business, may be entered upon at any hour although opposed, and, if under discussion when the business is postponed under the provisions of any Standing Order, may be resumed and proceeded with, though opposed, after the interruption of business.

Provided that business exempted for a specified period shall not be entered upon, or be resumed after the expiration of that period, and, if not concluded earlier, shall be interrupted at the end of that period, and the relevant provisions of paragraphs (3) and (4) of this Standing Order shall then apply.

(10) Provided always that not more than one motion under paragraph (8) may be made at any one sitting, and that, after any business exempted from the operation of the order is disposed of, the remaining business of the sitting shall be dealt with according to the provisions applicable to business taken after the hour appointed for the interruption of business.”—(Mr. Secretary Eden.)

Sir James Edmonston reported from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 12th day of this instant April, several Resolutions, which were read, as follow:

Beer (Excise).

1. That, as from the thirteenth day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-three, the duty of excise charged in respect of beer under section one of the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1939, shall be charged at the following increased rates:

For every 36 gallons the worts of a specific gravity of 1.027 degrees or less
6 18 4½
For every 36 gallons the worts of a specific gravity exceeding 1.027 degrees
For the first 1.027 degrees 6 18 4½
For every additional degree in excess of 1.027 degrees 5 1½

2. That, as from the thirteenth day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-three, the rate of the duty of excise charged on spirits by section three of the Finance Act, 1920, in addition to the duties specified in Part III of the First Schedule to that Act, shall be increased to seven pounds, seventeen shillings and sixpence per gallon computed at proof.

Spirits (Excise).

3. That, as from the thirteenth day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-three, the rate of the duty of excise charged on spirits by section three of the Finance Act, 1920, in addition to the duties specified in Part III of the First Schedule to that Act, shall be increased to seven pounds, seventeen shillings and sixpence per gallon computed at proof.

And it is hereby declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution shall have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act, 1913.
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Spirits (Customs).

4. That, as from the thirteenth day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-three, the duties of customs charged on spirits of the descriptions set out in the first column of the following Table, by section three of the Finance Act, 1920, in addition to the duties specified in Part II of the First Schedule to that Act, shall—
(a) in the case of spirits being Empire products, be charged at the increased rates shown in the second column of that Table; and
(b) in the case of spirits not being Empire products, be charged at the increased rates shown in the third column of that Table.

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<td>puted at proof of spirits of any description not furnishing unsmoked, including naphtha and methylated alcohol pimient or any assurance, and mixtures and preparations containing spirits...</td>
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<td>10 17 2</td>
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And it is hereby declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution shall have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act, 1913.

Wines (Customs).

5. That, as from the thirteenth day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-three, the duties of customs charged on wines under paragraph (a) and paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section three of the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1939, shall respectively be charged at the increased rates set out in Part I and Part II of the following Table, and the duty charged under paragraph (b) of that subsection on wine not exceeding twenty-seven degrees of proof spirit and being an Empire product shall be increased accordingly.

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<td>Not exceeding 25 degrees proof spirit</td>
<td>£ s. d.</td>
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<td>Exceeding 25 degrees proof spirit and not exceeding 42 degrees proof spirit</td>
<td>1 14 0</td>
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<td>For every degree or fraction of a degree above 42 degrees proof spirit, an additional duty</td>
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Sweets (Excise).

6. That, as from the thirteenth day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-three, the rate of the duty of excise on sweets shall be increased from one pound three shillings and ninetypence to one pound ten shillings per gallon in the case of sparkling sweets, and from eleven shillings and sixpence to fourteen shillings and sixpence per gallon in the case of other sweets.

And it is hereby declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution shall have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act, 1913.

Tobacco (Customs).

7. That, as from the thirteenth day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-three, in lieu of the full and preferential duties of customs theretofore chargeable on tobacco imported into the United Kingdom, there shall be charged on tobacco so imported of the descriptions set out in the first column of the following Table—
(a) in the case of tobacco not being an Empire product, duties of customs at the rates respectively specified in the second column of that Table; and
(b) in the case of tobacco being an Empire product, duties of customs at the rates respectively specified in the third column of that Table.

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<td>containing not more than 20 lbs. of moisture in every 100 lbs. weight thereof</td>
<td>1 15 6</td>
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<td>unstripped...</td>
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<td>containing not more than 13 lbs. of moisture in every 100 lbs. weight thereof...</td>
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<td>containing not more than 13 lbs. of moisture in every 100 lbs. weight thereof...</td>
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<td>and so in proportion of any less quantity</td>
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Tobacco (Excise).

8. That, as from the thirteenth day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-three, in lieu of the duties of excise theretofore chargeable on tobacco grown in the United Kingdom, there shall be charged on tobacco so grown of the descriptions set out in the first column of the following Table duties of excise at the rates respectively specified in the second column of that Table:

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<td>Tobacco manufactured, viz.— Cavendish or Negrohead manufactured in bond and so in proportion for any less quantity</td>
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Tobacco (Drawback).

9. That, as respects tobacco on which there have been paid duties of customs or excise at the increased rates for tobacco manufactured, viz.—

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Entertainments (Excise).

10. That, as respect payments for admission to entertainments held on or after the sixteenth day of May, nineteen hundred and forty-three, other than payments made before the thirteenth day of April in that year, entertainments duty shall be charged—

(a) in the case of entertainments chargeable at reduced rates by virtue of subsection (3) of section one of the Finance Act, 1935, at the rates set out in Part I of the following Table;

(b) in the case of other entertainments at the rates set out in Part II of that Table.

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Entertainments (Excise).

11. That, as respects payments for admission to entertainments held on or after the sixteenth day of May, nineteen hundred and forty-three, other than payments made before the thirteenth day of April in that year, entertainments duty shall be charged—

(a) in the case of entertainments chargeable at reduced rates by virtue of subsection (3) of section one of the Finance Act, 1935, at the rates set out in Part I of the following Table;

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Purchase Tax.

12. That—

(a) income tax for the year 1943-44 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.

Charges of Tax.
Higher Rates of Income Tax for 1942-43.

13. That income tax for the year 1942-43 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.

Settlements and Dispositions.

14. That any Act of the present Session relating to finance may contain such declaratory or other provisions as Parliament may determine as to the effect of the provisions of the Income Tax Acts relating to settlements or dispositions on settlements and dispositions where there is more than one settlor or party to the disposition.

Excess Profits Tax.

15. 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 amendments as to the computation of profits and provisions relating to cases where stock in trade of a company is disposed of otherwise than for at least its full market value.

Estate Duty.

16. That the enactments relating to Estate Duty shall, in the case of persons dying after the twelfth day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-three, be amended as respects the definition of the property which is to be treated as derived from the deceased for the purposes of sections thirty and thirty-one of the Finance Act, 1939.

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

Mr. Pym reported from the Committee on National Debt (Permanent Annual Charge), a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:—

That it is expedient to authorise—
(a) the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of the sum of three hundred and seventy-five million pounds for the purpose of paying the annual charge for the National Debt for the current financial year, instead of the sum of three hundred and fifty-five million pounds;
(b) the provision 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, of the sums required for the current financial year for the purposes mentioned in para. Vol. 198.

graph (a) or paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of section twenty-three of the Finance Act, 1928, as amended by any subsequent enactment.

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

Mr. Pym reported from the Committee of Ways and Means, April, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:—

Amendment of Law.

That it is expedient to amend the law relating to the National Debt and the Public Revenue, and for further provision in connection with finance.

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

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the said Resolutions; and that the Chairman of Ways and Means, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer and Mr. Aspleyton do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Aspleyton accordingly presented a Bill "Finance 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, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill.

The Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 15, l. 43, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 15, l. 43, at end insert ("(2) This section shall not come into operation until the first day of May, nineteen hundred and forty-three."). the next Amendment, being read a second time, and it Special Entry appearing that the 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 Order, dated 25th March, 1943, embodying the War Damage (Highways Scheme), 1943, made by the Treasury under Section 41 of the War Damage Act, 1941, a copy of which was presented to this House on the 30th day of March last, be approved.—(Mr. Aspleyton.)

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords, one of their Clerks, as followeth:—

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

The Lords have agreed to the Army and Air Force (Annual) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Nurses Bill, Nurses Bill with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Nurses Bill be now taken into consideration.—(Miss Horsbrugh.)
Orders in Council, dated 20th April 1943,—

1. adding Regulation 28A to the Defence (Agriculture and Fisheries) Regulations, 1939.
4. amending Regulation 40AC of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939.
5. adding Regulation 47CA to the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939, and amending the Third Schedule thereto.
6. amending Regulation 72 of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939, and
7. adding Regulation 47AC to the Defence (General) Regulations (Isle of Man), 1939.

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

Mr. Secretary Amery presented, by His Majesty's Command, —Copy of Statistical Abstract for British India from 1930–31 to 1939–40, Seventy-second Number.

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

Mr. Secretary Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, —Report by the Secretary of State for the Home Department as to the Expulsion, Registration and Prohibition Orders made under the Prevention of Violence (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1939, during the period 1st January 1943 to 31st March 1943.

Copy of an Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1912, to the Borough of East Retford.

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 March 1943.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relative to Emergency Powers (Defence) be printed.

Secretary Sir Archibald Sinclair presented, Air Force, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 24th March 1943, providing for the issue of new Forms of Commission to Officers of Princess Mary's Royal Air Force Nursing Service and of the Women's Auxiliary Air Force, and to Women Officers employed with the Medical and Dental Branches of the Royal Air Force.

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

Mr. Ernest Brown presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 15th April 1943, entitled the Kensington (Acute Rheumatism) Regulations, 1943.

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

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bridgwater Gas Bill, and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereto; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders, and directed...
Adjournment.

Reginald Edward Manningham-Buller, Esquire, Member for the County of Northampton with the Soke of Peterborough (Daventry Division), was sworn.

Adjournment (Easter).

Resolved, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn till Tuesday, the 4th day of May next.—(Mr. Secretary Eden.)

Adjournment.

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

Royal Assent.

A Message was delivered by 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 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, as follow:—


Adjournment.

And the Question being again proposed, That this House do now adjourn;—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:

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, dated 20th April 1943, entitled the Dartmouth Harbour Commissioners (Temporary Provisions) Order, 1943;—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 20th April 1943, extending Section 20 of the Finance Act, 1894, to Tanganyika Territory;—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 20th April 1943, extending Section 20 of the Finance Act, 1894, as in force in Northern Ireland, to Tanganyika Territory;—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 20th April 1943, approving Admiralty Memorial for the grant of extra remuneration to certain personnel employed on Cypher duties.

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

Mr. Secretary Stanley presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Statement of Pensions granted under the Pensions (Governors of Dominions, &c.) Acts, 1911 to 1926, during the year ended the 31st day of March 1943.

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

Mr. Secretary Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Accounts of the Metropolitan Police Fund, showing the Sums received and expended for the purposes of the Metropolitan Police and Police Courts between the 1st day of April 1942 and the 31st day of March 1943;—Copy of Provisional Regulations, dated Petroleum, 8th April 1943, entitled the Petroleum Spirit (Conveyance) Provisional Regulations, 1943;—Copy of the Fourteenth Annual Report and Accounts of the Racecourse Betting Control Board for 1942.

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

Mr. Secretary Johnston presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Scheme made by the Town Council of Perth and approved by the Secretary of State for Scotland under the Local Government Superannuation (Scotland) Act, 1937.

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

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

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 the Report of the Committee appointed by the Secretary of State for Scotland in reference to the recommendations of the Committee on Land Utilisation in Rural Areas in England and Wales.

Sir John Anderson presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Chartered and Other Bodies (Temporary Provisions).

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

Mr. Secretary Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Statement of Pensions granted under the Pensions (Governors of Dominions, &c.) Acts, 1911 to 1926, during the year ended the 31st day of March 1943.

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 Scheme made by the Town Council of Perth and approved by the Secretary of State for Scotland under the Local Government Superannuation (Scotland) Act, 1937.
Mr. Dalton presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 29th April 1943, entitled the General Footwear (Maximum Prices) Order, 1943.

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

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 Warrant dated 30th March 1943, entitled the Imperial and Foreign Post Amendment (No. 1) Warrant, 1943.

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 Provisional Rules, dated 16th April 1943, entitled the Non-Contentious Probate Orders, 1943.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to request that their Lordships will be pleased to give leave to the Viscount Ridley, C.B., to attend to be examined, as a Witness, before the Sub-Committee for Production and Supply Inquiries (A) appointed by the Select Committee on National Expenditure.—(Sir George Schuster.)

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the said Message.

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

Civil Estimates, 1943.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a further sum, not exceeding £50, be granted to His Majesty, towards defraying the charges for the following services connected with Housing in England and Wales for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1944, namely:—

Class V., Vote 1, Ministry of Health ... £10
Class X., Vote 6, Ministry of Health (War Services) ... ... ... ... £10
Class X., Vote 1, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (War Services) ... ... ... ... £10

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That Item, Class V., Vote 1, be reduced by £5.—(Earl Winterton.)

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question again proposed:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do Report Progress; and ask leave to sit again,—(Sir James Edmondson.)—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.

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

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

[No. 61.]

Wednesday, 5th May, 1943.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

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-three to the thirtieth day of September one thousand nine hundred and forty-four and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time.

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

Mr. Peake presented a Bill to confirm a Marriages Provisional Order made by one of His Majesty's Secretaries of State under the Marriages Validity (Provisional Orders) Acts, 1905 and 1924: And the same was read the first time.

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

Secretary Sir Archibald Sinclair presented, Air Navigation. Correspondence between the British Overseas Airways Corporation and the Secretary of State for Air, February—March, 1943.

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 1942, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

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

The following Paper, pursuant to Article 8 Potato Fund. of the Potato (1939 Crop) (Charges) Order, No. 86. 1940, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—

Account of the Potato Fund for the period from the 12th day of February 1940 to the 31st day of March 1942, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Account be printed.
Colonel Gretton reported from the Committee of Selection, that they had added the following Member to the Panel of Members to serve on the Committee on Unopposed Bills: Mr. Campbell.

Mr. Arthur Henderson reported from the Committee on Hydro-Electric Development (Scotland) (Money), a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That it is expedient to charge on the Consolidated Fund any sums required by the Treasury for fulfilling any guarantees which may be given by the Treasury of the payment of interest or principal of any loans raised under any Act of the present Session to provide for the establishment of a Board for the development of supplies of electricity in the North of Scotland, to authorise the Board to generate and supply electricity and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid; and to authorise the payment into the Exchequer of any sums received by way of repayment of any sums issued out of the Consolidated Fund under that Act.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Hydro-Electric Development (Scotland) Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 1 (Establishment of North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board). An Amendment made. Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 10, at the end, to insert the words—

"The Board shall be responsible to the Secretary of State for Scotland in respect of its general control and through him to Parliament."—(Mr. Gallacher.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted:

The Committee divided:

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Kirkwood: Mr. Young. 221.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Adamson. 17.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (General powers and duties of the Board). Amendments made. Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 2, to leave out the words "so far as practicable."—(Mr. Sloan.)

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

Other Amendments made. Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 30, to leave out the word "measures," and insert the words "schemes undertaken with the approval of the Secretary of State."—(Sir Arnold Gridley.)

Question proposed, That the word "measures" stand part of the Clause:

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn. Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 3 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 4 (Development Scheme). Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 7, to leave out from the word "Board," to the end of l. 10, and insert the words "to prepare in consultation with the Electricity Commissioners from time to time schemes (hereinafter referred to as 'development schemes') containing the information hereinafter mentioned. The first of such development schemes shall be prepared by the Board as soon as practicable after their appointment, and shall contain as full information as may be reasonably practicable relating to the works to be constructed, and the operations to be performed by the Board during the first seven years after their appointment. Every development scheme shall so far as practicable state."—(Mr. Henderson Stewart.)

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

An Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 5 amended, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again.—(Sir James Edmondson.)

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 this House do now adjourn.—Adjournment. (Sir James Edmondson.)

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

[No. 62.]

Thursday, 6th May, 1943.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

P R A Y E R S.

SECRETARY Sir James Gregg presented, Army (Territorial Army). pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Amendments to the Regulations for the Territorial Army, 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 a Warrant, dated 13th April 1943, entitled the Post Office (Execution of Documents) Warrant, 1943. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords give leave to the Viscount Ridley, National O.B.E., to attend in order to his being examined, as a Witness before the Sub-Committee for Production and Supply Inquiries (A), appointed by the Select Committee appointed by this House on National Expenditure, if his Lordship think fit.

Mr. Secretary Johnston, supported by the Nurses Lord Advocate, Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland, Mr. Westwood and Mr. Chapman, presented a Bill to make provision in Scotland for the enrolment of assistant nurses for the sick, for the restriction of the use of the name or title of nurse, and for the regulation of
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. Secretary Eden.)

Adjournment.

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

Hydro-Electric Development (Scotland) Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Hydro-Electric Development (Scotland) Bill.

(Amendment to Clause No. 6.)

Clause No. 6 (Distribution Schemes). Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 9, at the end, to insert the words “ and approve.” —(Mr. Gallacher.)

Question proposed, That the words “ and approve” be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 22, to leave out from the word “ may,” to the end, of l. 23.—(Mr. Bossom.)

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. 31, at the end, to add the words “ but nothing in this Act shall empower the Board to take possession of land already designated in perpetuity for the enjoyment of the public, nor authorise the Board to prevent access to land to which the public have a right of access under the law of Scotland unless the exercise of such rights would be a danger to public safety.” —(Mr. Bossom.)

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

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 7 agreed to.

Clause No. 8 (Acquisition of land). Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 22, to leave out from the word “ may,” to the end, of l. 23.—(Mr. Bossom.)

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. 31, at the end, to add the words “ but nothing in this Act shall empower the Board to take possession of land already designated in perpetuity for the enjoyment of the public, nor authorise the Board to prevent access to land to which the public have a right of access under the law of Scotland unless the exercise of such rights would be a danger to public safety.” —(Mr. Bossom.)

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

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 9 (Amenity Committee and Fisheries Committee).

Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 41, to leave out from the first word “ of” to the word “ and,” and insert the words “ not less than five persons and including, in the case of the Fisheries Committee, two or more persons appointed after consultation with organisations representative of the owners and occupiers of fisheries in the North of Scotland District.” —(Captain Shaw.)

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. 45, at the end, to insert the words,—

“ (3) The Board before submitting any scheme (whether the development scheme or a constructional scheme or a distribution scheme) to the Electricity Commissioners for approval shall send copies of the draft scheme to the Amenity Committee and the Fisheries Committee and shall take into consideration all recommendations made by either of those Committees on the draft scheme within one month from the receipt thereof by the Committees.” —(Mr. Hannan.)

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

An Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 10 (Changes of Board and General Fund).

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 34, to leave out from the second word " time," to the word " so,” in l. 36.—(Mr. Henderson Stewart.)

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. 7, l. 40, at the end, to insert the words,—

" ( ) Such regulations shall contain a provision that the Board shall not supply electricity directly to a large power user for use within the area of supply of any other authorised undertakers at a price less than the price at which the Board would be prepared to furnish a supply to such authorised undertakers either at the generating station of the Board or at a point on any transmission line belonging to or used by the Board.” —(Commander Galbraith.)

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

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses No. 11 to No. 13 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 14 agreed to.

Clauses No. 15 to No. 17 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 18 (Acquisition of undertakings by agreement). Amendment proposed, in p. 13, l. 27, at the end, to add the words,—

“ Provided that the powers of this section shall not be exercisable in respect of the whole or any part of an undertaking which may be purchasable by any other authorised undertakers under existing statutory powers.” —(Sir Arnold Gridley.)

Question put, That those words be there added.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas,

[Commander Galbraith.]

Mr. Henderson Stewart:

[Mr. Boulton.]

Mr. Pym:

[Mr. Pym.]

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 13, l. 27, at the end, to add the words,—

" ( ) Section fifteen (which relates to compensation for deprivation of employment) of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1926, shall apply and have effect in the case of the transfer to the Board in pursuance of this section of the whole or any part of any such undertaking as is referred to in this section as if such transfer were the acquisition under or in consequence of the said Act of 1926 of a generating station and as if the Board referred to in the said section fifteen were the Board constituted by this Act.” —(Mr. Hutchinson.)

Question proposed, That those words be there added:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 19 (Joint use of main transmission lines).

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 13, l. 33, to leave out the words "with the consent of the Electricity Commissioners."—(Sir Arnold Gridley.)

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

Another Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses No. 20 and No. 21 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 22 (Control of new generating stations).

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 14, l. 18, at the end, to add the words "This restriction shall not apply to the establishment or extension of a private generating station.

Provided that, in the case of the establishment of a new private generating station, the owner thereof shall comply with any regulation made by the Electricity Commissioners as to the type of current, frequency and pressure to be used, but such regulations shall be so framed as not to interfere with the economical and efficient working of the business for which the supply is generated."—(Mr. Colegate.)

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

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 23 agreed to.

Clause No. 24 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 25 (Power to conduct experiments).

Amendment proposed, in p. 14, l. 40, after the word "generation," to insert the word "transmission."—(Mr. Henderson Stewart.)

Question proposed, That the word "transmission" be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 26 disagreed to.

Clauses No. 27 and No. 28 agreed to.

A Clause (Saving for existing powers as to generating stations).—(The Lord Advocate.)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (As to applications for Special Orders).—(Mr. Henderson Stewart.)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put, and negatived.

Another Clause (Costs of standardisation of frequency).—(Mr. Henderson Stewart.)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put, and negatived.

Another Clause (Electricity Commissioners to state reasons for decisions).—(Mr. Henderson Stewart.)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put, and negatived.

Another Clause (Supply of electricity).—(Mr. Bosson.)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put, and negatived.

First Schedule.

Amendment proposed, in p. 16, l. 6, to leave out the words "the deputy chairman."—(Lieutenant-Commander Hutchinson.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 16, l. 7, at the end, to insert the words "of whom one member shall be a person possessing intimate knowledge of the Highland area and Highland conditions."—(Major McCallum.)

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

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 16, l. 16, after the word "term" to insert the words "not less than five years nor longer than ten years as may be determined by the Ministers before his appointment."—(Major Lloyd.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 16, l. 34, after the word "vacant," to insert the words "and shall notify the fact in such manner as he thinks fit."—(Major Lloyd.)

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

An Amendment made.

Second Schedule agreed to.

Third Schedule.

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 19, l. 40, after the word "thing," to insert the words "which has been or which may at any time be."—(Mr. Douglas.)

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

Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Fourth Schedule amended, and agreed to.

A Schedule (Adaptations and Modifications of provisions of the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1936 and of the Schedule to the Electric Lighting Clauses Act, 1899).—(The Lord Advocate.)—brought up, and read the first and second time.

Amendment proposed, in l. 151, after "1943," to insert the words "after the word 'under taking' there shall be inserted the words 'or which have been acquired by statutory undertakers for the purposes of their undertaking,'"—(Sir Arnold Gridley.)

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

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, after the words last inserted, to insert the words:—"Fourth Schedule. There shall be inserted after the words 'during the war' in the Proviso the words of 1914 to 1918 or during the period beginning with the first day of September, 1939, and ending with such day as His Majesty may by Order in Council declare to be the date on which the emergency that was the occasion of the passing of the Courts (Emergency) Powers Act, 1939, came to an end."—(Mr. Hutchinson.)
Question proposed. That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Schedule, as amended, added.

Another Schedule (Provisions as to Inquiries),—(Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland,)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

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

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

That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to extend the time within which applications for assistance under the Housing (Agricultural Population) (Scotland) Act, 1938, may be made to local authorities, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of such additional sums as may become payable under section eight of the said Act of 1938 by reason of any extension of the time within which applications for assistance must be made to local authorities in order that their power to give assistance under the said Act of 1938 may be exercisable.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Housing (Agricultural Population) (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 desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Railway Freight Rebates Bill [Lords];

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

The War Damage Bill [Lords] 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, upon Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Railway Freight Rebates Bill [Lords];

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

The War Damage Bill [Lords] 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, upon Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Railway Freight Rebates Bill [Lords];

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

The War Damage Bill [Lords] 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, upon Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Finance Bill,

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

Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainment Act, 1932, to the Borough of East Retford, a copy of which was presented to this House on the 22nd day of April last be approved.—(Mr. Peake.)

And it being after half-past Six of the clock, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, without asking any Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then two minutes before Seven of the clock, till Tuesday next, pursuant to the Resolution of the House this day.

[No. 63.]

Tuesday, 11th May, 1943.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Sir John Anderson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,

—Copy of Statutes made by the Governing Body of Magdalene College, Cambridge, on the 13th day of February 1943, amending the Statutes of the College.

Copy of a Statute made by the Governing Body of Trinity College, Cambridge, on the 6th day of February 1943, amending Statute L of the College Statutes.

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

Mr. Secretary Amery presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,

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 therein.

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

Mr. Butler presented, by His Majesty's School Meals Command,—Copy of Statistics for a day in February 1943, of Public Elementary and Secondary School Pupils receiving School Meals.
Mr. Ernest Brown, supported by Mr. Bevin, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer and Mr. Secretary Johnston, presented a Bill to amend the law with respect to the treatment of capital assets and superannuation payments for the purpose of determination of needs, with respect to the relief, maintenance and assistance of members of a household under the Poor Law Acts and Blind Persons Acts and with respect to supplementary Pensions, and to amend the Old Age Pensions Act, 1936, as respects the calculation of the means of blind persons and reciprocity with the Isle of Man: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

The Town and Country Planning (Interim Development) 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 Town and Country Planning (Interim Development) 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. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

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

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Sir James Edmondson):—And it being Six of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed without a Question being put.

Busy, the Motion being Adjournment proposed, That the House do now adjourn—(Mr. Secretary Eden)—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

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Adjournment.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

**PRAYERS.**

ORDRED, 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 The Hartlepools in the room of William George Howard Gritten, Esquire, deceased.—(Mr. James Stuart.)

Telegraphs.

Captain Crookshank presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 30th April 1943, entitled the Telephone Amendment (No. 4) Regulations, 1943.

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

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—Accounts of the Czecho-Slovak Financial Claims Fund and of the Czecho-Slovak Refugee Fund for the year ended the 31st day of March 1942, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Accounts be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply. (In the Committee.) Civil Estimates, 1943.

Class I.

Vote 4. Treasury and Subordinate Departments.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £26,108, 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 1944, for the salaries and other expenses in the Department of His Majesty’s Treasury and Subordinate Departments, and the salaries and expenses of certain Ministers appointed for special duties.

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

Mr. 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, to the Standing Order, till to-morrow.

Adjournment.

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

And it being Six of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed without a Question being put.

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

And it being half an hour after Six of the clock, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, till to-morrow.

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[No. 65.]

Thursday, 13th May, 1943.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

**PRAYERS.**

MR. Ernest Brown presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order of the Ministry of Health relating to the Banbury Water Company: And the same was read the first time.

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

MR. Ernest Brown presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order of the Ministry of Health relating to the Bucks Water Board: And the same was read the first time.

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

MR. Ernest Brown presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order of the Ministry of Health relating to the Chiltern Hills Spring Water Company: And the same was read the first time.

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

MR. Ernest Brown presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order of the Ministry of Health relating to the Harrogate Water Company: And the same was read the first time.

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

MR. Ernest Brown presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order of the Ministry of Health relating to the Wetherby District Water Company: And the same was read the first time.

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

MR. Noel-Baker presented, pursuant to the General directions of an Act of Parliament,—Accounts of the General Lighthouse Fund for the year ended the 31st day of March 1942.

Ordered, That the said Accounts do lie upon the Table.
Mr. Assheton presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 6th May 1943, entitled the Purchase Tax (Exemptions) (No. 2) Order, 1943. 

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

Mr. Ernest Brown presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Schemes made by the undermentioned local authorities and approved by the Minister of Health under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937:—

2. Cardiff Rural District Council.

Copy of an Order, dated 3rd May 1943, entitled the Carlisle (Adjudicating Officers) Order, 1943.

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 classes of Documents existing or accruing in the General Register Office and in the offices of Local Registration Officers, 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 House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates, 1943.

Class X.

Vote 4. 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 1944, 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,—(Sir 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.

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

And it being half an hour after Six of the clock, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, till Tuesday next, pursuant to the Resolution of the House this day.

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[No. 66.]

Tuesday, 18th May, 1943.

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.

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 Summary Review of the Reports submitted to the Board of Education and the Scottish Education Department by Local Education Authorities on the results of the Registration of Young Persons under the Registration of Boys and Girls 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 University Court Ordinance No. 40 of the University Court of the University of Aberdeen (Institution of a Degree in Education and relative Regulations: Repeal of University Court Ordinance No. 66; No. 8 of the University Court of the University of Aberdeen).

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

Mr. Butler presented, pursuant to the Education directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of (England) Regulations, dated 3rd May 1943, entitled the Training of Teachers Supplementary Regulations, 1943.

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

Mr. Ernest Brown presented, pursuant to the Camps' directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Third Annual Report of the National Camps Corporation Limited (for the year ended the 31st day of March 1942).

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

Mr. Assheton 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 1944, for general Navy, Army and Air Services and supplies 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 Vote of Credit (Supplementary), 1943. (Expenditure arising out of the War). No. 88.
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.

Mr. Secretary Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of a Draft of Rules proposed to be made under the Prisons Act, 1898, for the Government of Local Prisons and Convict Prisons.

Copy of an Order made by the Secretary for State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the Urban District of Oakengates.

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

Major Lloyd George presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Draft of a Special Order proposed to be made under the Gas Undertakings Acts, 1920 to 1934, on the application of the Stony Stratford Gas and Coke Company, Limited.

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

Mr. Dalton presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders—

(1) dated 30th April 1943, entitled the Price-Controlled Goods (Invoices) Order, 1943, and

(2) dated 6th May 1943, entitled the Rags (Wiping Rags) (Maximum Charges) Order, 1943.

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

Secretary Sir Archibald Sinclair presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders—

(1) dated 20th April 1943, providing for the re-issue, with amendments and additions, of certain of the Regulations appended to the Order, dated 25th July 1924, of His late Majesty King George the Fifth, as amended by subsequent Orders, and subsequently included in a Volume entitled Regulations for the Princess Mary's Royal Air Force Nursing Service,

(2) dated 22nd April 1943, amending in certain respects the Regulations appended to His Majesty's Order, dated 20th April 1943, and included in a Volume entitled Regulations for the Princess Mary's Royal Air Force Nursing Service (3rd Edition, October 1939), and

(3) dated 28th April 1943, further amending in certain respects the Regulations appended to His Majesty's Order, dated 16th December 1942, and included in a Volume entitled the King's Regulations and Air Council Instructions for the Royal Air Force, 1928 (2nd Edition), as amended by subsequent Orders.

Ordered, That the said Papers 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 Proceedings in connection with a statement to be made by Mr. Secretary Eden be held in Secret Session.—(Mr. Secretary Eden.)

Resolved, nemine contradicente, That this House, at the triumphant conclusion of the operations by land, sea and air, which have secured the unconditional surrender of all the enemy remaining on the Continent of Africa, hereby places on record, with pride and thankfulness, its high appreciation of the services of all ranks of His Majesty's Forces and of the Forces of the Allies operating in that theatre of war, by whose sacrifice, persistence and devotion to duty, sustained by the labours of those at home, this brilliant victory has been achieved.

—(Mr. Secretary Attlee.)

The Finance Bill was, according to Order, Finance Bill, 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.

Resolved, That the Purchase Tax (Exemptions) (No. 1) Order, 1943, dated 28th April 1943, 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 12th day of this instant May, be approved.—(Captain Waterhouse.)

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

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

Ordered, That the Bridgwater Gas Bill, Bridgwater Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Ordered, That this day, unless Progress shall have been previously reported from the Committee of Supply, the Chairman shall leave the Chair to make his Report to the House at one hour and five minutes before the hour appointed for the interruption of Business and Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the House without Question put as soon as a day has been appointed for the Committee of Supply to sit again.—(Mr. Secretary Eden.)

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

Ordered, That the Civil Estimates, 1943, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Ordered, That the Estimates of the Armaments Department be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Ordered, That the Army Estimates, 1943, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Ordered, That the Estimates of the Royal Air Force be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Ordered, That the Estimates of the Royal Navy be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Ordered, That the Estimates of the Home Department be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Ordered, That the Estimates of the Foreign Office be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Ordered, That the Estimates of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, excluding the Vote for Income Tax, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Ordered, That the Estimates of the Secretary of State for the Home Department, excluding the Vote for Income Tax, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Ordered, That the Estimates of the Secretary of State for Scotland, excluding the Vote for Income Tax, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Ordered, That the Estimates of the Secretary of State for Wales, excluding the Vote for Income Tax, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Ordered, That the Estimates of the Treasury, excluding the Vote for Income Tax, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Ordered, That the Estimates of the Board of Trade, excluding the Vote for Income Tax, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Ordered, That the Estimates of the Board of Education, excluding the Vote for Income Tax, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Ordered, That the Estimates of the Ministry of Health, excluding the Vote for Income Tax, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Ordered, That the Estimates of the Ministry of Labour, excluding the Vote for Income Tax, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Ordered, That the Estimates of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, excluding the Vote for Income Tax, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Ordered, That the Estimates of the Ministry of Transport, excluding the Vote for Income Tax, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Ordered, That the Estimates of the Ministry of Pensions, excluding the Vote for Income Tax, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Ordered, That the Estimates of the Ministry of Health in Northern Ireland, excluding the Vote for Income Tax, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Ordered, That the Estimates of the Home Department in Northern Ireland, excluding the Vote for Income Tax, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Ordered, That the Estimates of the Ministry of Education in Northern Ireland, excluding the Vote for Income Tax, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Ordered, That the Estimates of the Ministry of Labour in Northern Ireland, excluding the Vote for Income Tax, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Ordered, That the Estimates of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries in Northern Ireland, excluding the Vote for Income Tax, be referred to the Committee of Supply.
His Majesty, towards defraying the charges connected with the Refugee problem for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1943, namely:

**Civil Estimates, 1943.**

| Class II., Vote 1, Foreign Office | £10 |
| Class II., Vote 2, Diplomatic and Consular Services | £10 |
| Class II., Vote 4, Dominions Office | £10 |
| Class II., Vote 7, Colonial Office | £10 |
| Class II., Vote 11, India and Burma Services | £10 |
| Class III., Vote 1, Home Office | £10 |
| Class X., Vote 6, Ministry of Health (War Services) | £10 |

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress; and as leave to sit again, (Captain McEwen,) put, the Chairman do report Progress again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow; and the House adjourned the House without a Question again.

[No. 68.]  
**Thursday, 26th May, 1943.**

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

**PRAYERS.**

**ORDERED,** That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to make out a new Writ for the election of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough of Birmingham (Aston Division) in the room of Colonel Edward Orlando Kellett, killed in 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 election of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the County of Nottingham (Newark Division) in the room of William Arthur Henry Cavendish-Bentinck, commonly called the Marquess of Titchfield, called up to the House of Peers.—(Mr. James Stuart.)

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Bridgwater Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee.

**ORDERED,** That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. Assheton presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Account up to the 31st day of March 1943 of Sums issued out of the Consolidated Fund in fulfilment of Guarantees given by the Treasury under Section 25 of the Finance Act, 1934.

**ORDERED,** That the said Account do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Secretary Sir James Grigg presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Copy of Regulations, dated 18th May 1943, entitled the Army Billeting in Emergency Regulation, 1943.

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

Mr. Secretary Morrison presented, pursuant to India, the directions of an Act of Parliament, Copy of a Proclamation issued on the 24th day of April 1943 by the Governor of Bengal under Section 93 of the Government of India Act, 1935, revoking his previous Proclamation, dated 31st March 1943.

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

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by the Lords.

**ORDERED,** That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Assheton presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account up to the 31st day of March 1943 of Sums issued out of the Consolidated Fund in fulfilment of Guarantees given by the Treasury under Section 25 of the Finance Act, 1934.

**ORDERED,** That the said Account do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Cardiff Corporation Bill [Lords.]: was read the first time.

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

Mr. Assheton presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Account up to the 31st day of March 1943 of Sums issued out of the Consolidated Fund in fulfilment of Guarantees given by the Treasury under Section 25 of the Finance Act, 1934.

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

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

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

Mr. Secretary Amery presented, pursuant to India, the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Proclamation issued on the 24th day of April 1943 by the Governor of Bengal under Section 93 of the Government of India Act, 1935, revoking his previous Proclamation, dated 31st March 1943.

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

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to confirm Agreements between the Trefechan Water Supply Board and the Mayor and Saint Mellons Rural District Council respectively and the Lord Mayor Aldermen and Citizens of the City of Cardiff and to enact consequential provisions; to provide for the vesting in the said Lord Mayor Aldermen and Citizens of the undertaking of the Company of Proprietors of the Glamorganshire Canal Navigation, the dissolution of that Company and the closing of their Navigation; to empower the said Lord Mayor Aldermen and Citizens to acquire certain lands; 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.

Sir John Wardlaw-Milne reported from the Select Committee on National Expenditure, the Eighth Report upon the National Expenditure. Eight Report. No. 90.
Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House) for Two hours after the hour appointed for the interruption of Business.—(Mr. Secretary Attlee.)

Adjournment.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Pensions and Determination of Needs Bill;

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

And a Debate arising thereupon;

Mr. Bevan moved, That the Debate be now adjourned, but Mr. Deputy Speaker, being of opinion that the Motion was an abuse of the Rules of the House, declined to propose the Question thereupon to the House.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question by leaving out from the word "That," to the end of the Question, and adding the words "this House declines to give a Second Reading to a Bill which fails to make provision for an increase in the income of old age pensioners and ignores the needs of childless widows under 60 years and elderly spinsteresses,"—(Mr. Ness Edwards)—instead thereof;

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

The House divided,

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noses to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Boulton, 203.

Tellers for the Noses, Mr. Tinker, 31.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was read a second time.

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

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, 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 Pensions and Determination of Needs [Money], proposed to be moved, under Standing Order No. 69, in a Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House:—Whereupon the House, pursuant to Standing Order No. 69, resolved itself into a Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to amend the law with respect to the treatment of capital assets and superannuation payments for the purpose of determination of needs and with respect to supplementary pensions and to amend the Old Age Pensions Act, 1936, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any increase in the sums payable out of such moneys under or by virtue of Part II of the Unemployment Act, 1934 (as amended by the Determination of Needs Act, 1947), the Old Age Pensions Act, 1936, or Part II of the Old Age and Widows' Pensions Act, 1940, which is attributable to the passing of the provisions of the said Act of the present Session relating to—

(a) the manner in which money and investments treated as capital assets are to be treated under sub-paragraph (ii) of paragraph (d) of subsection (3) of section thirty-eight of the Unemployment Act, 1934, or under that sub-paragraph as applied by section ten of the Old Age and Widows' Pensions Act, 1940;

(b) the manner in which superannuation payments are to be treated under paragraph (f) of the said subsection (3) as applied by the said section ten;

(c) the payment of supplementary pensions to widows to whom an additional allowance in respect of a child is payable as part of a widow's pension, and the continuance of such supplementary pensions after the said allowance ceases to be payable;

(d) additions to a person's supplementary pension in respect of periods after an old age or widow's pension began to accrue to that person but before the person becomes entitled to receive weekly payments on account thereof;

(e) the calculation of the means of a blind person or the husband or wife of a blind person, under the Old Age Pensions Act, 1936;

(f) the amendment of the last-mentioned Act in connection with the making of reciprocal arrangements thereunder with the Isle of Man. —(Mr. Ernest Brown.)

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Tuesday next.

Resolved, That the 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 Oakengates, a copy of which was presented to this House on the 18th day of this instant May, be approved.—(Mr. Peake.)

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

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

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Town and Country Planning (Interim Development) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Settled Land and Trustee Acts (Court's General Powers) Bill (Lords);

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.
Railway Freight Rebates Bill [Lords].

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Railway Freight Rebates Bill [Lords];

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

Hydro-Electric Development (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Hydro-Electric Development (Scotland) Bill as amended in the Committee;

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

Nurses (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Nurses (Scotland) Bill;

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

Telegraph Bill.

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

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

Finance.

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

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

And it being after half-past Six of the clock, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then Eight of the clock, till Tuesday next, pursuant to the Resolution of the House this day.

[No. 69.]

Tuesday, 25th May, 1943.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

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

Cardiff Corporation Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

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

Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Wetherby District Water) Bill.

Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Harrowgate) Bill.

Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Bucks Water Board) Bill.

Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Banbury Water) Bill.

Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Chiltern Hills Spring Water) Bill.

Marriages Provisional Order Bill.

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

The London County Council (Money) Bill was read a second time, and committed.

Sir John Anderson presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Orders in Council, dated 20th May 1943, entitled—

(1) the British Overseas Airways Corporation (Temporary Provisions) Order, 1943, and

(2) the Leith Harbour and Docks Commissioners (Temporary Provisions) Order, 1943.

Copies of Orders in Council, dated 20th May 1943,—

(1) amending Regulation 16 of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939,

(2) amending Regulation 53 of, and adding Regulation 55AA to the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939,

(3) amending Regulations 61, 62A, 62AA, 100, 101 and 102 of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939,

(4) adding Regulation 23CAA to the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939,

(5) adding Regulation 286 to the Defence (Agriculture and Fisheries) Regulations, 1939, and

(6) amending Regulation 7 of the Defence (Patents, Trade Marks, &c.) Regulations, 1941.

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

Mr. Ashtdon presented, pursuant to the Import Duties (Scotland) Act, 1932, to the Urban District of Wellingborough.

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

Mr. Secretary Morrison also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, entitled the Bournemouth Weekly Half-holiday Order (Fish Friers), 1943.

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 Wellingborough.

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 April 1943.

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


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

War Risks Insurance (Commodity Insurance).

Local Government Superannuation.

Public Accounts.

Disposal and Custody of Documents.

Business of the House.

Supply.

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

(In the Committee.)

Supplementary Vote of Credit, 1943 (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 1944, for general Navy, Army and Air services and supplies 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 Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

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

Amendment proposed, in p. r, to leave out ll. 15 to 21. (Mr. Collindridge.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out to the word "by", in ll. 15, stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. r, l. 15, after the word "may," to insert the words "after consultation with the local authority for the district in which the land proposed to be specified is situated." (Mr. Silkin.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 3, at the end, to add the words,—

"(3) There shall be set aside around all towns and cities of fifty thousand or more inhabitants a strip of land approximately five miles wide to form a green belt and, within three months of the passing of this Act, this shall be considered as subject to planning resolution and no new development or building schemes shall be planned for future construction within this space without the consent of the Minister." (Mr. Bosom.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 3, at the end to add the words,—

"(3) Any local authority required by the Ministry to prepare a scheme shall also prepare a schedule of buildings of architectural and historical merit which are deemed to be worthy of preservation." (Mr. J ohn Dugdale.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (Refusal and postponement of interim development applications).

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 8, at the end, to insert the words,—

"Provided that where an application is for permission to erect a new building on the site of a building destroyed by war damage or in respect of which the War Damage Commission have determined that a value payment shall be
made under the War Damage Act, 1941, and such application is refused or conditions are imposed on the refusal or of the imposition of which conditions would be to render it impossible for the applicant to erect a building having a cubic content above the level of the ground as great as that of the previous building or in the case of a previous building used for business or industry, to erect a building having a great a cubic content above the level of the ground and as great a superficial area on the ground floor as those of the previous building, or to use such new building for any purpose of the same or similar character as that for which the previous building was last used before the destruction thereof, there shall be payable by the interim development authority to the applicant, provided he was the owner of the previous building, if he shall make a claim for the purpose within twelve months of the date of the refusal of the application or of the imposition of the conditions, such compensation as would have been payable under subsection (1) of section eighteen of the principal Act if a scheme under the principal Act had been in force at the date of the refusal or of the imposition of the conditions and action had been taken by a responsible authority under paragraph (a) or paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section thirteen of the principal Act. "—(Colonel Dower.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 17, to leave out paragraph (a).—(Mr. Hutchinson.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out to the word " appeal " in l. 17, stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 21, after the second word " on " to insert the words " the clerk of ".—(Sir Adam Maitland.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 27, at the end, to insert the words " the decision of the court under this proviso shall be final. "—(Mr. Ammon.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 3 (Temporary permissions for interim development).

Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 30, at the end, to insert the words " except where the application in connection with which the period was fixed was determined by the Minister on appeal from the decision of the interim development authority. "—(Mr. Sinkin.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 34, at the end, to insert the words " or on or within a limited time after the giving of a notice and whether such conditions were included in the document granting the permission or in any agreement or other document. "—(Sir Adam Maitland.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 4 (Revocation and modification of permissions for interim development).
local authorities as appear to him to be concerned and with any local authority with whom consultation appears to him to be desirable; and

(Mr. Silkin.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 7 (Compensation for abortive expenditure in certain cases).

Amendment proposed, in p. 8, l. 24, after the word "has," to insert the words "after the date upon which the permission was granted and."—(Sir Adam Maitland.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 8 (Provisions as to joint committees).

Amendment proposed, in p. 9, l. 5, after the word "delegate," to insert the words "to their constituent authorities or any of them or."—(Sir Adam Maitland.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 9, l. 11, to leave out subsection (3).—(Mr. George Griffiths.)

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 to No. 13 agreed to.

A Clause (Preservation of trees during interim period).—(Mr. Douglass).—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 (Control of architectural treatment of buildings during interim period).—(Mr. Silkin).—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Orders for preservation of buildings under principal Act).—(Mr. Hutchinson).—brought up, and read the first time.

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

First Schedule agreed to.

Second Schedule.

Amendment proposed, in p. 12, l. 43, at the end, to add the words:

"Section seventeen

In subsection (4) the word 'special.'

Section eighteen

In subsection (1) (a) the words 'or by the coming into operation of an order under section seventeen of this Act' and the words 'or order.'"

(Mr. Hutchinson.)

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

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 Railway Freight Rebates 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 Telegraph Bill was, according to Order, Telegraph Bill, 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.

Resolved, That the Draft of a Special Order Gas (Special proposed to be made by the Minister of Fuel and Power under the Gas Undertakings Acts, 1920 to 1934, on the application of the Uxbridge, Maidenhead, Wycombe and District Gas Company, which was presented to this House on the 13th day of April last, and published, be approved.—(Mr. Tom Smith.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Settled Land and Trustee Acts (Court's General Powers) Bill [Lords];

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Hydro-Electric Development (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Nurses (Scotland) Bill;

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

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Pensions and Determination of Needs Bill;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

And it being after half-past Six of the clock, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then eighteen minutes after Seven of the clock, till to-morrow.
Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, that a Message from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords give leave to the Earl of Drogheda Public Accounts, to attend in order to his being examined as a Witness before the Committee of Public Accounts, if his Lordship think fit.

Sir Edward Campbell reported from the Committee on Public Petitions, 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, as followeth:

The Committee have come to the following Resolution:

That it is the opinion of the Committee that signatures on the back of the petition sheet and sheets attached thereto should be counted whether or not the prayer is repeated at the top of the page; and that the Order of Reference to the Committee be amended accordingly by inserting after the words " sheets headed in every case by the prayer of the Petitioner in the words " or on the back of such sheets.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Assheton reported from the Committee of Supply of the 25th day of this instant May, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

Supplementary Vote of Credit, 1943 (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 1944, for general Navy, Army and Air services and supplies 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. Assheton reported from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 25th day of this instant May, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

Ways and Means (Expending arising out of the War).
Parliament should vigilantly maintain its ancient right and duty of examining legislation, whether delegated or otherwise.—(Major Petherick.)

Resolved, That the House approves the continuance in force of the Proclamation issued under the provisions of the Government of Burma Act, 1935, by the Governor of Burma on the 20th day of December 1942, a copy of which was presented to this House on the 9th day of February last.—(Mr. Secretary Amery.)

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

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

[No. 71.]
Thursday, 27th May, 1943.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Army. Secretary Sir James Grigg presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Copy of an order to the Rules for Military Detention Barracks and Military Prisons, 1937.

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

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

Copy of 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 1942 and the 31st day of March 1943.

Lunacy. 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 National Expenditure (Scotland) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Sunderland Corporation 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 Lord Terrington, to attend to be examined, as a Witness, before the Sub-Committee for Production and Supply Inquiries (B) appointed by the Select Committee on National Expenditure.—(Mr. Silkin.)

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the said Message.

Business of the House. 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. Secretary Eden.)

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

[No. 72.]
Tuesday, 1st June, 1943.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The Cardiff Corporation Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

Mr. Secretary Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, copies of Orders made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the Urban District of Willenhall, a copy of which was presented to this House on the 25th day of this instant May, be approved.—(Sir James Edmondson.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put:—(Sir James Edmondson).

And it being Six of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed without a Question being put.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes after Six of the clock, adjourned till Tuesday next, pursuant to the Resolution of the House this day.
Mr. Secretary Stanley presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, copies of a Minute of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, approved by the Treasury, regarding the grant to Sir Harry Charles Luke, K.C.M.G., of a pension under subsection (1) of Section 9 of the Pensions (Governors of Dominions, &c.) Act, 1911, as applied by the amending Act of 1936.

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 of Court, dated 24th May 1943, entitled the Rules of the Supreme Court (No. 2), 1943.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Select Committee on Unopposed Bills, that they had examined the allegations of the Northampton Corporation Bill, and found the said Bill to be in order to his being examined as a Witness before the Sub-Committee for Presentation and Supply Inquiries (B) of the Select Committee appointed by this House on National Expenditure, his Lordship consenting.

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the practice of the House, the Consolidated Fund (No. 3) Bill may be considered in Committee immediately after the Bill has been read a second time.—(Mr. Secretary Attlee.)

The Consolidated Fund (No. 3) 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. 3 agreed to. Bill to be reported.

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

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

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

D. CLIFTON BROWN, Speaker.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee of Ways and Means; Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Finance Bill Committee on the Finance Bill; Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Railway Freight Rates Bill (Lords); Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Telegraph Bill Committee on the Telegraph Bill; Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Acts (Court's General Powers) Bill (Lords); Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Pensions and Committee on the Pensions and Determination of Needs 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 Pensions and Determination of Needs [Money];

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Report on the Nurses (Scotland) Bill;

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

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

[No. 73.]

Wednesday, 2nd June, 1943.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, an Extract from the Minutes of the 11th Meeting of Trusteess of the House of Commons Members' Fund, held at the House of Commons, on the 4th day of August, 1942, and a copy of a letter from the Government Actuary to the Secretary to the House of Commons Members' Fund, dated 16th January 1943, relative to the extension of eligibility for pension to widows of Members.——(Sir George Courthope.)

Disposal and Custody of Documents.

No. 93.

Sir Percy Harris reported from the Select Committee on the Disposal and Custody of Documents, that they had considered the matters to them referred and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House; and the Report was brought up and read.

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

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

Mr. Secretary Eden, supported by Mr. Assheton, Mr. Law and Mr. Harcourt Johnstone presented a Bill to make further provision as respects the superannuation benefits of members of His Majesty's foreign service, and to make such amendments of enactments as are consequential on the establishment and reorganization of that service: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Mr. Secretary Attlee, supported by Mr. Clement Davies, reported from the Select Committee on the Railway Freight Rebates Bill [Lords] be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).——(Mr. Secretary Attlee.)

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

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 to No. 5 agreed to.

Clause No. 6 (Entertainments).

Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 6, after "etc." to insert the words "and in the case of games where a charge is made to spectators."——(Mr. John Dugdale.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 10, at the end, to add the words,—

"(2) Subsection (3) of section one of the Finance Act, 1935, shall apply to a zoological park or garden which belongs to an individual and to which the public are admitted for payment, in like manner as the said subsection applies to the entertainments therein mentioned."——(Mr. Bosson.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 20, at the end to add the words,—

"(2) The said subsection (3) of section one of the Finance Act, 1935, shall be extended to apply to an entertainment consisting solely of a football match where all the players are of amateur status, and the foregoing provisions of this section shall apply accordingly."——(Mr. Frankel.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clauses No. 7 to No. 13 agreed to.

Clause No. 14 (Relief where a person is employed or maintained to take charge of children).

Amendment proposed, in p. 8, l. 38, to leave out the words "throughout," and insert the words "for more than one-half of."——(Mr. Craven-Ellis.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 15 (Increase of allowances for dependant relatives).

Amendment proposed, in p. 9, l. 30, to leave out from the word "shall," to the word "have," in l. 31.—(Mr. Buchanan.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 9, l. 40, at the end, to insert the words,—

"( ) in this subsection 'aged' means fifty-five years of age for a woman and sixty years for a man."——(Mr. Tinker.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clauses No. 16 to No. 20 agreed to.

Clause No. 21 (Costs incurred by concerns producing certain metals and oil, and asbestos or mica).

Amendment proposed, in p. 12, l. 2, to leave out the words "otherwise than in the form of ore."——(Mr. Brooke.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 22 (Payments to superannuation funds, etc., in respect of back service).

Amendment proposed, in p. 13, l. 17, to leave out from the word "in," to the end of the paragraph, and insert the words "addition to the ordinary annual contribution or premium payable under those arrangements."——(Mr. Clement Davies.)
Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 23 (Disposal of company’s stock at under value).

Amendment proposed, in p. 15, l. 19, to leave out the word “may,” and insert the word “shall.”—(Mr. Craven-Ellis.)

Question proposed, That the word “may” stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 15, l. 29, at the end, to insert the words,—

Provided further that the provisions of this subsection imposing joint and several liability shall not apply in the case of any person who satisfies the Commissioners or (upon appeal) the Special Commissioners that there was no concert or arrangement between him and any other person upon whom the direction is made for the avoidance or reduction of liability to exceed profits tax and in such a case the liability of the said person shall subject to the succeeding provisions of this section be limited to such part of the sum specified in the direction not being greater than the financial benefit he received as is in the opinion of the Commissioners appropriate in the circumstances.”—(Colonel Sir John Shute.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clauses No. 24 to No. 30 agreed to.

Ordered, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again.—(Sir James Edmondson.)

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

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Railway Freight Rebates Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 agreed to.

Clause No. 2 amended, and agreed to.

Clauses No. 3 to No. 6 agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereto.

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

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

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with an Amendment; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.
found the same, as amended, to be true; and
had gone through the Bill and made Amend-ments thereunto; and 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.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, That they had considered the Order contained in the 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 upon Tuesday next.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, That they had considered the Order contained in the Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Wetherby District Water) Bill; that they were of opinion that the said Order ought to be confirmed; and that they had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

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

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Catering Wages Bill be taken into consideration upon Tuesday next; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on the Tele- graph Bill be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Mr. Secretary Attlee.)

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

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

A Clause (Easter offerings).—(Mr. Ivor Thomas),—brought up, and read the first time. Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time.

Whereupon the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod being come with a Message, the Chairman left the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

A Message was delivered by Air Chief Marshal Royal Assent. 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. Consolidated Fund (No. 3) Act, 1943.
2. War Damage Act, 1943.
Then the House again resolved itself into a Committee on the Finance Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Question again proposed, That the Clause be read a second time.

Question put. The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, 
Mr. Boothby: 65. 
Mr. Pym: 111. 

Tellers for the Noes, 
Mr. Ivor Thomas: 65. 
Mr. McNelis: 111.

Another Clause (Provision as to deduction in computing excess profits),—(Mr. Craven-Ellis),—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 (Additional allowance in computation of standard profits),—(Mr. Craven-Ellis),—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 (Repeal of armorial bearings duty),—(Mr. Brooke),—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 certain subscriptions),—(Mr. Linstead),—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 (Appeal against decision of Commissioners),—(Major Gates),—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Changes in persons of directors),—(Major Gates),—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Abolition of estate duties on agricultural land),—(Mr. Colegate),—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 (Standard profits where there were no profits in standard period or profits in that period were low),—(Mr. Colegate),—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto.

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

Resolved, That the Purchase Tax (Exemptions) (No. 2) Order, 1943, dated 6th May 1943, 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 13th day of May last, be approved. —(Mr. Asheton.)

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

Resolved, That the Order made by the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the Townships of Ormskirk and Burscough in the Urban District of Ormskirk, a copy of which was presented to this House on the 1st day of this instant June, be approved. —(Sir James Edmondson.)

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

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

Settled Land and Trustee Acts (Court's General Powers) Bill [Lords].

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Settled Land and Trustee Acts (Court's General Powers) Bill [Lords] ;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Pensions and Determination of Needs Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Pensions and Determination of Needs Bill ;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Pensions and Determination of Needs [Money]. The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee on Pensions and Determination of Needs [Money] ;
Ordered, That the Report be received upon Tuesday next.

Nurses (Scotland) Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Nurses (Scotland) Bill ;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Foreign Service Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Foreign Service Bill ;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

And it being after half-past Six of the clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House, without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then thirteen minutes after Seven of the clock, till Tuesday next, pursuant to the Resolution of the House this day.

[No. 75.]

Tuesday, 8th June, 1943.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Victory in Africa (Message from General Eisenhower.)

Ordered, That, in the case of the Northampton Corporation Bill, Standing Orders 92 and 232, be suspended, and that the Bill be now taken into consideration, amended prints having been previously deposited.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

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.

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

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

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

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

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Banbury Water) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Harrogate) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Wetherby District Water) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.
Voluntary Aid Detachments. Secretary Sir James Grigg presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Report of the Committee on Voluntary Aid Detachments. 

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

Labour Conditions in Ceylon, Mauritius and Malaya. Mr. Secretary Stanley presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Report by Major G. St. J. Orde Browne, C.M.G., O.B.E., Labour Adviser to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, on Labour Conditions in Ceylon, Mauritius and Malaya. 

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

Goods and Services (Price Control). Mr. Dalton presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 25th May 1943, entitled the Maximum Prices Orders (Toilet Preparations and Travel and Fancy Goods) (Amendment) Order, 1943. 

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

Milk and Dairies (England). Mr. Ernest Brown presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Provisional Regulations, dated 21st May 1943, entitled the Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1943. 

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

Home Guard. Sir Walter Womersley presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Royal Warrant for Pensions and other Grants for Members of the Home Guard disabled, and for the Widows, Children and Dependants of such Members deceased, in consequence of their service as such Members during the present war. 

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

New Member sworn. Colonel Thomas George Greenwell, Member for the Borough of The Hartlepool, was sworn.

Business of the House. Ordered, That this day, notwithstanding anything in Standing Order No. 14, Business in Committee of Supply 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) for Two hours after the hour appointed for the interruption of Business.—(Mr. Secretary Eden.)

Adjournment. A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Secretary Eden)—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Supply [8th Allotted Day]. The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply. 

(In the Committee.) Civil Estimates, 1943. 

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a further sum, not exceeding £20, be granted to His Majesty, towards defraying the charges for the following services connected with Housing and Health in Scotland, for the year Vol. 198. ending on the 31st day of March 1944, namely:—

Civil Estimates, 1943.

Class V., Vote 15, Department of Health for Scotland ... ... £10

Class X., Vote 18, Department of Health for Scotland (War Services) £10

£20

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

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

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Settled Land and Trustee Acts (Court's General Powers) Bill [Lords]; 

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

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee on Pensions and Determination of Needs Bill; 

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Nurses Committee on the Nurses (Scotland) Bill; 

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

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking Finance Bill into consideration the Finance Bill, as amended in the Committee; 

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Catering into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Catering Wages Bill; 

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration to-morrow.

And it being after half-past Six of the clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House, without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then one minute after Eight of the clock, till to-morrow.
The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Assheton reported from the Committee on Pensions and Determination of Needs [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as [Money] followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to amend the law with respect to the treatment of capital assets and superannuation payments for the purpose of determination of needs and with respect to supplementary pensions and to amend the Old Age Pensions Act, 1936, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any increase in the sums payable out of such moneys under the virtue of Part II of the Unemployment Act, 1934 (as amended by the Determination of Needs Act, 1941), the Old Age Pensions Act, 1936, or Part II of the Old Age and Widows' Pensions Act, 1940, which is attributable to the passing of the provisions of the said Act of the present Session relating to

(a) the manner in which money and investments treated as capital assets are to be treated under sub-paragraph (ii) of paragraph (d) of subsection (3) of section thirty-eight of the Unemployment Act, 1934, or under that sub-paragraph as applied by section ten of the Old Age and Widows' Pensions Act, 1940;

(b) the manner in which superannuation payments are to be treated under paragraph (f) of the said subsection (3) as applied by the said section ten;

(c) the payment of supplementary pensions to widows to whom an additional allowance in respect of a child is payable as part of a widow's pension, and the continuance of such supplementary pensions after the said allowance ceases to be so payable;

(d) additions to a person's supplementary pension in respect of periods after an old age or widow's pension began to accrue to that person but before the person becomes entitled to receive weekly payments on account thereof;

(e) the calculation of the means of a blind person or the husband or wife of a blind person, under the Old Age Pensions Act, 1936;

(f) the amendment of the last-mentioned Act in connection with the making of reciprocal arrangements thereunder with the Isle of Man.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Pensions and Determination of Needs Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Determination of needs) (Unemployment assistance, supplementary pensions and blind persons).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 10, to leave out the words "four hundred," and insert the words "one thousand."—[Mr. Kirkwood.]

Question put, That the words "four hundred," stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes
Mr. Adamson : 186.
Mr. Boulton : 8.

Tellers for the Noes
Mr. Kirkwood,
Mr. McGovern : 7.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 12, to leave out the word "sixpence," and insert the word "fourpence."—(Mr. Glenvil Hall.)

Question put, That the word "sixpence" stand part of the Clause:
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the 

Yea.s 

Mr. McEwen, 

Mr. Pym: 

204. 

Mr. McGovern, 

Mr. Stephen: 

6. 

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 6, after the word "needs," to insert the words "including need of a winter addition or rent adjustment."—(Mr. Ness Edwards.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 2, at the end, to add the words "Provided that the further determination may include such sum as is calculated to meet any accumulated need."—(Mr. Tom Brown.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (Determination of resources and needs of members of household) (Poor law and blind persons).

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 27, to leave out subsection (2) and insert the words:

" (2) No order of maintenance shall be made under subsection (2) of section nineteen of the Poor Law Act, 1930, upon the relations of a poor person to whom outdoor relief has been granted, and accordingly the provision of that subsection shall cease to have effect in respect of outdoor relief."—(Mr. Silkin.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 28, to leave out from the word "sixteen," to the word "are," in l. 29.—(Mr. Ness Edwards.)

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

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 3 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 4 (Non-contributory old age pensions) (Blind persons and Isle of Man).

Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 42, at the end to insert the words "or by any voluntary agency."—(Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Ian Fraser.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 5 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 6 (Definition of "appointed day").

Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 14, at the end, to insert the words "being a date not later than the date fixed under paragraph (b) of this section."—(Mr. Tom Brown.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clauses No. 7 and No. 8 agreed to.

A Clause (Application of s. 17 of Old Age and Widows' Pensions Act, 1940).—(Mr. Brooke), 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 (Determination of needs) (Outdoor relief).—(Sir Adam Maitland), brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

First Schedule amended, and agreed to.

Second 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:—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 Catering Wages take into consideration the Amendments made. Bill, by the Lords to the Catering Wages 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 Lordsships.

Ordered, That the Special Report which, upon Public Petitions. Committee on Public Petitions be taken into consideration upon Tuesday the 22nd day of this instant June.—(Sir Edward Campbell.)

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 Settled Land and Trustee Acts (Courts' General Powers) Bill [Lords];

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Nurses Committee on Nurses (Scotland) Bill;

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

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking Finance Bill, into consideration the Finance Bill, as amended in the Committee:—

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till three minutes after Six of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Ordered, That Sir Edmund Brocketbank be added to the Committee of Selection. —(Sir James Edmondson.)

Mr. Secretary Johnston presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Minute, dated 7th June 1943, by the Secretary of State for Scotland, amending the Central Institutions (Scotland) Grant Regulations, 1923.

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

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by the Table.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendment to the Grand Union Canal Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That Mr. Lambert be discharged from selection, and that Mr. Holdsworth be added to the Committee.—(Sir James Edmondson.)

Sir John Anderson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Statute made by the Governing Body of Pembroke College, Cambridge, on the 24th day of April 1943, amending Statute XI of the College Statutes.

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

Mr. Assheton presented, pursuant to the Emergency Powers (Defence) Order, dated 6th June 1943, entitled the Fish Sales (Charges) (No. 2) Order, 1943.

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, dated 1st June 1943, made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, for the alteration of Coroners' Districts in the County of London.

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

Mr. Secretary Amery presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Amendments, dated 5th June 1943, to the Reserved Posts (North-West Frontier Province) Rules, 1939.
Copy of a Proclamation issued on the 25th day of May 1943, by the Governor of the North-West Frontier Province under Section 93 of the Government of India Act, 1935, revoking the Proclamation dated 10th November 1939, as subsequently varied by the Proclamation dated 2nd December 1939.

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 Amendment to the Rules of Procedure for the Royal Air Force.

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

Mr. Secretary Eden presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of the Final Act of the United Nations Conference on Food and Agriculture, held at Hot Springs, Virginia, United States of America, 18th May—3rd June 1943.

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

Mr. Dalton presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 3rd June 1943, entitled the Price Regulation Committees (Amendment) Regulations, 1943.

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


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, dated 21st June 1943, entitled the Unemployment Insurance (Contributions) (Amendment) Regulations, 1943.

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

Major Lloyd George presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Report by the Minister of Fuel and Power respecting the applications to, and proceedings of, the Board of Trade and the Minister of Fuel and Power, respectively; under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1936, from the 1st day of April 1942 to the 31st day of March 1943.

Copy of Rules, dated 4th June 1943, entitled the Gas (Capital and Borrowing Powers) Rules, 1943.

Copy of Rules, dated 4th June 1943, entitled the Gas (Bordering Premises) Rules, 1943.

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 Offices of the Export Credits Guarantee Department, which are not considered of sufficient public value to justify their preservation in the Public Record Office.

Commander Roberts Michael Prior, D.S.O., New Member D.S.C., R.N., Member for the Borough of Birmingham (Aston Division), was sworn.

The Foreign Service Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

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

Mr. Secretary Eden, by His Majesty’s Foreign Service (Money.)

Resolved, That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session making further provision as respects the superannuation benefits of members of His Majesty’s foreign service, it is expedient to authorise any increase in the moneys to be provided by Parliament for the purposes of the Superannuation Acts, 1834 to 1935, and the Superannuation (Diplomatic Service) Act, 1929, that may be attributable to the provisions of the first mentioned Act relating to—

(a) the grant of a superannuation allowance and an additional allowance to members of His Majesty’s foreign service whose employment is terminated before the retiring age;

(b) members of the said service who, after recall from an office abroad by reason of war circumstances, have served in a less remunerative office under the Crown (whether at the time of their recall they were members of that service or of His Majesty’s Foreign Office and diplomatic service, commercial diplomatic service or consular service);

(c) the circumstances in which former members of His Majesty’s consular service in China are to be treated as if they remained members thereof for the purposes of subsection (1) of section seven of the Superannuation Act, 1935.—(Mr. Secretary Eden.)

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 Nurses (Scotland) Bill.

Nurses (Scotland) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (Rules).

Amendment proposed in p. 2, l. 38, to leave out subsection (3).—(Mr. Storey.)
Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses No. 3 to No. 13 agreed to.

Clause No. 14 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 15 to No. 21 agreed to.

First and Second Schedules agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto.

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

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

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Settled Land and Trustee Acts (Court’s General Powers) Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Extension of powers under 15 Geo. 5, c. 18, s. 64 and c. 19, s. 57).

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 1, to leave out the words “all sources,” and insert the words “the land.”—(Mr. Hutchinson.)

Question proposed, That the words “all sources” stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 8, to leave out from the word “or,” to the word “or,” in l. 9, and insert the words “to make it in the opinion of the Court unreasonable that he should bear such expense.”—(Mr. Hutchinson.)

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. 30, at the end, to insert the words—

“(5) Notwithstanding anything hereinbefore contained in this section, trustees of settled land or of land held on trust for sale may, on the written request of a person beneficially entitled as aforesaid and without any order of the Court under this Act expend capital money in or for the management of land as aforesaid, provided that capital money so expended under this subsection during the period of the emergency shall not exceed an aggregate sum equal to twice the annual value of the land comprised in the settlement or trust.”—(Mr. Hutchinson.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clauses No. 2 and No. 3 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the 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 the Special Order Gas (Special Orders) to be made by the Minister of Fuel and Power under the Gas Undertakings Acts, 1920 to 1934, on the application of the Stony Stratford Gas and Coke Company, Limited, which was presented to this House on the 18th day of May last, and published, be approved.—(Captain McEwen.)

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Special Report Petitions which, upon the 26th day of May last, was made from the Committee on Public Petitions; and the same being again read:

Resolved, That this House doth agree with the Committee in that part of their Report wherein they express their opinion, That signatures on the back of the petition sheet and sheets attached thereto should be counted whether or not the prayer is repeated at the top of the page.—(Sir Edward Campbell.)

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on Public Petitions, That in setting forth the number of signatures to each Petition they do include signatures written on the back of the Petition or of the sheets attached thereto.—(Sir Edward Campbell.)

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

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

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Finance Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Pensions Appeal Tribunals Bill;

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

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-six minutes before Six of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
The House met at Eleven of the clock.

P R A Y E R S.

Mr. Secretary Johnston presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1936, relating to Greenock Port 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. Secretary Morrison presented, pursuant to paragraph (6) of Regulation 18a of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939,—Report by the Secretary of State for the Home Department of action taken under the said Regulation during May 1943.

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

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, That they had examined the allegations of the London County Council (Money) Bill and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereto; and 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. 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 Bridgwater Gas Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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

Mr. Secretary Morrison, supported by Mr. Bevin and Mr. Peake, presented a Bill to extend, in relation to persons in the Isle of Man, the powers which may be exercised by His Majesty under the Emergency Powers (Defence) Acts, 1939 and 1940: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Mr. Nod-Baker, supported by Mr. Peake and Mr. Henry Strauss, presented a Bill to authorise the making of arrangements during the present war period for enabling development which is expedient in the public interest to be carried out and maintained for the time being notwithstanding the refusal of consent under the Restriction of Ribbon Development Act, 1935, to permanent development; to regulate the effect of temporary arrangements already made for the purposes of that Act during the said period; and to amend section eleven of that Act: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

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

The Pensions Appeal Tribunals 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, upon Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Sir Walter Womersley, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Pensions Appeal Tribunals (Money), proposed to be moved, under Standing Order No. 69, in a Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House:—Whereupon the House, pursuant to Standing Order No. 69, resolved itself into a Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to provide for the bringing of appeals against the rejection by the Minister of Pensions on certain grounds of claims in respect of incapacity for work, disablement or death arising out of the war and against certain other decisions of the Minister of Pensions affecting awards in respect of such claims, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of such sums as may be necessary to defray the remuneration of the members of Pensions Appeal Tribunals constituted under the said Act and expenses incurred by or in connection with the said Tribunals.—(Sir Walter Womersley.)

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Sir Charles MacAndrew reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Tuesday next.

Ordered, That Miss Ward be discharged from the Select Committee on National Expenditure, and that Sir Alfred Beit be added to the Committee.—(Sir James Edmondson.)

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

And it being Six of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed without a Question being put.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-five minutes after Six of the clock, adjourned till Tuesday next, pursuant to the Resolution of the House this day.
of State for Scotland under the Local Government Superannuation (Scotland) Act, 1937.

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

Post Office Savings Banks. Mr. Assheton presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account of all Deposits received and paid during 1942, 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 1942, 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.

Merchant Seamen’s Fund. Mr. Noel-Baker presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account of the Receipts and Expenditure under the Seamen’s Fund Winding-up Act, 1851, for 1942.

Ordered, That the said Account 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 passed a Bill, intituled An Act to amend the Coal Act, 1938, and dissolve the Coal Mines National Industrial Board; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Coal Bill [Lords.] A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Clause be read a second time:—It passed in the Negative.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Income tax of married persons.)—(Sir Irving Albery.)

And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

Another Amendment was proposed to be added to the Bill, in p. 8, l. 17, by inserting after the word “him,” the words “or that he is entitled to relief under section twenty-two of the Finance Act, 1920, in respect of an aged or infirm relative.”—(Mr. Daggar.)

And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

Finance Bill. The Order of the day being read for taking into consideration the Finance Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, be recommitted to a Committee of the whole House in respect of the proposed Amendments to Clause No. 23 in page 15, line 29 and page 16, lines 14, 25 and 26, 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 after the consideration of the Bill as amended, be recommitted to a Committee of the whole House to consider the proposed Amendments to the Bill, as amended, in the Committee.

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The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

A Clause (Relief from duty for agricultural vehicles.)—(Mr. Noel-Baker.)—was twice read, and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Reduction of licence duties on motor-cycles and private motor-cars.)—(Mr. Robinson.)

And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

Another Amendment was proposed to be added to the Bill (Employment of boy helper and income tax payable.)—(Mr. Daggar.)

And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Reduction of licence duties on gas-propelled vehicles.)—(Mr. Isaacs.)

And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Provision for helping exports.)—(Mr. Hannah.)

And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Exemption of certain voluntary superannuation funds.)—(Mr. McNeil.)

And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question put, That the Clause be read a second second time:—It passed in the Negative.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Income tax of married persons.)—(Mr. Daggar.)

And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill, in p. 8, l. 28, by inserting at the end thereof, the words “and (e) that he has contributed a sum under a court order for weekly payment to the maintenance of his wife and children not resident with and otherwise maintained by him.”—(Mr. Daggar.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.
Then Amendments were made to the Bill. Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 13, l. 17, by leaving out from the word "arrangements," to the end of the paragraph, and inserting the words "in addition to the ordinary annual contribution or premium payable under those arrangements,"—(Mr. Clement Davies)—instead thereof.

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

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 13, l. 31, by inserting at the end thereof, the words "and (ii) if the person carrying on the trade or business so elects and the payment was made before the second day of February, nineteen hundred and forty-three, or was made in pursuance of an undertaking to make it given before that date, the provisions of the Schedule to this Act (Provisions as to back-service payments made before, or in pursuance of undertakings given before, the second day of February, nineteen hundred and forty-three) shall have effect in relation to the payment, and, where the payment is one of a series of payments, also in relation to the other payments."—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.) And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill. The proposed words were amended in l. 7, by inserting after the word "given," the words "or of an enactment passed,"—(Sir Peter Bennett)—and, so amended, were there inserted in the Bill.

A Schedule (Provisions as to back-service payments made before or in pursuance of undertakings given before 2nd February 1943) (Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer)—was twice read, and made part of the Bill.

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

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee on Foreign Service [Money];

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

And it being after half-past Six of the clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House, without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then twenty-four minutes before Seven of the clock, till to-morrow.

Order of the day for the Report from the Committee on Pensions Appeal Tribunals [Money];

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

Mr. Secretary Johnston presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Minute, dated 28th June, 1943, by the Secretary of State for Scotland, entitled "The Education Authorities (Scotland) Grant Regulations Minute, 1943.

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

The Coal Bill [Lords] was read the first time, Coal Bill and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by their Lordships.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendment made by their Lordships.

Mr. Secretary Johnston presented, pursuant to consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Bridgewater Gas Bill; and the same was twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendment made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Bill, without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then twenty-four minutes before Seven of the clock, till to-morrow.

THE House, according to Order, resolved Supply to be read the third time to-morrow; and be printed.

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

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Grand Union Canal Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The House, according to Order, resolved Supply to be read the third time to-morrow; and be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Pensions Appeal Tribunals 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 Pensions Appeal Tribunals [Money];

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

And it being after half-past Six of the clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House, without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then twenty-four minutes before Seven of the clock, till to-morrow.
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Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again.—(Sir James Edmondson.)—put, and agreed to.

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

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

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

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

Adjournment.

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

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

**[No. 83]**

**Thursday, 1st July, 1943.**

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

**PRAYERS.**

Mr. Secretary Johnston presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Summary Report on Education in Scotland for 1942.

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

Mr. Assheton presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Papers relative to the position, as at the 31st day of March 1943, of certain Funds left in Trust for the Reduction of the National Debt.

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 Orders in Council, dated 30th June 1943, entitled—

1. the Weaver Navigation Trustees (Extension of Term of Office) Order, 1943,
2. the Shoreham and Lancing Sea Defence Commissioners (Extension of Term of Office) Order, 1943.

Copies of Orders in Council, dated 30th June 1943—

1. amending Regulation 29B of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939,
2. amending Regulation 39 of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939,
3. amending Regulation 42A of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939,
4. adding Regulation 60A to the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939,
5. amending Regulation 70 of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939, and adding Regulation 70A to those Regulations, and

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

Secretary Sir Archibald Sinclair presented, Air Force, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 3rd June 1943, making special provision with regard to the allowances of married officers in the Royal Air Force.

Copy of an Order, dated 11th June 1943, Air Force, making special provision with regard to the counting of previous service for the award of progressive pay and good conduct badges to airmen in His Majesty's Air Forces.

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

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

Copy of Rules of Court, dated 25th June 1943, entitled the Non-Contentious Probate Rules, 1943.

Sir Adam Maitland 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. Secretary Johnston, supported by the Lord Advocate, Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland, Mr. Westwood and Mr. Chapman, presented a Bill to bring under planning control in Scotland which is not subject to a scheme or resolution under the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act, 1932; to secure more effective control of development in Scotland pending the coming into operation of planning schemes; to provide for the transfer to the Secretary of State of certain statutory functions; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next; and to be printed.
Ordered, That the Proceedings on Government Business be expunged at this day's Sitting from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Mr. Secretary Eden.)

Adjournment.

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

Mr. Young reported from the Committee on Pensions Appeal Tribunals [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as follows:—That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to provide for the bringing of appeals against the rejection by the Minister of Pensions on certain grounds of claims in respect of incapacity for work, disablement or death arising out of the war and against certain other decisions of the Minister of Pensions affecting awards in respect of such claims, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of such sums as may be necessary to defray the remuneration of the members of Pensions Appeal Tribunals constituted under the said Act and expenses incurred by or in connection with the said Tribunals.

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

The House, according to order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Pensions Appeals Tribunals Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Appeals against rejection of war pension claims made in respect of members of the naval, military or air forces).

Amendment proposed in p. 1, l. 8, to leave out from the word “Minister,” to the end of l. 15.—(Mr. Hogg.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out to the word “to,” in l. 14, stand Part of the Clause.

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

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Restriction of Ribbon Development (Temporary Development) Bill; And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed, to be made to the Question by leaving out from the word “That,” to the end of the Question, and adding the words “this House declines to give a Second Reading to a Bill introduced by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of War Transport which affects the responsibilities of the Ministry of Town and Country Planning, reduces for the duration of the war the safeguards against ribbon development which has proved dangerous to life, obstructive to traffic, burdensome to the ratepayers and destructive of amenities; and provides no adequate guarantee that such ribbon development will be removed after the war,”—(Mr. Molson,)—instead thereof;

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

And the Main Question being put:—It 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.—(Captain McEwen.)

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

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

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. 84.]

Tuesday, 6th July, 1943.

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 deaths on active service of Brigadier John Percival Whiteley, Member for the County of Buckingham (Buckingham Division), and Colonel Victor Alexander Cazalet, m.c., Member for the County of Wilts (Chippenham 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 Members.

Mr. Asheton presented, by His Majesty's Civil Estimates (Excess, 1942), No. 97.

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Mr. Asheton presented, by His Majesty's Civil Estimates (Excess, 1942), No. 97.

Mr. Alexander presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Statement of the Estimated Income and Expenditure of Greenwich Hospital and Travers' Foundation for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1944.

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

Mr. Alexander presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Statement of the Estimated Income and Expenditure of Greenwich Hospital and Travers' Foundation for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1944.

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

Mr. Ernest Brown presented, pursuant to the Food and Drugs Regulations, dated 24th June 1943, entitled the Public Health (Dried and Condensed Milk) Regulations, 1943.
7 Geo. VI. 6th July.

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

Copy of an Order, dated 23rd June 1943, entitled the Barnsley (Adjudicating Officers) Order, 1943.

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

Mr. Secretary Johnston presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 30th April 1943, entitled the National Health Insurance (Medical Benefit) Amendment Regulations (Scotland), 1943.

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

Secretary Sir James Grigg presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Amendments to the Regulations for the Territorial Army, 1936.

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

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—Copy of the Twenty-ninth Annual Report of the Board of Control (for 1942). Part I.

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 Town and Country Planning (Interim Development) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read.

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

2. Telegraph Act, 1943.

Then the House again resolved itself into the Supply Committee of Supply.

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.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Town and Country Planning (Interim Development) Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow; and be printed.

John Frederick Gretton, Esquire, Member for the County of Stafford (Burton Division), was sworn.

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

(In the Committee.)

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Vote 8. Forestry Commission

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum, not exceeding £400,000, 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 1944, for a grant in aid of the Forestry Fund.

Whereupon the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod being come with a Message, the Chairman left the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

A Message was delivered by Air Chief Marshal Royal Assent 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:

2. Telegraph Act, 1943.

Then the House again resolved itself into the Supply Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Question again proposed, That a sum, not exceeding £400,000, 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 1944, for a grant in aid of the Forestry Fund.

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

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

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

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

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

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.

(Sir James Edmondson.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-eight minutes after Six of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
[No. 85.]

Wednesday, 7th July, 1943.

The House met Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Navy (Pay, Pensions, &c.).

Mr. Robert Hudson presented, by His Majesty's Secretary Sir James Grigg presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Memorandum on Measures proposed to be taken to improve the quality of the Nation's Milk Supply.

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

Milk Policy.

Mr. John Anderson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Amendments to the Regulations for officers of the Supplementary Reserve of Officers and for the Supplementary Reserve, 1939.

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

Army.

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

Dismantled Churches (Appropriation).

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 for authorising the taking down and sale of the site and materials of the church of Saint Catherine, Sleetburn, in the parish of Saint John, Brandon, in the county and in the diocese of Durham.

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

Business of the House.

The Finance Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords and desire their concurrence (the Bill having been endorsed by Mr. Speaker with the following Certificate:—

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

D. CLIFTON BROWN, Speaker.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, was agreed to, and made an Amendment by leave, withdrawn.

Clause as amended, agreed to.

Clauses No. 3 to No. 7 agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Clauses No. 8 to No. 15 agreed to.

Clauses No. 16 and 17 agreed to.

Mr. Speaker's Certificate.

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

Ordered, That the Bill 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 Emergency Powers (Isle of Man Defence) 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.

His Majesty's foreign service whose employment is terminated before the retiring age;

(b) members of the said service who, after recall from an office abroad by reason of war circumstances, have served in a less remunerative office under the Crown (whether at the time of their recall they were members of that service or of His Majesty's Foreign Office and diplomatic service, commercial diplomatic service or consular service);

(c) the circumstances in which former members of His Majesty's consular service in China are to be treated as if they remained members thereof for the purposes of subsection (1) of section seven of the Superannuation Act, 1935.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Foreign Service Bill. — (In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (Superannuation benefits on termination of service before retiring age).

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 13, to leave out from the word "whereof" to the word "is," in l. 14—(Mr. Martin.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out to the word "first," in l. 13 stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 25, at the end, to insert the words:— "Provided further that in the case of members of His Majesty's foreign service whose employment is terminated before the retiring age in a rank not higher than that of counsellor, pension shall cease to be payable after twelve months."—(Mr. Ivor Thomas.)

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

Clause as amended, agreed to.

Clauses No. 3 to No. 7 agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Preamble 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 an Amendment thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill be, 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 Emergency Powers (Isle of Man Defence) 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 Coal Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

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

Resolved, That the Fish Sales (Charges) (No. 2) Order, 1943, dated 9th June 1943, 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 June last, be approved.—(Mr. Mabane.)

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Restriction of Ribbon Development (Temporary Development) 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 Pensions Appeal Tribunals Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of 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 Town and Country Planning (Interim Development) (Scotland) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Town and Country Planning (Interim Development) Bill;

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration to-morrow.

And it being after half-past Six of the clock, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then two minutes after Seven of the clock, till to-morrow.

[No. 86.]

Thursday, 8th July, 1943.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Assheton presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 2nd July 1943, granting a retired allowance to Mr. Frederick John Pratley, Clerical Officer in the Registry of Friendly Societies, under Section 2 of the Superannuation Act, 1887.

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 the 31st day of March 1943, with the rates of interest and the 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 Return do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Ernest Brown presented, pursuant to the Local Government Superannuation (Charges) Act, 1937, a copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 2nd July 1943, granting a retired allowance to Mr. Charles John Shaw, Civil Servant, under Section 2 of the Superannuation Act, 1887.

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

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

The Lords have agreed to the Greenock Port and Harbours Order Confirmation Bill, without any amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to consolidate with amendments certain enactments relating to water undertakings; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to amend the law relating to the frustration of contracts; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Water Undertakings 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.

The Law Reform (Frustrated Contracts) Bill [Lords] was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Assheton presented a Bill to amend the law with respect to customs in the Isle of Man:—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 2nd July 1943, granting a retired allowance to Mr. Frederick John Pratley, Clerical Officer in the Registry of Friendly Societies, under Section 2 of the Superannuation Act, 1887.

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 the 31st day of March 1943, with the rates of interest and the 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 Return do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Ernest Brown presented, pursuant to the Local Government Superannuation (Charges) Act, 1937, a copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 2nd July 1943, granting a retired allowance to Mr. Charles John Shaw, Civil Servant, under Section 2 of the Superannuation Act, 1887.

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

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

The Lords have agreed to the Greenock Port and Harbours Order Confirmation Bill, without any amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to consolidate with amendments certain enactments relating to water undertakings; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to amend the law relating to the frustration of contracts; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Water Undertakings 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.

The Law Reform (Frustrated Contracts) Bill [Lords] was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That this day, notwithstanding anything in Standing Order No. 14, Business other than the Business of Supply may be taken before the hour appointed for the interruption of Business.—(Mr. Secretary Eden.)

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

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

(In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates, 1943. Class X.


Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum, not exceeding £50 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 1944, 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—(Sir James Edmondson)—put, and agreed to.

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

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

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

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty praying that the Order in Council, dated 20th May 1943, made under the Emergency Powers (Defence) Acts, 1939 and 1940, amending Regulation 55 of, and adding Regulation 55AA to, the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939, a copy of which was presented to this House on the 25th day of May last, be annulled—(Sir Harold Webbe):—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Restriction of Ribbon Development (Temporary Development) Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Pensions Appeal Tribunals Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Town and Country Planning (Interim Development) (Scotland) Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Town and Country Planning (Interim Development) Bill:

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Emergency Powers (Isle of Man Defence) Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Coal Bill [Lords]:

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

And it being after half-past Six of the clock, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then one minute before Seven of the clock, till Tuesday next, pursuant to the Resolution of the House this day.

[No. 87.]

Tuesday, 13th July, 1943.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

Prayer.

Mr. Askeaton presented, by His Majesty's Secretary, a Vote of Credit (Supplementary), 1943 required to be voted towards defraying the expenses which may be incurred during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1944, for general Navy, Army and Air services and supplies 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.

Mr. Secretary Stanley presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Return of Schemes made under the Colonial Development and Welfare Act, 1940, in the period from the 1st day of November 1942 to the 31st day of March 1943.

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

Captain Crookshank presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy (Inland Written Telegrams) of Regulations, dated 7th July 1943, entitled the Telegraph (Inland Written Telegram) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations, 1943.

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

Mr. Dal ton presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders,—

(1) dated 26th June 1943, entitled the Utility Apparel (Maximum Prices and Charges) (No. 2) Order, 1943.

(2) dated 30th June 1943, entitled the Domestic Pottery (Maximum Prices) Order, 1943.

(3) dated 1st July 1943, entitled the Utility Cloth (Maximum Prices) Order, 1943.

(4) dated 1st July 1943, entitled the Utility Household Textiles (Maximum Prices) Order, 1943.

(5) dated 2nd July 1943, entitled the Utility Bedding (Maximum Prices) Order, 1943.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.
Mr. Ernest Brown presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Summary Report by the Government Actuary on the Valuation of the Joins and Liabilities of Approved Societies, with a Supplement on\* Additional Benefit Schemes.

Mr. Ernest Brown also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, —Copy of a Scheme made by the Solihull Urban District Council and approved by the Minister of Health under the Local Government Super-

amnation Act, 1937.

Copy of an Order, dated 7th July, 1943, entitled the Yorkshire Casual Poor Assistance (Amendment) Order, 1943.

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 made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the Urban District of Ellesmere Port.

Copy of an Order of the Lord Chief Justice of Northern Ireland, dated 25th June, 1943, amending the Rules of the Supreme Court (Northern Ireland), 1936.

Ordered, That the said Papers 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 under the Naval Savings Bank Act, 1866, and the application of the interest or dividends accruing in respect thereof; and the proceeds of any sale of any Stocks, Annuities, or Securities during the financial year 1940-41.

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

Mr. Robert Hudson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 8th July, 1943, revoking the Birkenhead Imported Animals Wharf and Landing Place Order of 1935.

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

Ordered, That this day, notwithstanding anything in Standing Order No. 14, Business other than the Business of Supply may be taken before the hour appointed for the interruption of Business,—(Mr. Secretary Eden.)

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

(In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates, 1943.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a further sum, not exceeding £50 be granted to His Majesty, towards defraying the charges for the following Services connected with Colonial Administration, for the year ending on the 31st day of March, 1944, namely:—

Civil Estimates, 1943.

Class II., Vote 9, Colonial Office — 70
Class II., Vote 8, Colonial and Middle Eastern Services — 10
Class II., Vote 6, Development and Welfare (Colonies, &c.) — 10

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

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

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

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

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that the Order in Council, dated 20th May, 1943, entitled the British Overseas Airways (Temporary Provisions) Order, 1943, made under the Chartered and Other Bodies (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1939, a copy of which was presented to this House on the 25th day of May last, be annulled—(Major Lyons):—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Town and Country Planning (Interim Development) Bill; (Temporary Development) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Pensions Appeal Tribunals Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Town and Country Planning (Interim Development) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Town and Country Planning (Interim Development) Bill;

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Emergency Powers (Iisle of Man Defence) Bill;

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

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Isle of Man Second Reading of the Isle of Man (Customs) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Water Undertakings 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 Law Reform (Frustrated Contracts) Bill [Lords] ;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

And it being after half-past Six of the clock, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then eighteen minutes before Seven of the clock, till to-morrow.

[No. 88.]

Wednesday, 14th July, 1943.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Sh Walter Womersley presented, by His Majesty's Command, Copy of a Statement of Changes proposed to be made in the provisions relating to War Pensions administered by the Minister of Pensions.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Ernest Brown presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Copy of Regulations, dated 7th July 1943, entitled the Contributory Pensions (Exempt and Excepted Persons) Amendment Regulations, 1943.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That this day, notwithstanding anything in Standing Order No. 14, Business other than the Business of Supply may be taken before the hour appointed for the interruption of Business.—(Mr. Secretary Eden.)

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, 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 1944, and the application of surplus receipts realised under certain Votes for Navy, Army and Air Services towards making good deficits in receipts under other Votes in the respective Departments.

Resolved, That the Appropriation Accounts for the Navy, Army and Air Departments, which were presented to this House on the 25th day of January last, be referred to the Committee.—(Mr. James Stuart.)

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

Civil Estimates, 1943.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a further sum, not exceeding £20, be granted to His Majesty, towards defraying the charges for the following services connected with Shipping, for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1944, namely:—

Civil Estimates, 1943:

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

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

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

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That an humble Address be presented to D°efense) Committee on the Restriction of Ribbon Development (Temporary Development) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Pensions Committee on the Pensions Appeal Tribunals 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 Town and Country Planning (Interim Development) (Scotland) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Town and Country Planning (Interim Development) Bill;

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Emergency Powers (Isle of Man Defence) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Coal Bill Committee on the Coal 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 Isle of Man (Customs) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Water Undertakings 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 Law Reform (Frustrated Contracts) Bill [Lords]; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

And it being after half-past Six of the clock, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then three minutes after Seven of the clock, till to-morrow.

[No. 89.]

Thursday, 15th July, 1943.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

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 Cheltenham and District Gas Company.

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

Mr. BUTLER presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Statement of the proposals of His Majesty's Government for Educational Reform.

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

Mr. Attorney General presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Statistics relating to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, the House of Lords, the Supreme Court of Judicature, County Courts and other Civil Courts for 1942.

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

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

The Lords have agreed to the Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Bucks Water Board) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Chiltern Hills Spring Water) Bill, without any Amendment.

Sir FRANCIS FRENCH reported from the Select Committee on Publications and Debates' Reports, 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, as followeth:

The Committee have come to the following Resolution:—

That it is the opinion of this Committee that the word " Hansard " should appear upon the title-page of the Official Report of Parliamentary Debates.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Restriction of Ribbon Development (Temporary Development) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Postponement of enforced restrictions under 25 & 26 Geo. 5, c. 47 in certain cases).

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 11, at the end, to insert the words:—

" ( ) If the highway authority is not the same as the interim development authority, it shall obtain the approval of the town and country planning authority for the district before serving any such notice as aforesaid; and if it is desired to undertake any further building, excavation, means of access or works between the passing of this Act and the cessation of hostilities, it shall obtain the approval of the town and country planning authority for the district before serving any such notice as aforesaid."—(Mr. BOSSM.)

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

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 9, at the end, to add the words,—

" (6) Nothing in this section shall be deemed to authorise any highway authority at the conclusion of the present war period to refrain from taking action under section eleven of the principal Act in respect of any contravention of that Act."—(Mr. HARVEY.)

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

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses No. 2 and No. 3 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 an Amendment thereto.

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

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

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 Emergency Powers (Isle of Man Defence) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 and No. 2 agreed to.

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

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

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

The Isle of Man (Customs) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time. Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. Adamson.)

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 Town and Country Planning (Interim Development) Bill.

The Lords Amendments as far as the Amendment in p. 7, l. 9, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 7, l. 9, at end insert (“7) For the purpose of this section and of section ten of the principal Act, the use of any land for the deposit of waste materials or refuse, shall be deemed to constitute development of the land, notwithstanding that it is comprised in a site which is already being used for that purpose, if the effect of the further use is to extend the superficial area of the deposit”), the next Amendment, being read a second time, 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. 8, l. 21 leave out from (“land”) to (“is”) in l. 22, the next Amendment, being read a second time, 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. 8, l. 36, leave out from (“or”) to (“matters”) and insert (“upon other similar”), the next Amendment, being read a second time, 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. 8, l. 38, at end insert (“except as aforesaid no compensation shall be paid under subsection (2) of this section in respect of any work carried out before the date on which the permission was granted, or in respect of any liability arising under a contract made before that date”), the next Amendment, being read a second time, 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. 8, l. 42, at end insert New Clause A (Interim probation of trees and woodland), the next Amendment, being read a second time, 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 remaining Lords Amendment being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Navy, Army and Air Expenditure, 1941.

(In the Committee.)

I. Whereas it appears by the Navy Appropriation Account for the year ended the 31st day of March 1942 that, as shown in the Schedule herunto appended, the total surpluses and deficits on Navy Votes for that year are as follows:—

Total Surpluses, viz.—

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<td>2-6 and 8-16</td>
<td>16,542,856</td>
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Deficits—Sum to be surrendered to the Exchequer in respect of the Excess of Receipts over the total of Appropriations-in-Aid authorised by Parliament—

677,771 | 16 | 6 |

Total Deficits, viz.—

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<td>1 and 7</td>
<td>15,865,086</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>11</td>
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Excesses of actual over estimated gross expenditure—

517,529,637 | 18 | 8 |

Total Surpluses charged to the Vote of Credit—

511,529,637 | 18 | 8 |

And whereas the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury have temporarily authorised the application of that part of the surplus receipts realised under Votes 2 to 6 and 8 to 16 which is required to make good the deficit in receipts under Votes 1 and 7.

I. Resolved, That the application of such surpluses be sanctioned.—(Mr. Assheton.)

Schedule.
II. Whereas it appears by the Army Appropriation Account for the year ended the 31st day of March 1942 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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<th>Description</th>
<th>Excesses of actual as compared with estimated Receipts</th>
<th>Surpluses of actual as compared with estimated Receipts</th>
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<td>Pay, &amp;c., of the Army</td>
<td>£22,375,248 10 s.</td>
<td>£,004,149 10 s.</td>
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<td>Total Deficits</td>
<td>£43,344,169 10 s.</td>
<td>£23,515,321 10 s.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Total Surplus</td>
<td>£34,969,198 10 s.</td>
<td>£19,958,534 10 s.</td>
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And whereas the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury have temporarily authorised the application of surplus receipts realised under Votes 2 to 13 towards making good the deficit in receipts under Vote 1.

2. Resolved, That the application of such surpluses be sanctioned. (Mr. Assheton.)

III. Whereas it appears by the Air Services Appropriation Account for the year ended the 31st day of March 1942 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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<th>Surpluses of actual as compared with estimated Receipts</th>
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<tr>
<td>Pay, &amp;c., of the Air Force</td>
<td>£29,673,274 10 s.</td>
<td>£16,891,258 10 s.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total Deficits</td>
<td>£63,478,443 10 s.</td>
<td>£36,493,431 10 s.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total Surplus</td>
<td>£34,105,169 10 s.</td>
<td>£29,426,979 10 s.</td>
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And whereas the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury have temporarily authorised the application of surplus receipts realised under Votes 2 to 11 towards making good the deficit in receipts under Vote 1.

3. Resolved, That the application of such surpluses be sanctioned. (Mr. Assheton.)
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Coal 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 Water Undertakings 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 Law Reform (Frustrated Contracts) Bill [Lords] ;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

And it being after half-past Six of the clock, Mr Speaker adjourned the House, without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then eleven minutes before Eight of the clock, till to-morrow.

The House met at Eleven of the clock

PRAYERS.

Adjournment. RESOLVED, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn till Tuesday next.-(Mr. James Stuart.)

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

(In the Committee.)
Civil Estimates, 1943.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a further sum, not exceeding £60, be granted to His Majesty, towards defraying the charges for the following services connected with the Trend of the Population, for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1944, namely:—

Civil Estimates, 1943.

Class V., Vote 1, Ministry of Health—10
Class V., Vote 3, Registrar-General's Office —10
Class V., Vote 15, Department of Health for Scotland —10
Class V., Vote 17, Registrar-General's Office (Scotland) —10
Class X., Vote 6, Ministry of Health (War Services) —10
Class X., Vote 18, Department of Health for Scotland (War Services) —10

£60

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

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

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Pensions Appeal Tribunals Bill;
Ordered, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Town and Country Planning (Interim Development) (Scotland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Water Undertakings Bill [Lords] ;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Law Reform (Frustrated Contracts) Bill [Lords] ;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Water Undertakings Bill [Lords] ;
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Ordered, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Town and Country Planning (Interim Development) (Scotland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Report be received upon Tuesday next.

A Motion was made and the Question being Adjournment, proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Sir James Edmondson);
And it being Six of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed without a Question being put.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.

—(Mr. Beechman.)

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

PRAYERS.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Hydro-Electric Development (Scotland) Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Nurses (Scotland) Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow; and be printed.

Ordered, That this day, notwithstanding anything 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).—(Mr. Secretary Eden.)

The House, according to Order, resolved Supply [7th allotted Day] into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates, 1943.

Class VIII.


Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum, not exceeding £21,327,000, 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, 1944, for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Pensions, payments in respect of war pensions, gratuities and allowances, sundry contributions in respect thereof and other services.

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

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Pensions Committee on the Pensions Appeal Tribunals Bill.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Water Undertakings Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Law Reform (Frustrated Contracts) Bill [Lords.]
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Law Reform (Frustrated Contracts) Bill [Lords.];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Isle of Man (Customs) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Isle of Man (Customs) Bill; Report, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Navy, Army and Air Expenditure, 1941.
The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee on Navy, Army and Air Expenditure, 1941;
Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

And it being after half-past Six of the clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House, without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then thirteen minutes after Nine of the clock, till to-morrow.

[No. 92.]

Wednesday, 21st July, 1943.
The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

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

Mr. Ernest Brown presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Report of the Midwives' Salaries Committee on Salaries and Emoluments of Institutional and Domiciliary Midwives, Non-Medical Supervisors of Midwives and of Pupil Midwives.
Ordered, That the said Paper 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 June 1943.
Ordered, That the said Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:—
The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to provide for the readjustment of the representation of the provinces in the House of Commons of Canada consequent on the decennial census taken in the year one thousand nine hundred and forty-one; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Water Undertakings Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Ordered, That this day, notwithstanding anything in Standing Order No. 14, Business other than the Business of Supply may be taken before the hour appointed for the interruption of Business, and that the Proceedings on the Town and Country Planning (Interim Development) (Scotland) Bill be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Mr. Secretary Eden.)

The House, according to Order, resolved Supply [18th allotted Day], to-morrow.

(Civil Estimates, 1943)

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a further sum, not exceeding £30, be granted to His Majesty, towards defraying the charges for the following services connected with Public Education and Youth Welfare in Scotland for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1944, namely:

Civil Estimates, 1943.

Class IV, Vote 13, Public Education, Scotland —— 10
Class V, Vote 15, Department of Health for Scotland —— 10
Class L, Vote 26, Scottish Home Department —— 10

£30

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

Mr. 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 Town and Country Planning (Interim Town and Country Planning (Interim Development) (Scotland) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. Boullon.)
Resolved, That this House, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Navy, Army and Air Expenditure, 1941;
Ordered, That the Report be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Isle of Man Committee on the Isle of Man (Customs) Bill; (Customs) Bill.
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.
Nurses (Scotland) Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Nurses (Scotland) Bill [Lords] ;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Water Undertakings Bill [Lords.] The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Water Undertakings Bill [Lords] ;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Pensions Appeal Tribunals Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Pensions Appeal Tribunals Bill ;
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Coal Bill [Lords.] The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Coal Bill [Lords] ;
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Hydro-Electric Development (Scotland) Bill. The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Hydro-Electric Development (Scotland) Bill ;
Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Nurses (Scotland) Bill. The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Nurses (Scotland) Bill ;
Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration to-morrow.

And it being after half-past Six of the clock, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then half an hour after Seven of the clock, till to-morrow.

[No. 93.] Thursday, 22nd July, 1943.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE Vice-Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, That their Address of the 15th day of this instant July relative to the continuance of the Emergency Powers (Defence) Act, 1939, 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, nineteen hundred and forty-three.

I will comply with your request.

Mr. Alexander presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account showing the Receipts and Expenditure of Naval Prize, Bounty, Salvage and other Moneys between the 1st day of April 1941 and the 31st day of March 1942.

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

Mr. Secretary Eden presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Treaty between His Majesty in respect of the United Kingdom and India and His Excellency the President of the National Government of the Republic of China for the Relinquishment of Extra-territorial Rights in China and the regulation of related matters (with Notes exchanged and agreed Minute). Chungking, 11th January 1943 [Ratifications exchanged at Chungking, 20th May 1943].

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

Mr. Secretary Morrison presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Thirty-ninth Annual Report of the Royal Patriotic Fund Corporation (for 1942).

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

Mr. Ernest Brown presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 2nd July 1943, entitled the National Health Insurance (Dental Benefit) Amendment Regulations (No. 2), 1943.

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

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

The Lords have agreed to the Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Banbury Water) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Harrogate) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Wetherby District Water) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the London County Council (Money) Bill, without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on Government Business be suspended at this day's Sitting from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Mr. Secretary Eden.)

The British North America Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

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.

Preamble agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

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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 the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Supplementary Vote of Credit, 1943 (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 1944, for general Navy, Army and Air Services and supplies 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.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Pensions Appeal Tribunals Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Appeals against rejection of war pension claims made in respect of members of the naval, military or air forces).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 8, to leave out the word "Minister," to the end of l. 15.

Question again proposed, That the words proposed to be left out to the word "to," in l. 14, stand part of the Clause:—Amendment by leave, withdrawn.

Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses No. 2 and No. 3 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 4 (Appeals in cases where award is withheld or reduced on ground of serious negligence or misconduct).

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 14, to leave out from the word "Minister," to the word "allowed," in l. 15, and insert the words "has notified the appellant before the appeal is lodged that even if an appeal is lodged and."—(Mr. Hogg.)

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

Other Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 5 (Appeals against the final settlement of extent of disablement).

An Amendment made.

Whereupon the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod being come with a Message, the Chairman left the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

A Message was delivered by Air Chief Marshal Sir William Mitchell, K.C.B., C.B.E., Assent. 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. Finance Act, 1943.
5. Provisional Order (Marriages) Confirmation Act, 1943.
6. Ministry of Health Provisional Order Confirmation (Bucks Water Board) Act, 1943.
7. Ministry of Health Provisional Order Confirmation (Chiltern Hills Spring Water) Act, 1943.
8. Ministry of Health Provisional Order Confirmation (Banbury Water) Act, 1943.
9. Ministry of Health Provisional Order Confirmation (Harrogate) Act, 1943.
11. London County Council (Money) Act, 1943.

Then the House again resolved itself into a Pensions Appeal Tribunals Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 1, to leave out subsection (2).—(Mr. Turton.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "different," in l. 3, stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Other Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 6 (Constitution, jurisdiction and procedure of Pensions Appeal Tribunals).

Amendments made.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 16, at the end, to add the words,—
"(q) The Tribunal shall not reject an appeal on account of the refusal of a certificate by a medical officer or board appointed by the Minister, but the Tribunal shall in each case determine the appeal upon its merits."—(Major Manningham-Buller.)

Question, That those words be there added, put, and negatived.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clause No. 7 amended, and agreed to.
Clause No. 8 (Time limit for appeals.) Amendments made.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 31, to leave out the words "twelve months," and insert the words "five years."—(Mr. Dobbie.)

Question, That the words "twelve months," stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.
Other Amendments made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clause No. 9 (Notices.) Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 5, after the word "writing," to insert the words "and shall specify that the claimant has the right of appeal to a Pensions Appeal Tribunal against the decision given, the time within which such appeal must be lodged and the procedure to be adopted in lodging such an appeal."—(Mr. Hogg.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.
An Amendment made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clause No. 10 agreed to.
Clause No. 11 (Statutory right to pensions.) Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 2, after the words "made," to insert the words "or whose appeal under this Act has been granted."—(Sir Cyril Entwistle.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Clause agreed to.
Clause No. 12 amended, and agreed to.
Clause No. 13 agreed to.
A Clause (Application to Scotland.)—(Mr. Attorney General.)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.
Another Clause (Application to Northern Ireland.)—(Mr. Attorney General.)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Schedule.
An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 8, l. 15, to leave out sub-paragraph (a).—(Major Manningham-Buller.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule, put, and agreed to.
Other Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 8, l. 29, to leave out sub-paragraph (a) and insert the words,—
"(a) if the claim was made in respect of a member of His Majesty's naval, military or air forces under any such Royal Warrant, Order in Council, or Order of His Majesty as is referred to in section one of this Act, shall be a retired, discharged or demobilised member of any of the said forces who has been on active service during the war."—(Major Nield.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 9, l. 17, at the end, to insert the words,—
"(d) the provision of free legal aid in the preparation and conduct of the appeal."—(Major Manningham-Buller.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 9, l. 20, at the end, to insert the words,—
"Provided that such rules shall include provision for the representation of the appellant at his desire by solicitors or counsel or by the accredited representative of the British Legion or of any Trade Union, or any other fit and proper person whom he shall designate at the discretion of the Tribunal."—(Mr. Hogg.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Other Amendments made.
Schedule, as amended, agreed to.
Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments 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.

And an Amendment was made to the Bill.

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

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

Sir James Edmondson reported from the Navy, Army Committee on Navy, Army and Air Expenditure, 1941, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

I. Whereas it appears by the Navy Appropriation Account for the year ended the 31st day of March 1942 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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Resolved, That the application of such surpluses be sanctioned.

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Total Deficits £395,733,493 9 6

Total Surpluses £64,919,405 3 3

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Isle of Man (Customs) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

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 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.

D. CLIFTON BROWN, Speaker).

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

(In the Committee.)

Coal (Mineral Rights Duty).

Resolved, That for the purpose of any Act of the present Session to amend the Coal Act, 1938, it is expedient to authorise the treatment, for the purpose of mineral rights duty—

(i) of the lessee for the time being under any lease granted under section thirteen of the said Act of 1938 as amended by the first-mentioned Act; and

(ii) of any person, who, during any period between the date of the commencement of the term granted by any such lease as aforesaid and the date of the granting of the lease, has worked or works coal comprised in the lease under a licence granted by the Coal Commission; as the proprietor and not as a lessee of the premises demised by the lease.—(Mr. Tom Smith.)

Resolution to be reported.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

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

Resolved, That the Draft of the Special Order proposed to be made by the Minister of Fuel and Power under the Gas Undertakings Acts, 1920 to 1934, on the application of the Gloucester Gas Light Company, which was presented to this House on the 24th day of June last and published, be approved.—(Mr. Tom Smith.)

Resolved, That the 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 Driffield, a copy of which was presented to this House on the 20th day of this instant, July, be approved.—(Mr. Boulton.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Law Reform (Frustrated Contracts) Bill (Lords).

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Water Undertakings Bill (Lords);

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Coal Bill on the Lords to the Committee on the Coal Bill (Lords);

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking the Hydro-Electric Development (Scotland) Bill into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Hydro-Electric Development (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking the Nurses into consideration the Amendments made by (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Town and Country Planning (Interim Development) (Scotland) Bill;

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

And it being after half-past Six of the clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House, without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then five minutes before Eight of the clock, till to-morrow.

[No. 94.]

Friday, 23rd July, 1943.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Northampton 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.
Sir John Anderson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders in Council, dated 22nd July 1943,—
1. adding Regulation 480 to the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939.
2. adding Regulation 953A to the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939.
3. revoking the Defence (Game) Regulations, 1942, and making Regulations entitled the Defence (Game) Regulations, 1943, and
4. amending the Defence (Collecting Societies) Regulations, 1942.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Johnston presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 21st July 1943, entitled the Public Health (Condensed and Dried Milk) Amendment Regulations (Scotland), 1943.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Cardiff Corporation Bill [Lords.], and verbally amended the same, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto; and 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 this day, notwithstanding anything in Standing Order No. 14, the Civil Excess Vote, 1943, and a Supplementary Estimate for a New Service may be considered in Committee of Supply, and the Report of the Supplementary Vote of Credit, 1943, may be taken before or after the hour appointed for the interruption of Business; and 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 two proposed Resolutions 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.—(Mr. Secretary Eden.)

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. Secretary Eden.)

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

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

Civil Estimates and Estimates for Revenue Departments and Supplementary Estimate, 1943.
1. Resolved, That a sum, not exceeding £1,668,876, be granted to His Majesty, to complete the charges for the following Departments connected with the Department of Overseas Trade and with Export Trade for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1944, namely:—

Civil Estimates, 1943

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2. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum, not exceeding £44,137,531, be granted to His Majesty, to complete the charges for the following Departments connected with the Ministry of Works, and with Building Costs for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1944, namely:—

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And, it being Five of the clock, the Chairman put the Question on the proposed Resolution to put forthwith the Question necessary to dispose of the proposed Resolution under consideration.

Question, That a sum, not exceeding £44,137,531, be granted to His Majesty, to complete the charges for the following Departments connected with the Ministry of Works, and with Building Costs for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1944, namely:—

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put, and agreed to.

The Chairman then proceeded to put severally the Questions, That the total amounts of the Votes outstanding in the several Classes of the Civil Estimates, including a Supplementary Estimate and in the Estimates for the Revenue Departments, be granted for the Services defined in those Classes and Estimates, the Question, That the amount specified in the Statement relative to Civil Estimates (Excess, 1941) be granted for the Service defined in that Statement, and the Questions, That the total amounts of the Votes outstanding in the Estimates for the Navy, Army and Air Services be granted for the Services defined in those Estimates:—

Civil Estimates, 1943

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3. That a sum, not exceeding £2,754,122, 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 1944, for Expenditure in
respect of the Services included in Class I of the Civil Estimates, viz. —

1. House of Lords Office — £40,128
2. House of Commons — £320,950
3. Registration of Electors — £16,000
4. Treasury and Subordinate Departments — £626,108
5. Privy Council Office — £42,753
6. Privy Seal Office — £4,481
7. Charity Commission — £39,233
8. Civil Service Commission — £14,580
9. Exchequer and Audit Department — £165,860
10. Friendly Societies’ Deficiency — £1,815
12. Government Chemist — £5,461
13. Government Hospital — £7,000
14. The Mint — £90
15. National Debt Office — £5,049
16. National Savings Committee — £362,742
17. Public Record Office — £31,277
18. Public Works Loan Commission — £12,662
19. Repayments to the Local Loans Fund — £23,000
20. Royal Commissions, &c. — £27,000
21. Miscellaneous Expenses — £39,141
22. Secret Service — £90
23. Dominions Services — £199,800
24. Treasury Chest Fund — £77,024
25. Tithe Redemption Commission — £90
26. Ministry of Town and Country Planning — £107,430
27. Scottish Home Department — £138,349
28. Repayments to the Civil Continuencies Fund — £7,379

£2,154,112

Question put, and agreed to.

Class II

4. That a sum, not exceeding £12,620,752, 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 1944, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class II of the Civil Estimates, viz. —

1. Foreign Office — £923,357
2. Diplomatic and Consular Services (including a Supplementary sum of £5,630,000) — £5,342,026
3. League of Nations — £86,510
4. Dominions Office — £66,655
5. Dominions Services — £199,800
6. Overseas Settlement — £90
7. Colonial Office — £250,790
8. Colonial and Middle Eastern Services — £2,830,652
9. Development and Welfare (Colonies, &c.) — £1,360,000
10. Development and Welfare (South African High Commission Territories) — £48,200
11. India and Burma Services — £1,905,167
12. Imperial War Graves Commission — £21,779

£12,620,752

Question put, and agreed to.

Class III

5. That a sum not exceeding £10,526,384, be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1944, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class III of the Civil Estimates, viz. —

1. Home Office — £1,013,415
2. Broadmoor Criminal Lunatic Asylum — £79,500
3. Police, England and Wales — £5,462,955
4. Prisons, England and Wales — £1,149,564
5. Approved Schools, &c., England and Wales — £410,900
6. Supreme Court of Judicature, &c. — £336,349
7. County Courts — £42,461
8. Land Registry — £3,487
9. Public Trustee — £3,245
10. Law Charges — £12,745
11. Miscellaneous Legal Expenses — £7,643

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12. Police, Scotland — £1,094,800
13. Prisons, Scotland — £7,715
14. Approved Schools, &c., Scotland — £70,750
15. Scottish Land Court — £4,715
16. Law Charges and Courts of Law, Scotland — £5,442
17. Register House, Edinburgh — £17,156
18. Northern Ireland Services — £3,500
19. Supreme Court of Judicature, &c., Northern Ireland — £8,268
20. Irish Land Purchase Services — £972,777

£10,526,384

Question put, and agreed to.

Class IV

6. That a sum, not exceeding £52,541,290, 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 1944, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class IV of the Civil Estimates, viz. —

1. Board of Education — £39,575,795
2. British Museum — £105,513
3. British Museum (Natural History) — £63,137
4. Imperial War Museum — £8,473
5. London Museum — £2,350
6. National Gallery — £2,171
7. National Maritime Museum — £8,045
8. National Portrait Gallery — £6,832
9. Wallace Collection — £8,780
10. Scientific Investigation, &c. — £212,676
11. Universities and Colleges, Great Britain — £1,419,000
12. Broadcasting — £6,000,000

£52,541,290

Question put, and agreed to.

Class V

7. That a sum, not exceeding £90,097,935, 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 1944, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class V of the Civil Estimates, viz. —

1. Board of Control — £140,607
2. Registrar-General’s Office — £186,139
3. National Insurance Audit Department — £90,180
4. Friendly Societies Registry — £28,080
5. Old Age Pensions — £34,750,000
6. Widows’, Orphans’, and Old Age Contributory Pensions — £16,525,000
7. Grants in respect of Employment Schemes — £1,300,000
10. Commissioner for Special Areas (England and Wales) — £90
11. Assistance Board — £4,305,000
12. Special Areas Fund — £533,000
13. Financial Assistance in Special and other Areas — £17,800
14. Supplementary Pensions — £29,250,000

£90,097,935

Question put, and agreed to.
Class VI
8. That a sum, not exceeding £9,912,033, 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 1944, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class VIII of the Civil Estimates, viz.:

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<td>Office of Commissioners of Crown Lands</td>
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<td>Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries</td>
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<td>Surveys of Great Britain</td>
<td>£400,120</td>
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<td>Forestry Commission</td>
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<td>Roads, &amp;c.</td>
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<td>Miscellaneous Transport Services</td>
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<td>Department of Scientific and Industrial Research</td>
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Question put, and agreed to.

Class VII
9. That a sum, not exceeding £5,136,349, 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 1944, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class VII of the Civil Estimates, viz.:

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<td>Miscellaneous Legal Buildings, Great Britain</td>
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<td>Osborne</td>
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<td>Miscellaneous Works Services</td>
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<td>Royal Parks and Pleasure Gardens</td>
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<td>Rates on Government Property</td>
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<td>Peterhead Harbour</td>
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<td>Works and Buildings in Ireland</td>
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£5,136,349

Question put, and agreed to.

Class VIII
10. That a sum, not exceeding £23,719,023, 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 1944, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class VIII of the Civil Estimates, viz.:

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<td>Royal Irish Constabulary Pensions, &amp;c.</td>
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<td>Supernumerary and Retired Allowances</td>
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£23,719,023

Question put, and agreed to.

Class IX
11. That a sum, not exceeding £32,521,431, 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 1944, for Expenditure in respect of the services included in Class IX of the Civil Estimates, viz.:

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<td>£4,593,431</td>
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£32,521,431

Question put, and agreed to.

Class X
12. That a sum, not exceeding £1,620, 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 1944, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class X of the Civil Estimates, viz.:

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<td>Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (War Services)</td>
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<td>Ministry of Economic Warfare</td>
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<td>Scottish Home Department (War Services)</td>
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£1,620

Question put, and agreed to.

Revenue Departments Estimates, 1943.
13. That a sum, not exceeding £83,559,900, be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1944, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in the Estimates for Revenue Departments, viz.:

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<td>Inland Revenue</td>
<td>£8,614,100</td>
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<td>Post Office</td>
<td>£76,632,000</td>
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£83,559,900

Question put, and agreed to.

Civil (Excess), 1941.
14. That a sum, not exceeding £10, be granted to His Majesty, to make good an excess on the grant for the Ministry of Supply for the year ended the 31st day of March, 1942.

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Question put, and agreed to.

Navy Estimates, 1943.
which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1944, for Expenditure in respect of the Navy Services, viz.:

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<td>3. Medical Establishments and Services</td>
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<td>4. Civilians employed on Fleet Services</td>
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<td>5. Educational Services</td>
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<td>7. Royal Naval Services</td>
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<td>8. Shipbuilding, Repairs, Maintenance, &amp;c.</td>
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9. Works, Buildings and Repairs at Home and Abroad | £ 100 |
10. Miscellaneous Effective Services               | £ 100 |
11. Admiralty Office                               | £ 100 |
12. Non-Effective Services (Navy and Marine)—Officers | £ 100 |
13. Non-Effective Services (Naval and Marine)—Men | £ 100 |
14. Civil Superannuation, Allowances               | £ 100 |
15. Merchant Shipbuilding, &c.                     | £ 100 |
16. That a sum, not exceeding £1,400, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1944, for Expenditure in respect of the Army Services, viz.:

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<td>2. Territorial Army and Reserve Forces</td>
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<td>3. Medical Services</td>
<td>£ 100</td>
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<td>4. Educational Establishments</td>
<td>£ 100</td>
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<tr>
<td>5. Quartering and Movements</td>
<td>£ 100</td>
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<tr>
<td>6. Supplies, Road Transport and Remounts</td>
<td>£ 100</td>
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<td>7. Clothing</td>
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<td>8. General Stores</td>
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<td>9. Warlike Stores</td>
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<td>11. Miscellaneous Effective Services</td>
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<tr>
<td>12. War Office</td>
<td>£ 100</td>
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<tr>
<td>13. Half-Pay, Retired Pay and other Non-Effective Charges for Officers</td>
<td>£ 100</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>14. Pensions and other Non-Effective Charges for Warrant Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers, Men and others</td>
<td>£ 100</td>
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<tr>
<td>15. Civil Superannuation, Compensation and Gratuities</td>
<td>£ 100</td>
</tr>
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**Total:** £1,400

Question put, and agreed to.

Air Estimates, 1943.
16. That a sum, not exceeding £1,400, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1944, for Expenditure in respect of the Air Services, viz.:

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<tr>
<td>2. Quartering, Non-Technical Stores, Supplies and Transportation</td>
<td>£ 100</td>
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<td>3. Technical and Warlike Stores</td>
<td>£ 100</td>
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<td>4. Works, Buildings and Lands</td>
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<td>5. Medical Services</td>
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<td>6. Educational Services</td>
<td>£ 100</td>
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<tr>
<td>7. Reserve and Auxiliary Forces</td>
<td>£ 100</td>
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<tr>
<td>8. Civil Aviation</td>
<td>£ 100</td>
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<tr>
<td>9. Meteorological and Miscellaneous Effective Services</td>
<td>£ 100</td>
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**Total:** £1,400

Question put, and agreed to.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Tuesday next.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

1. Resolved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year ended on the 31st day of March 1942, the sum of £100 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.—(Mr. Boulton.)

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 1944, the sum of £1,368,610,336 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.—(Mr. Boulton.)

Resolved 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.

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

Mr. Boulton reported from the Committee of Supply Supply of the 22nd day of this instant July, a Resolution; which was read, as follows:

Supplementary Vote of Credit, 1943

(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 1944, for general Navy, Army and Air services and supplies 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.

The Law Reform (Frustrated Contracts) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Captain McKew.)
Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Adjournment.

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

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

[No. 95.]

Tuesday, 27th July, 1943.

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 Buckingham (Buckingham Division) in the room of Brigadier John Perceval Whiteley, O.B.E., killed on active service.—(Mr. James Stuart.)

Parliamentary Papers (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. 95, was ordered to lie upon the Table:—

National Debt.

Return showing Transactions connected with the National Debt for the year ended the 31st day of March, 1943.

Public Works Loans.

Mr. Assheton presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Sixty-eighth Annual Report of the Public Works Loan Board (for the year ended the 31st day of March 1943), with Appendices. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Chartered and Other Bodies (Temporary Provisions.)

Sir John Anderson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders in Council, dated 22nd July 1943, entitled—

1. (a) the Clyde Navigation Trustees (Extension of Term of Office) Order, 1943.

(b) the Tees Conservancy Commissioners (Extension of Term of Office) Order, 1943, and

(c) the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board (Temporary Provisions) Order, 1943. Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Air Navigation.

Secretary Sir Archibald Sinclair presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Report and Statement of Accounts of the British Overseas Airways Corporation for the year ended the 31st day of March, 1942. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Report by the Secretary of State for the Home Department as to the Expulsion, Registration and Prohibition Orders made under the Prevention of Violence (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1939, during the period 1st April 1943 to 30th June 1943. 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, dated 10th July 1943, entitled the County of London (Scabies) Regulations, 1943.

Copy of a Scheme made by the Woolwich Metropolitan Borough Council and approved by the Minister of Health under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937. Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

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

Copy of the Ninetieth Report of the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales.

Ordered, That this day, notwithstanding anything in Standing Order No. 14, the Civil Excess Vote, 1941, and a Supplementary Estimate for a New Service 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 23rd day of this instant July 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. Secretary Eden.)

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. Secretary Eden.)

Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland reported from the Committee of Supply of the 23rd day of this instant July, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Civil Estimates and Estimates for Revenue Departments and Supplementary Estimate, 1943.

1. That a sum, not exceeding £1,668,876, be granted to His Majesty, to complete the charges for the following Departments connected with the Department of Overseas Trade and with Export Trade for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1944, namely:

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<tr>
<th>Department of Overseas Trade and Export Trade</th>
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<td>Class VI, Vote 3, Department of Overseas Trade</td>
<td>185,254</td>
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<td>Class VI, Vote 4, Export Credits</td>
<td>191,978</td>
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<td>Class VI, Vote 1, Board of Trade</td>
<td>1,291,644</td>
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<td>1,668,876</td>
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2. That a sum, not exceeding £44,137,531, Ministry of Building Costs, be granted to His Majesty, to complete the charges for the following Departments connected with the Ministry of Works, and with
Building Costs for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1944, namely:—

Civil Estimates, 1943.

Class VII., Vote 4, Ministry of Works 3,580,890
Class X., Vote 10, Ministry of Works (War Services) 90
Class V., Vote 1, Ministry of Health 17,976,551
Class V., Vote 8, Ministry of Labour and National Service 22,580,000

£44,137,531

Civil Estimates, 1943

Class I

3. That a sum, not exceeding £2,154,112, 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 1944, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class I of the Civil Estimates, viz.:—

1. House of Lords Offices 40,128
2. House of Commons 329,550
3. Registration of Electors 16,000
4. Treasury and Subordinate Departments 646,108
5. Privy Council Office 12,873
6. Privy Seal Office 4,481
7. Charity Commission 23,393
8. Civil Service Commission 14,890
9. Exchequer and Audit Department 165,860
10. Friendly Societies' Deficiency 1,815
11. Government Actuary 14,279
12. Government Chemist 63,491
13. Government Hospitality 7,000
14. The Mint 90
15. National Debt Office 5,049
16. National Savings Committee 302,742
17. Public Record Office 31,327
18. Public Works Loan Commission 12,952
19. Repayment to the Local Loans Fund 23,000
20. Royal Commissions, &c. 27,000
21. Miscellaneous Expenses 39,141
22. Secret Service 90
23. Treasury Chest Fund 77,624
24. Tithe Redemption Commission 90
25. Ministry of Town and Country Planning 197,430
26. Scottish Home Department 138,394
27. Repayments to the Civil Contingencies Fund 7,379

£2,154,112

Class II

4. That a sum, not exceeding £12,620,752, 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 1944, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class II of the Civil Estimates, viz.:—

1. Foreign Office 923,397
2. Diplomatic and Consular Services (including a Supplementary sum of £2,630,000) 5,342,926
3. League of Nations 86,310
4. Dominions Office 60,956
5. Dominions Services 399,800
6. Overseas Settlement 90
7. Colonial Office 230,900
8. Colonial and Middle Eastern Services 2,830,657
9. Development and Welfare (Colonies, &c.) 1,360,000
10. Development and Welfare (South African High Commission Territories) 48,200
11. India and Burma Services 1,955,167
12. Imperial War Graves Commission 21,770

£12,620,752

Class III

5. That a sum not exceeding £10,526,384, be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1944, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class III of the Civil Estimates, viz.:—

1. Home Office 1,013,415
2. Broadmoor Criminal Lunatic Asylum 79,600
3. Police, England and Wales 5,462,905
4. Prisons, England and Wales 4,149,954
5. Approved Schools, &c., England and Wales 410,000
6. Supreme Court of Judicature, &c. 335,340
7. County Courts 42,461
8. Land Registry 34,448
9. Public Trustee 132,745
10. Law Charges 17,043
11. Miscellaneous Legal Expenses Scotland 54,422
12. Police, Scotland 1,004,800
13. Prisons, Scotland 116,750
14. Approved Schools, &c., Scotland 79,750
15. Scottish Land Court 4,175
16. Law Charges and Courts of Law, Scotland 17,150
17. Register House, Edinburgh 8,008
18. Northern Ireland Services 3,500
19. Supreme Court of Judicature, &c., Northern Ireland 597,777
20. Irish Land Purchase Services 597,777

£10,526,384

Class IV

6. That a sum, not exceeding £58,541,290, 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 1944, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class IV of the Civil Estimates, viz.:—

1. Board of Education 39,575,795
2. British Museum 100,313
3. British Museum (Natural History) 63,137
4. Imperial War Museum 8,473
5. London Museum 2,530
6. National Gallery 22,711
7. National Maritime Museum 5,045
8. National Portrait Gallery 6,832
9. Wallace Collection 8,330
10. Scientific Investigation, &c. 212,676
11. Universities and Colleges, Great Britain 1,149,000
12. Broadcasting 6,000,000
13. Public Education, Scotland 5,371,790
14. National Galleries, Scotland 10,049
15. National Library, Scotland 1,080

£58,541,290

Class V

7. That a sum, not exceeding £50,097,035, 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 1944, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class V of the Civil Estimates, viz.:—

1. Board of Control 140,607
2. Registrar-General's Office 186,139
3. National Insurance Audit Department 99,180
4. Friendly Societies Registry 28,830
5. Old Age Pensions 34,750,000
6. Widows', Orphans' and Old Age Contributory Pensions 16,525,000
9. Grants in respect of Employment Schemes - £1,500,000
10. Commissioner for Special Areas (England and Wales) - 90
11. Assistance Board - 4,305,000
12. Special Areas Fund - 333,000
13. Financial Assistance in Special and other Areas - 17,800
14. Supplementary Pensions - 29,250,000

Scotland
15. Department of Health for Scotland - 2,017,463
16. Board of Control for Scotland - 14,419
17. Registrar-General’s Office, Scotland - 31,047
18. Commissioner for Special Areas (Scotland) - 90

£90,097,935

Class VI

8. That a sum, not exceeding £9,912,033, 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 1944, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class VI of the Civil Estimates, viz.:

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<tr>
<td>2. Mercantile Marine Services</td>
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<td>5. Office of Commissioners of Crown Lands</td>
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<td>6. Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries</td>
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<td>7. Surveys of Great Britain</td>
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<td>8. Forestry Commission</td>
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<td>9. Roads, &amp;c.</td>
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<td>10. Miscellaneous Transport Services</td>
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<td>11. Development Fund</td>
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<td>13. Department of Scientific and Industrial Research</td>
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<td>14. State Management Districts</td>
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<td>15. Clearing Offices</td>
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<td>16. Department of Agriculture for Scotland</td>
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<td>17. Fisheries, Scotland</td>
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<td>18. Herring Industry</td>
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£9,912,033

Class VII

9. That a sum, not exceeding £5,136,349, 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 1944, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class VII of the Civil Estimates, viz.:

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<td>2. Miscellaneous Legal Buildings, Great Britain</td>
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<td>3. Osborne</td>
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<td>5. Miscellaneous Works Services</td>
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<td>6. Public Buildings Overseas</td>
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<td>7. Royal Palaces</td>
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<td>8. Royal Parks and Pleasure Gardens</td>
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<td>6. Rates on Government Property</td>
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<td>10. Stationery and Printing</td>
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<td>11. Peterhead Harbour</td>
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<td>12. Works and Buildings in Ireland</td>
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£5,136,349

Class VIII

10. That a sum, not exceeding £23,710,023, 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 1944, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class VIII of the Civil Estimates, viz.:

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<td>1. Merchant Seamen's War Pensions</td>
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<td>2. Ministry of Pensions</td>
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<td>3. Royal Irish Constabulary Pensions, &amp;c.</td>
<td>£745,000</td>
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<td>4. Superannuation and Retired Allowances</td>
<td>£1,500,000</td>
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£23,710,023

Class IX

11. That a sum, not exceeding £32,521,431, 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 1944, for Expenditure in respect of the services included in Class IX of the Civil Estimates, viz.:

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<td>1. Exchequer Contributions to Local Revenues, England and Wales</td>
<td>£28,018,000</td>
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<td>2. Exchequer Contributions to Local Revenues, Scotland</td>
<td>£4,503,431</td>
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£32,521,431

Class X

12. That a sum, not exceeding £1,620, 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 1944, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class X of the Civil Estimates, viz.:

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<td>1. Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (War Services)</td>
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<td>2. Ministry of Aircraft Production</td>
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<td>3. Ministry of Economic Warfare</td>
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<td>4. Ministry of Food</td>
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<td>5. Ministry of Fuel and Power</td>
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<td>6. Ministry of Health (War Services)</td>
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<td>7. Ministry of Home Security</td>
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<td>8. Ministry of Information</td>
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<td>9. Ministry of Labour and National Service (War Services)</td>
<td>90</td>
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<td>10. Postal and Telegraph Censorship Department</td>
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<td>11. Ministry of Production</td>
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<td>12. Ministry of Supply</td>
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<td>13. War Damage (Business and Private Chattels)</td>
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<td>14. War Damage Commission</td>
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<td>15. Ministry of Transport</td>
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<td>17. Department of Agriculture for Scotland (War Services)</td>
<td>90</td>
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<td>18. Department of Health for Scotland (War Services)</td>
<td>90</td>
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£1,620

Revenue Departments Estimates, 1943.

13. That a sum, not exceeding £83,559,900, be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1944, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in the Estimates for Revenue Departments, viz.:

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<tr>
<td>1. Customs and Excise</td>
<td>£4,113,800</td>
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<td>2. Inland Revenue</td>
<td>£8,814,100</td>
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<td>3. Post Office</td>
<td>£70,652,000</td>
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£83,559,900

Revenue Estimates, 1943.
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 1944, for Expenditure in respect of the Air Services, viz.:

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<th>Class and Vote</th>
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<td>Unclassified Services</td>
<td>£</td>
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<td>Vote 14. Ministry of Supply</td>
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The first Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

And it being Five of the clock, Mr. Speaker proceeded, pursuant to Standing Order No. 14, to put forthwith the Questions, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolutions reported in respect of Classes I to X of the Civil Estimates, the Revenue Departments Estimates, the Air Estimates, Vote, 1941, the Navy Estimates, the Army Estimates and the Air Estimates:

Civil Estimates and Supplementary Estimate, 1943:

Class I. Central Government and Finance.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolution reported in respect of Class II of the Civil Estimates:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Class II. Foreign and Imperial.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolution reported in respect of Class III of the Civil Estimates:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Class III. Home Department, Law and Justice.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolution reported in respect of Class IV of the Civil Estimates:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Class IV. Education and Broadcasting.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolution reported in respect of Class V 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 Resolution reported in respect of Class VI 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 VII of the Civil Estimates:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Air Estimates, 1943:

15. That a sum, not exceeding £1,400, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1944, for Expenditure in respect of the Air Services, viz.:

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Air Estimates, 1943:

16. That a sum, not exceeding £1,400, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1944, for Expenditure in respect of the Air Services, viz.:

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Air Estimates, 1943:

17. That a sum, not exceeding £1,000, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1944, for Expenditure in respect of the Air Services, viz.:
2. That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1944, the Sum of £1,368,610,336 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 (Appropriation) 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-two and one thousand nine hundred and forty-four and to appropriate the Supplies granted in this Session of Parliament: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Hydro-Electric Development (Scotland) Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Nurses (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.

Sir James Edmondson reported from the Ways and Means Committee of Ways and Means of the 22nd day of this instant July, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

Coal (Mineral Rights Duty).

That for the purpose of any Act of the present Coal (Mineral Rights Duty) Session to amend the Coal Act, 1938, it is expedient to authorise the treatment, for the purpose of mineral rights duty—

(i) of the lessee for the time being under any lease granted under section thirteen of the said Act of 1938 as amended by the first-mentioned Act; and

(ii) of any person, who, during any period between the date of the commencement of the term granted by any such lease as aforesaid and the date of the granting of the lease, has worked or works coal comprised in the lease under a licence granted by the Coal Commission; as the proprietor and not as a lessee of the premises demised by the lease.

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

The House, according to order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Coal Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 and No. 2 agreed to.
Clause No. 3 amended and agreed to.
Clauses No. 6 to No. 14 agreed to.
Clause No. 15 amended, and agreed to.
Clauses No. 16 and No. 17 agreed to.
A Clause (Stamp duty on substitutional leases granted by Commission)—(Major Lloyd George)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Stamp duty on alienation of coal to former owner for purposes other than coal mining)—(Major Lloyd George)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Costs in connection with severance of leases)—(Major Lloyd George)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Restriction on working of coal)—(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 be leave withdrawn.

Another Clause (Prevention of subsidence or accumulation of refuse)—(Mr. David Adams)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Grants in relief of hardship to mineral agents)—(Mr. Colegate)—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 and Second Schedules agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

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

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

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

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

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

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

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 Water Undertakings Bill [Lords];

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Town and Country Planning (Interim Development) (Scotland) Bill;

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

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The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Law Reform (Frustrated Contracts) Bill [Lords];

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

Resolved, That the Draft of the Special Order Gas (Special Orders) proposed to be made by the Minister of Fuel and Power under the Gas Undertakings Acts, 1920 to 1934, on the application of the Gainsborough Urban District Council, which was presented to this House on the 24th day of June last and published, be approved.—(Mr. Tom Smith.)

Resolved, That the Draft of the Special Order Gas (Special Orders) proposed to be made by the Minister of Fuel and Power under the Gas Undertakings Acts, 1920 to 1934, on the application of the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Port Talbot, which was presented to this House on the 24th day of June last and published, be approved.—(Mr. Tom Smith.)

And it being after half-past Six of the clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House, without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then five minutes after Eight of the clock, till to-morrow.

Mr. Ashborton presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—An Account for the year ended the 31st day of December 1942, 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 the Post Office Savings Banks; and the Expenses incurred in the execution of those Acts:—And, an Account for the year ended the 20th day of November 1942, showing the Interest accrued in respect of the Securities standing in the Names of the Commissioner 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:—And, an Account for the year ended the 20th day of November 1942, 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;—And, an Account for the year ended the 20th day of November 1942, 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.

Ordered, That the said Accounts do lie upon the Table.
Sir Edward Campbell reported from the Committee on Public Petitions, that they had examined the Petition presented upon the 21st day of this instant July, 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.

Complaint being made by Mr. Tom Smith, Member for the County of York, West Riding (Normanton Division), of a Letter which he had received from one of the Directors of the National Marketing Company, enclosing a cheque purporting to be in payment of contingent expenses, which, he submitted, constituted a breach of the Privileges of this House:—The said Letter was delivered in and read, as followeth:—

THE NATIONAL MARKETING COMPANY.

Directors:
H. Metcalfe, J. B. Reid.

J. B. McKinnon.

339, Wellington Road North, Heaton Chapel, Stockport, Cheshire.

Tom Smith, Esq., M.P., 20th July, 1943.

Dear Sir,

We are to be prosecuted by the Board of Trade at Stockport Police Court on Tuesday, 27th instant, at 11 a.m., for acquiring Fuel Economisers without Licence from the B.O.T. From the enclosed I think you will agree this is a matter which ought to be raised in the House.

Would you care to do this ? If so, I suggest that unless the Prosecution is withdrawn in the meantime, you can secure first-hand evidence by attending the trial on the 27th.

In such event it would be only right for us to stand your expenses in full. This we are quite willing to do and as an earnest of our good faith enclose cheque for £5 herewith.

We will arrange accommodation for you for Monday night if you desire and will let us know.

If the Prosecution is withdrawn or you decide not to attend you can always, of course, return the cheque, but if the necessity arises it is hoped you will attend and secure first-hand evidence of this scandal.

Thanking you in anticipation, Yours sincerely,

H. METCALFE.

Ordered, That the Matter of the Complaint be referred to the Committee of Privileges.—(Mr. Tom Smith.)

Mr. Secretary Morrison, supported by Mr. Peake, presented a Bill to increase temporarily the supplementary allowances payable to workmen entitled to weekly payments by way of compensation under the Workmen’s Compensation Act, 1925, and the compensation payable under that Act on the death of workmen; and for purposes connected with the matters foresaid: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on the Law Reform (Frustrated Contracts) Bill [Lords] be exempted, at this day’s Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Mr. Secretary Eden.)

The Consolidated Fund ( Appropriation) Bill was 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.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Law Reform (Frustrated Contracts) Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 to No. 3 agreed to. Bill to be reported.

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

A Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time;

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.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee of Supply:

Resolved, That this House will, 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 Water Undertakings Bill [Lords]:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Town and Country Planning (Interim Development) (Scotland) Bill:

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That Sir Charles MacAndrew be added to the Committee of Privileges.—(Mr. Young.)

And it being after half-past Six of the clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House, without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then nineteen minutes before Nine of the clock, till to-morrow.
The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Bevin presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Draft Unemployment Assistance (Determination of Need and Assessment of Needs) (Amendment) Regulations made under Sections 38 and 52 of the Unemployment Assistance Act, 1934.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

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 made under Section 36 of the Unemployment Act, 1934, as applied by Part II of the Old Age and Widows' Pensions Act, 1940.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Noel Baker presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Report on the administration of the Road Fund for the year ended the 31st day of March 1943.

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 Restriction of Ribbon Development (Temporary Development) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Foreign Service Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Emergency Powers (Isle of Man Defence) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Isle of Man (Customs) Bill, without any Amendment.

Mr. Secretary Johnston, supported by the Lord Advocate, Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland, Mr. Westwood and Mr. Chapman, presented a Bill to make provision with regard to the rent of houses or parts thereof in Scotland, let at a rent which includes payment for the use of furniture or for attendance: 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) for one hour after the hour appointed for the interruption of Business.

—(Mr. Secretary Eden.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House welcomes the intention of the Government to proceed with educational reform, as evidenced in the White Paper on Educational Reconstruction.—(Mr. Butler) —And a Debate arising thereupon;

And it being Seven of the clock the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House, will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Resolved, That the Statement of the estimated Income and Expenditure of Greenwich Hospital and Travers Foundation for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1944, presented to this House on the 6th day of this instant July, be approved.—(Mr. George Hall.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Water Undertakings Bill (Lords);

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Town and Country Planning (Interim Development) (Scotland) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Workmen's Compensation (Temporary Increases) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

And it being after half-past Six of the clock, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then one minute after Seven of the clock, till to-morrow.
Friday, 30th July, 1943.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Adjournment. Resolved, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn till Tuesday next.—(Mr. James Stuart.)

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Adjournment. A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Captain McEwen)—And it being Six of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed without a Question being put.

Adjournment. Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Beechman.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes after Six of the clock, adjourned till Tuesday next, pursuant to the Resolution of the House this day.

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Tuesday, 3rd August, 1943.

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 Wilts (Chippenham Division) in the room of Colonel Victor Alexander Cazalet, M.C., killed on active service.—(Mr. James Stuart.)

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Cardiff Corporation 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 following Paper, presented by His Parliamentary Papers (Adjournment). 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 Memorandum on the Africa Star Awards for Service during Hostilities.

Mr. Secretary Johnston presented, by His Health (Scotland). Paper on Educational Reconstruction. Report by the Department of Health for Scotland for the year ended the 30th day of June 1943.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Noel Baker presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Report respecting the proceedings under the Railway Regulation Act, 1893, during the year ended the 27th day of July 1943.

Ordered, That the said Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments Coal Bill [Lords], by this House to the Coal Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments Cardiff Corporation Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments Railway Servants (Hours of Labour).

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill.

Ordered, That the said Report do lie upon the Table.

Clauses No. 1 to No. 8 agreed to. Schedules A, B and C agreed to. Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to Mr. Speaker's Certificate. 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.

D. CLIFTON BROWN, Speaker.
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply:
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means:
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Water Undertakings Bill [Lords]:
Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Workmen's Compensation (Temporary Increases) Bill:
Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Rent of Furnished Houses Control (Scotland) Bill:
Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

And it being after half-past Six of the clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House, without a Question being put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then twenty-five minutes after Nine of the clock, till to-morrow.

[No. 100.]

Wednesday, 4th August, 1943.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Dalton presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 23rd July 1943, entitled the Rubber Footwear Repairs (Maximum Charges) Order 1943.
Resolved, 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 Return to the Lord Chancellor showing 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 30th day of June 1943.

Mr. Secretary Attlee reported from the Committee of Privileges to whom was referred the Matter of the Complaint made upon the 28th day of July last of a letter which Mr. Tom Smith, a Member of the House, had received from one of the directors of the National Marketing Company, enclosing a cheque purporting to be in payment of contingent expenses, that they had considered the matter to them referred, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them and an Appendix: And the Report was brought up and read.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir John Wardlaw-Milne reported from the National Expenditure Committee on the Town and Country Planning (Interim Development) (Scotland) Bill:
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, do adjourn till Tuesday the 21st day of September next.—(Mr. Secretary Eden.)

Resolved, That the Draft Supplementary Supplementary Pensions (Determination of Need and Assessment of Need) (Amendment) Regulations, made by the Minister of Health and the Secretary of State for Scotland, acting in conjunction under the Unemployment Act, 1934, as applied by the Old Age and Widows' Pensions Act, 1940, a copy of which was presented to this House on the 29th day of July last, be approved.—(Mr. Ernest Brown.)

Resolved, That the Draft Unemployment Assistance (Determination of Need and Assessment of Need) (Amendment) Regulations, made under Sections 38 and 52 of the Unemployment Assistance Act, 1934, as applied by the Old Age and Widows' Pensions Act, 1940, a copy of which was presented to this House on the 29th day of July last, be approved.—(Mr. Tomlinson.)

A Motion was made and the Question being Adjournment.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee of Supply:
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means Committee of Ways and Means:
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Resolved, That the Draft of the Special Order Gas (Special Orders, Gas (Special Orders).

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment.

And it being Six of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed without a Question being put.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee of Supply:
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means Committee of Ways and Means:
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Resolved, That the Draft of the Special Order Gas (Special Orders,
The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Robert Hudson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—
Copy of an Order, dated 29th July 1943, entitled the Sugar Beet Eelworm Order 1943.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Ernest Brown presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Third Report of the Central Advisory Water Committee (upon River Boards).
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 Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill, without any Amendment.

New Member sworn.

Geoffrey Lionel Berry, Esquire, commonly called the Honourable Geoffrey Lionel Berry, Member for the County of Buckingham (Buckingham Division), was sworn.

Adjournment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. James Stuart);

Royal Assent.

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 Act, 1943.
2. Hydro-Electric Development (Scotland) Act, 1943.
3. Nurses (Scotland) Act, 1943.
4. Restriction of Ribbon Development (Temporary Development) Act, 1943.
5. Foreign Service Act, 1943.
7. Isle of Man (Customs) Act, 1943.
10. Law Reform (Frustrated Contracts) Act, 1943.

And the Question being again proposed, Adjournment.

That this House do now adjourn;
And it being Six of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed without a Question being put.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.

—Sir James Edmondson—

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-four minutes after Six of the clock, adjourned till Tuesday the 21st day of September next, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of the 4th day of this instant August.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker made the following communication to the House:—

I regret to have to inform the House of the deaths of the Right Honourable Sir Kingsley Wood, Member for the Borough of Woolwich (West Division); David Adams, Esquire, Member for the County of Durham (Consett Division); and Sir Francis Edward Fremantle, O.B.E., Member for the County of Hertford (St. Albans 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 Members.

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 the Combined Finance and Revenue Accounts of the Central and Provincial Governments in India for the year ended the 31st day of March 1942.
Copy of the Report of the Land Transfer Land Transfer Committee.

Sir John Anderson presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Orders in Council, dated 10th August 1943,—

(1) amending Regulation 7AA of the Defence (Finance) Regulations, 1939,
(2) amending Regulation 14 of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939,
(3) amending Regulation 55AA of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939,
(4) adding Regulation 58ACA to the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939,
(5) adding Regulation 60CC to the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939, and
(6) substituting a new Regulation for Regulation 28J of the Defence (Agriculture and
Fisheries) Regulations, 1939.

Copies of Two Orders in Council, dated 10th August 1943, approving Admiralty Memorials
relating respectively to—
(1) revised rates of allowances to dependants of members of the Naval, Marine and
Reserve Forces, and
(2) progressive pay for certain Sick Berth Attendants.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Assheton presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—
Copy of a Treasury-Minute, dated 24th August 1943, with reference to the application of
moneys received by the Ministry of War Transport, in the year ended the 31st day of March
1943, in respect of the rights and interests of the Crown in the Foreshores of the United
Kingdom.

Copy of a Certificate, dated 17th August 1943, 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 Lieutenant-Colonel David
George Brownlow Cecil, Lord Burghley, a Member of the Commons House of Parliament,
to be Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Bermuda, is required in the public interest for
purposes connected with the prosecution of the present war.

Account showing the money issued out of the Consolidated Fund ; the Money borrowed and
the Securities created in respect thereof ; and the Expenditure of a Capital nature incurred
by the Department of Health for Scotland and the Commissioners of Works, respectively,
under the Housing Act, 1914, for the period ended the 31st day of March, 1943, with the

Copy of a Treasury Warrant, dated 13th August 1943, appointing Francis Noël Dykes
Preston, Esquire, to be a Special Commissioner of Income Tax.

Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 9th August 1943, granting a retired allowance to Mr. John
Alexander Caseby, an Inspector of Small Live-

stock in the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, under Section 2 of the Superannuation
Act, 1887.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Morrison presented,—Return to an Address to His Majesty, dated the 20th
day of July last, for a Return relative to Aliens (Naturalisation).

Mr. Secretary Morrison also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of the Ninety-fifth Report from the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for
England, with an Appendix (for the year preceding the 1st day of November 1942).

Copy of the Twenty-eighth Report of the Commissioners of Church Temporalities in
Wales (for 1942).
Major Lloyd George presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Report for 1942 of the Coal Commission to the Minister of Fuel and Power.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Trade Disputes. Mr. Bevin presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of a Report by a Court of Inquiry into a stoppage of work at Courtaulds, Limited, Castle Works, Flintshire.

Trade Disputes. Copy of a Report by a Court of Inquiry concerning a dispute at an engineering undertaking in Scotland.

Unemployment Insurance. Copy of Regulations, dated 14th September 1943, entitled the Unemployment Insurance (Emergency Powers) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations, 1943.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Cinematograph Films. Mr. Dalton presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of the Fifth Report of the Cinematograph Films Council (relating to the year ended the 31st day of March 1943).

Goods and Services (Price Control). Copies of Orders,—

1. (1) dated 29th July 1943, entitled the Flash-lamp Bulbs (Maximum Prices) (No. 2) Order, 1943.
   (2) dated 17th August 1943, entitled the Wool Yarn and Wool Cloth (Maximum Prices and Charges) Order, 1943.
   (3) dated 26th August 1943, entitled the Alarm Clocks (Maximum Prices) Order, 1943.
   (4) dated 2nd September 1943, entitled the Boot and Shoe Repairs (Maximum Charges) Order, 1943.
   (5) dated 2nd September 1943, entitled the Miscellaneous Goods (Import and Pre-registered Export) (Maximum Prices) Order, 1943.
   (6) dated 2nd September 1943, entitled the Utility Footwear (Maximum Prices) Order, 1943.
   (7) dated 13th September 1943, entitled the Natural Menthol (Maximum Prices) Order, 1943.
   (8) dated 13th September 1943, entitled the Imported Rubber Boots (Maximum Prices) Order, 1943.

War Damage. Copy of an Order, dated 1st September 1943, entitled the War Damage (Business Scheme) (Premium) Order, 1943.

War Risks Insurance. Copy of Regulations, dated 9th August 1943, entitled the War Risks (Commodity Insurance) (No. 5) Order, 1943.

Prevention of Fraud (Investments). Copy of Regulations, dated 9th September 1943, entitled the Prevention of Fraud (Investments) Act Licensing (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations, 1943.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Animals (Scotland). Mr. Secretary Johnston presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 4th August 1943, entitled the Artificial Insemination (Cattle and Horses) (Scotland) Regulations, 1943.

Camps (Scotland). Copy of the Fourth Annual Report on Scottish Camps by the Scottish Special Housing Association Limited.

Copy of an Order made by the Town Council of the Burgh of Charlestown of Aberlour and confirmed by the Secretary of State for Scotland under the Shops Act, 1912.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Noel-Baker presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Provisional Regulations,—

1. (1) dated 11th August 1943, entitled the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) Provisional Regulations, 1943.
   (2) dated 30th August 1943, entitled the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) (No. 2) Provisional Regulations, 1943.
   (3) dated 4th September 1943, entitled the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) (No. 3) Provisional Regulations, 1943.

Copy of Regulations, dated 17th August 1943, entitled the Public Service Vehicles (Equipment and Use) Regulations, 1943.

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 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 1943, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Account of the Cinematograph Fund showing the Receipts and Payments during the year ended the 31st day of March 1943, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Copy of an additional Rule dated 11th Public Records Acts 1943, for the Disposal of Documents which are not considered of sufficient Public Value to justify their preservation in the Public Record Office (relating to documents existing or accruing in the Ministry of Town and Country Planning).

Copy of the Diocesan Education Committees Measure, passed by the National Assembly of the Church of England.

Church of England (National Assembly) (Measures).

No. 111.


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 1943 as Investments for Moneys, forming part of the Unemployment Fund, paid over to them by the Ministry of Labour and National Service under subsection (3) of Section 58 and subsection (9) of Section 114 of the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1935.

Copy of Rules of Court, dated 14th September 1943, entitled the Matrimonial Causes (Amendment) (No. 2) Rules, 1943.

Ordered, That the said Accounts and the Papers relative to Church of England (National Assembly) (Measures) be printed.

Copy of Rules of Court, dated 14th September 1943, entitled the Matrimonial Causes (Amendment) (No. 2) Rules, 1943.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

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Ordered, That the said Accounts and the Papers relative to Church of England (National Assembly) (Measures) be printed.

Copy of an Order made by the Town Council of the Burgh of Charlestown of Aberlour and confirmed by the Secretary of State for Scotland under the Shops Act, 1912.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
New Member sworn.

Business of the House.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on any Motion for the Adjournment of the House moved by a Minister of the Crown be exempted at this day's Sitting from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House) for one hour and a half after the hour appointed for the interruption of business.—(Mr. Secretary Eden.)

Adjournment.

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 Seven of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed without a Question being put.

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.

Water Undertakings Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Town and Country Planning (Interim Development) (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Town and Country Planning (Interim Development) (Scotland) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Workmen's Compensation (Temporary Increases) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Workmen's Compensation (Temporary Increases) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Rent of Furnished Houses Control (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Rent of Furnished Houses Control (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

And it being after half past Six of the clock, Mr. Deputy-Speaker adjourned the House, without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then twenty-nine minutes before Eight of the clock, till to-morrow.

Mr. Ernest Brown presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Scheme made by the Cotswold District Joint Superannuation Committee and approved by the Minister of Health under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—

Copy of Rules, dated 15th September 1943, entitled the Liabilities (War-Time Adjustment) Rules, 1943.

The Prime Minister (at the Bar) acquainted the House, That he had a Message from His Majesty the King to this House, signed by His Majesty's own hand; and he presented the same to the House; and it was read by Mr. Speaker (all the Members of the House being uncovered); and is as followeth:—

In accordance with recommendations which I made to both Houses of Parliament in the first year of My reign, permanent provision was enacted for the purpose of facilitating the uninterrupted exercise of the Royal Authority during any incapacity of the Sovereign and during the absence of the Sovereign from the Realm, as well as in the event of the minority of the Sovereign on His Accession.

The Regency Act, 1937, passed for these purposes, provides, among other things, that, in the event of the illness of the Sovereign or of his absence or intended absence from the United Kingdom, certain of the Royal Functions may be delegated to persons who are nominated to be Counsellors of State but from among the persons in the line of succession to the Crown who may be nominated to be such Counsellors the Act excludes any who are not of full age.

The earnest desire of the Queen and Myself that our beloved Daughter, the Princess Elizabeth, should have every opportunity of gaining experience in the duties which would fall upon her in the event of Her Accession to the Throne, leads Me to recommend that you should take into consideration the Amendment of the Act mentioned in such manner as to provide for including among the Counsellors of State the person who is Her Apparent or Heir Presumptive to the Throne if over the age at which the Accession of a Sovereign does not necessitate a Regency, namely the age of eighteen.

Further, it will be within your recollection that when the Queen and I were absent from the United Kingdom in the year 1939 it was necessary, in order that the Provisions of the Act should be complied with, that Her Majesty should be included among the Counsellors of State notwithstanding Her absence. * This circumstance leads Me to recommend that you should also take into your consideration the Amendment of the Act mentioned in such manner as to enable persons who are absent or intend to be absent from the United Kingdom to be excepted from among the number of Counsellors of State.

I shall be prepared to concur with you in any measures which may appear to you to be necessary or expedient for securing the purposes to which I have alluded.

GEORGE R.I.
Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty to return to His Majesty the thanks of this House for His Majesty's most gracious Message recommending this House to consider certain contingencies which are not provided for in the Regency Act, 1937, and to assure His Majesty that this House will adopt such measures as may appear necessary or expedient for securing the purposes to which His Majesty has alluded.—(The Prime Minister.)

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Majesty by such Members of this House as are of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council or of His Majesty's Household.

Adjournment.

A Motion was made and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. James Stuart); And it being Six of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed without a Question being put.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. James Stuart.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-five minutes after Six of the clock, adjourned 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 Northampton with the Soke of Peterborough (Peterborough Division) Writ.

A Motion was made and the Question being proposed, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That the Order made by the Sunday Committee of Supply be referred to the Committee of 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 of Supply be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Noel-Baker presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of Provisional Regulations, dated 13th September 1943, entitled the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) (No. 4) Provisional Regulations, 1943.

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 the Thirteenth Annual Report of theProceedings of the Anglo-Scottish Railways Assessment Authority under the Railways (Valuation for Rating) Act, 1930 (for the year ended the 31st day of March 1943).

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Factories Command,—Copy of the Annual Report of the Chief Inspector of Factories for 1942.

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, dated 14th September 1943, entitled the Supreme Court Funds Rules, 1943.
- Copy of Rules, dated 14th September 1943, entitled the County Courts Funds Rules, 1943.

A Motion was made and the Question being Adjournment put, That this House, at its rising to-morrow, do adjourn till Tuesday the 12th day of October next.—(Mr. Secretary Eden.)

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Mr. Boultin, Yeas, 227: Mr. James Thomas:
Tellers for the Mr. Mathebs, Noes, 99: Mr. Robert Taylor:
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

A Motion was made and the Question being Adjournment put, That this House, at its rising to-morrow, do adjourn till Tuesday the 12th day of October next.—(Mr. Secretary Eden.)

Mr. Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Factories Command, by the directions of the several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

- Copy of Rules, dated 14th September 1943, entitled the Supreme Court Funds Rules, 1943.
- Copy of Rules, dated 14th September 1943, entitled the County Courts Funds Rules, 1943.

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 Secretary of State for the Home Department extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the Borough of Sale, a copy of which was presented to this House on the 21st day of this instant September, be approved.—(Mr. Peake.)

Resolved, That the Order made by the Sunday Secretary of State for the Home Department extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the County Borough of Darlington, a copy of which was presented to this House on the 21st day of this instant September, be approved.—(Mr. Peake.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Water Undertakings Bill [Lords]; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Town and Country Planning (Interim Development) (Scotland) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Workmen's Compensation (Temporary Increases) 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 Rent of Furnished Houses Control (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Ordered, That Sir Edward Cadogan be discharged from the Select Committee on National Expenditure, and that Mr. Turton be added to the Committee.—(Sir James Edmondson.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Sir James Edmondson);

And it being half an hour after Six of the clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House, without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, till to-morrow.

Friday, 24th September, 1943.

The House met at Eleven of the Clock.

P R A Y E R S.

ORDERED, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the County of Hertford (St. Albans Division) in the room of Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Francis Edward Fremantle, O.B.E., T.D., deceased.

The Prime Minister, supported by Mr. Attorney General and Mr. Ashtead, presented a Bill to amend the law relating to income tax in respect of certain emoluments: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday, the 12th day of October next; and to be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. James Stuart);

And it being Six of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed without a Question being put.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Sir James Edmondson.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till three minutes after Six of the clock, adjourned till Tuesday the 12th day of October next, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of the 23rd day of this instant September.

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Tuesday, 12th October, 1943.

The House met at Eleven of the Clock.

P R A Y E R S.

THE Order made upon the 21st day of September last, That the Copy of the Report by a Court of Inquiry concerning a dispute at an engineering undertaking in Scotland do lie upon the Table, was read and discharged.

Ordered, That the said Paper be withdrawn.

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 Royal Warrant amending the Royal Pensions. Warrant of the 12th day of January 1943 for the Retired Pay and Pensions, &c., of Members of the Military Forces disabled, and of the Widows, Children and Dependants of such Members deceased, in consequence of the present war.

Major Lloyd George presented, pursuant to the Coal Mines directions of an Act of Parliament,—Statement showing the total amounts of the Certified Valuations in the Southern Region in respect of Principal and Subsidiary Coal Hereditaments, respectively.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Robert Hudson presented, pursuant to the Animals directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Scheme, dated 20th September 1943, further varying the Tuberculosis (Attested Herds) Scheme, dated 16th June 1938, as varied by the Schemes dated 16th June 1939, 4th September 1939 and 28th October 1940.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Walter Womersley presented, pursuant to Pensions, the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order amending the Order of the 12th day of February 1943 for Retired Pay, Pensions, Allowances and Grants for Members of the Air Forces and of the Nursing and Auxiliary Services thereof disabled, and for the Widows, Children and Dependants of such Members deceased, in consequence of the present war.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Butler presented, pursuant to the Education directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of (England) Regulations, dated 14th September 1943, entitled the Adult Education Amending Regulations, No. 5, 1943.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Attlee presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Orders in Council, dated 24th September 1943, entitled—

1. the General Medical Council (Temporary Provisions) Order, 1943, and
2. the Epping Forest Verderers (Extension of Term of Office) Order, 1943.
Emergency
Powers
(Defence).

Copies of Orders in Council, dated 24th September 1943—
(1) amending Regulation 18 of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939,
(2) amending Regulation 45AA of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939,
(3) adding Regulations 47AAA and 48c to, and amending Regulation 48a of, the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939,
(4) amending Regulation 58a of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939,
(5) amending Regulations 18 and 58a of the Defence (General) Regulations (Ile of Man), 1939,
(6) making Regulations entitled the Defence (Service in the United Kingdom) Regulations (Ile of Man), 1943, and
(7) amending Regulation 7 of the Defence (Cinematograph Quotas) Regulations, 1940.

Mr. Alexander presented, by His Majesty's Command, Report of the Committee on Post-War Hospital Problems in Scotland, Part I., Medical.

Foreign Jurisdiction.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 24th September 1943, entitled the Egypt (Amendment) Order in Council, 1943.

Copy of Two Orders in Council, dated 24th September 1943, approving Admiralty Memorials relating respectively to—
(1) discharge gratuities to certain naval ratings, and
(2) allowances to certain Royal Marine officers.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Navy (Pay, Pensions, &c.).

Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 5th October 1943, relative to the fiduciary note issue.

Mr. Assheton presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 5th October 1943, relative to the fiduciary note issue.

Debts Clearing Offices.

Copy of an Order, dated 8th October 1943, entitled the Clearing Office (Italy) Amendment Order, 1943.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relative to Bank Notes be printed.

Navy (Pay, Non-Effective Pay, and Allowances).

Mr. Alexander presented, by His Majesty's Command,—List of Exceptions to the King's Regulations as to Pay, Non-Effective Pay, and Allowances during the year ended the 31st day of March 1943, 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.

Public Records.

Mr. Secretary Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of the One Hundred and Fourth Report of the Deputy Keeper of the Public Records.

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 extending Section I. of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to—
(1) the Rural District of Hatfield, and
(2) the Parish of Midhurst in the Rural District of Midhurst.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the said Report be printed.

Sunday Cinematograph Entertainments.

Copies of Orders made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department extending Section I. of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to—
(1) the Rural District of Hatfield, and
(2) the Parish of Midhurst in the Rural District of Midhurst.

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 Rules, dated 19th August 1943, entitled the Prison Rules and Regulations (Amendment) Rules, 1943 made by the Governor of the Leeward Islands in Council.

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, dated 30th June 1943, entitled the Contributory Pensions (Dependants War Pensions) Regulations, 1943.

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 concerning a dispute at an engineering undertaking in Scotland.

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Ordered, That the said Report do lie upon the Table.

Bank Notes.

No. 114.

Mr. Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Trade Disputes Command,—Copy of a Report by a Court of Inquiry concerning a dispute at an engineering undertaking in Scotland.

Ordered, That the said Report do lie upon the Table.

No. 115.

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Secretary Sir Archibald Sinclair presented, by His Majesty's Command,—List of Grants of Pay and Allowances, &c., sanctioned by the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury during the year ending the 31st day of March 1943, under the Dispensing Order of the 14th day of January 1922, made under Section 2 of the Air Force (Constitution) Act, 1917, with a Statement of the grounds on which they have been made.

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, dated 2nd October 1943, entitled the Bankruptcy (Amendment) Rules, 1943.

Copy of an Order, dated 20th September 1943, entitled the County Court Fees Order, 1943.

Copy of Rules, dated 1st October 1943, entitled the Pensions Appeal Tribunals (England and Wales) Rules, 1943.

Schedule containing a List and Particulars of classes of Documents existing or accruing in the Savings Department of His Majesty's Post Office, which are not considered of sufficient public value to justify their preservation in the Public Record Office.

New Member sworn.

John Grimston, Esquire, commonly called the Honourable John Grimston, Member for the County of Hertford (St. Albans Division), was sworn.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. James Stuart);

And it being Six of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed without a Question being put.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Sir James Edmondson.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes after Six of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

In pursuance of the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act, 1919 (9 and 10 Geo. V., c. 76), s. 2 (2), I hereby nominate Colonel John Digby Mills, to serve, for the duration of the present Parliament, upon the Ecclesiastical Committee, in the room of Sir Francis Edward Fremantle, O.B.E., deceased.

D. CLIFTON BROWN,
Speaker.
12th October, 1943.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Regency Bill Act to amend the law as to the delegation of royal functions to Counsellors of State; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Regency Bill (Lords) was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time (Lords) to-morrow.

Sir Assheton Pownall reported from the Public Accounts Committee of Public Accounts, 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.

Mr. Secretary Morrison, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr. Attlee, Secretary Sir Archibald Sinclair, Mr. Secretary Johnston, Mr. Ernest Brown, Mr. Attorney General and Mr. Peake, presented a Bill to make temporary provision as respects parliamentary elections and the registration of parliamentary electors and, in connection therewith, as respects the dissolution of parliament as from a future date and other matters; to consolidate and amend the law as to the officers to whom writs for parliamentary elections are to be directed, and the persons to whom and the manner in which they are to be conveyed; and to shorten the time required for summoning parliament when prorogued: 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);

And it being Six of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed without a Question being put.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Sir James Edmondson);

And it having been four minutes after Six, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, till to-morrow.

Mr. Secretary Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Report by the Secretary of State for the Home Department as to the Expulsion, Registration and Prohibition Orders made under the Prevention of Violence (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1939, during the period from the 1st day of July 1943 to the 30th day of September 1943.

Ordered, That the said Report do lie upon the Table.

Army.

Secretary Sir James Grigg presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Amendments to the Rules of Procedure (Army), 1926.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Adjournment.

Resolved, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn till Tuesday next.—(Mr. James Stuart.)

Prolongation of Parliament Bill.

Bill 60.

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 to provide for the extension of the duration of the House of Commons of Northern Ireland: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next; and to be printed.

Wage-earners' Income Tax Bill.

The Wage-earners' Income Tax 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, upon Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ways and Means.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means. (In the Committee.)

Wage-earners' Income Tax.

Resolved, That under any Act of the present Session to amend the law relating to income tax in respect of emoluments, employers and others may be required, during the period beginning with the first day of February, nineteen hundred and forty-four and ending with the fifth day of April in that year, to make deductions on account of the tax which will or may become chargeable for the year notwithstanding that the relevant assessments have not then been made.—(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 upon Tuesday next.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Resolvéd, That the Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the Rural District of Hatfield, a copy of which was presented to this House on the 12th day of this instant October, be approved.—(Sir James Edmondson.)

Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the Parish of Midhurst in the Rural District of Midhurst, a copy of which was presented to this House on the 12th day of this instant October, be approved.—(Sir James Edmondson.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply:

Committee on the Town and Country Planning (Interim Development) (Scotland) Bill; 

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Ordered, That the Order made by the Sunday Cinematograph Entertainments. 

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The Order of the day being read, for the Supply: 

Committee on the Water Undertakings Compensation (Temporary Increases) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Ordered, That the Order made by the Sunday Cinematograph Entertainments. 

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The Order of the day being read, for the Water Undertakings Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Ordered, That the Order made by the Sunday Cinematograph Entertainments. 

The Order of the day being read, for the Rent

Second Reading of the Rent of Furnished Houses Control (Scotland) Bill; 

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

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Ordered, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.
The House met at Eleven of the clock.

MR. Assheton presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—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 the 31st day of March 1943, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor-General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Account do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Secretary Morrison presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Provisional Draft of Electoral Registration Regulations.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Ernest Brown presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 20th September 1943, entitled the National Health Insurance (Exception) Regulations, 1943.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Regency 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, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Rent of Furnished Houses Control (Scotland) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. Drew.)

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Town and Country Planning (Interim Development) (Scotland) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 agreed to.

Clause No. 2 amended, and agreed to.

Clauses No. 3 to No. 6 agreed to.

Clause No. 7 (Compensation for abortive expenditure in certain cases).

Amendment proposed, in p. 8, l. 38, to leave out the word "reasonably," and insert the word "necessarily."—(Mr. McKinlay.)

Question, That the word "reasonably" stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 8 agreed to.—

Clause No. 9 (Provisions as to joint committees).

Amendment proposed, in p. 11, l. 19, to leave out subsection (3).—(Mr. McKinlay.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses No. 10 to No. 15 agreed to.

First Schedule.

Amendment proposed, in p. 15, l. 15, to leave out the word "Sheriff," and insert the words "Secretary of State."—(Major Lloyd.)

Question, That the word "Sheriff" stand part of the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Second Schedule agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be 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 Sir Stanley Reed be added to the Select Committee on Publications and Debates Reports.—(Sir James Edmondson.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty praying that the Defence (Fire Guard) Regulations, 1943, a copy of which was presented to this House on the 1st day of July last, be annulled.—(Sir Herbert Williams):—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

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 Ways and Means Committee of Ways and Means of the 14th day of this instant October;—

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The order of the day being read, for the Water Undertakings Second Reading of the Water Undertakings Bill [Lords];—

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The order of the day being read, for the Workmen's Compensation (Temporary Increases) 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 Parliament (Elections and Meeting) 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 Parliament Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Wage-earners' Income Tax Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

And it being after half-past Five of the clock, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then fourteen minutes before Seven of the clock, till to-morrow.

\[No. 110.\]

**Wednesday, 20th October, 1943.**

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

**PRAYERS.**

**John Michael Henry Hely Hutchinson, Esquire,** commonly called Viscount Suirdale, Member for the County of Northampton with the Soke of Peterborough (Peterborough Division), was sworn.

**New Member sworn.**

**Business of the House.**

Ordered, That the Proceedings on the Wage-earners' Income Tax Bill be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Mr. Attlee.)

Mr. Lloyd reported from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 14th day of this instant October, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

Wage-earners' Income Tax.

That, under any Act of the present Session to amend the law relating to income tax in respect of emoluments, employers and others may be required, during the period beginning with the first day of February, nineteen hundred and forty-four and ending with the fifth day of April in that year, to make deductions on account of the tax which will or may become chargeable for the year notwithstanding that the relevant assessments have not then been made.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Wage-earners' Income Tax.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Wage-earners' Income Tax Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Basis of charge and method of collection of income tax on certain emoluments).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 38, to leave out the words "by way of manual labour," and insert the words "chargeable under Schedule E. of the Income Tax Act, 1918, as amended by subsequent enactments."—(Mr. Summers.)

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 (Regulations of Commissioners of Inland Revenue).

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 44, after the word "tables," to insert the words "or rules."—(Mr. Douglas.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 13, at the end, to insert the words,—

"( ) for the repayment of the whole or of any specified part of tax previously deducted."—(Mr. Douglas.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 29, to leave out paragraph (b), and insert the words:

"(b) the amount deducted or repaid at each period of payment of emoluments shall be related to the amount of such payment and to a proportional part of a provisional adjustment for allowances and reliefs."—(Mr. Douglas.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to. Clause agreed to.

Clauses No. 3 and No. 4 agreed to.

First and Second Schedules agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—Adjournment. (Captain McEwen.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour before Five of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

\[No. III.\]

**Thursday, 21st October, 1943.**

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

**PRAYERS.**

**Sir John Wardlaw Milne** reported from the Select Committee on National Expenditure, No. 118, 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. James Stuart.)
The Workmen's Compensation (Temporary Increases) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Captain McEwen.)

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Captain McEwen); and it being Five of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed without a Question being put.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. —(Mr. Boulton.)

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. 112.]

Tuesday, 26th October, 1943.

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 Capt. Hubert Duggan, Member for the County of Middlesex (Acton 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.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put; 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 Woolwich (West Division) in the room of the Right Honourable Sir Kingsley Wood, deceased.—(Mr. James Stuart.)

The House proceeded to a Division, and Mr. Speaker stated that he thought the Ayes had it; and, on his decision being challenged, it appearing to him that the Division was unnecessarily claimed, he called upon the Members who supported and who challenged his decision successively to rise in their places, and declared the Ayes had it, eleven Members who supported and who challenged his decision standing up.

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 Woolwich (West Division) in the room of the Right Honourable Sir Kingsley Wood, deceased.

Mr. Attlee presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Statute made by the University of Oxford on the 25th day of May 1943, amending the Statutes of the University.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Morrison presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Certificate of the Auditors of the Accident Offices Association showing the effect in respect of the year 1942 of the Undertaking given by the Association for the purpose of limiting the charges to employers in respect of Employers' Liability Insurance.

Mr. Secretary Morrison also presented, pursuant to paragraph (6) of Regulation 38B of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939,—Report by the Secretary of State for the Home Department of action taken under the said Regulation during September 1943.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the said Report be printed.

Mr. Ernest Brown presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 6th October 1943, entitled the National Health Insurance (Additional Benefits) Amendment Regulations, 1943.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Bevin presented, pursuant to the Catering directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Wages Regulations, dated 20th October 1943, entitled the Wages Board Recommendation (Notice) Regulations, 1943.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Assheton, presented, pursuant to the Purchase Tax directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 16th October 1943, entitled the Purchase Tax (Alteration of Rates) (No. 2) Order, 1943.

Copy of an Order, dated 19th October 1943, entitled the Fish Sales (Charges) (No. 3) Order, 1943.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir Archibald Sinclair presented, Air Force, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 21st September 1943, making special provision for the grant of duty pay to air-seamen, Group V, while employed on skilled stevedoring duties.


Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

The Parliamentary (Elections and Meeting) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. Adamson.)

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 Parliament (Elections and Meeting) [Money] proposed to
be moved, under Standing Order No. 69, in a Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House:—Whereupon the House, pursuant to Standing Order No. 69, resolved itself into a Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session making temporary provision as respects parliamentary elections and the registration of parliamentary electors, it is expedient to authorise—

(i) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of—

(a) expenses incurred by a Registrar-General of births, deaths and marriages, including certain expenses incurred and charges made by officers of certain local authorities; and

(b) expenses incurred by a registration officer, including—

(i) charges for his own services;

(ii) costs incurred by him as party to certain appeals;

(iii) expenses incurred and charges made by officers of certain local authorities or persons appointed in their stead, in and for performing duties at his request or on his requisition; and

(iv) in the case of a registration officer in Northern Ireland, expenses of printing for which arrangements are made by a county council; and

(ii) the payment into the Exchequer of fees and certain other sums received by a registration officer in respect of his duties as such an officer.

—(Mr. Secretary Morrison.)

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee of 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 Water Undertakings Second Reading of the Water Undertakings Bill [Lords]:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Regency Bill [Lords]:

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Wag-earners’ Income Tax Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Workmen’s Compensation (Temporary Increases) Bill:

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

And it being after half-past Five of the clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House, without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then sixteen minutes after Six of the clock, till to-morrow.
[No. 113.]

Wednesday, 27th October, 1943.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

Prayers.

Mr. Assheton 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 1944, for general Navy, Army and Air services and supplies in so far as specific provision is not made therefore by Parliament; for securing the public safety, the defence of the realm, the maintenance of public order and the efficient prosecution of the war; for maintaining supplies and services essential to the life of the community; and generally for all expenses, beyond those provided for in the ordinary grants of Parliament, arising out of the existence of a state of war.

Ordered, That the said Estimate be referred to the Committee of Supply; and be printed.

Mr. Secretary Amery presented by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Speech by the Food Member of the Governor-General's Council and other Papers relative to the Food Situation in India in 1943.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Dalton presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 19th October 1943, entitled the Candles (Maximum Prices) Order, 1943.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Assheton reported from the Committee on Rent of Furnished Houses Control (Scotland) [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as follows:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make provision with regard to the rent of houses or parts thereof in Scotland let at a rent which includes payment for the use of furniture or for attendance, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of the sums required for the payment of remuneration and salaries and allowances to the members, acting members, clerks and officers and servants of Tribunals appointed under 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 Rent of Furnished Houses Control (Scotland) Bill.

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Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 5, to leave out from the word "satisfied," to the first word "that," in l. 7.—(Mr. Gallacher.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 13, after the word "force," to insert the words "and also for Scotland as a whole."—(Major Lloyd.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 2 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 3 agreed to.

Clause No. 4 amended, and agreed to.

Clauses No. 5 and No. 6 agreed to.

Clause No. 7 (Offences).

Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 7, at the end, to add the words,—

"(3) When any contract to which the Act applies is referred or was referred to a tribunal it shall be an offence for the lessor to give notice of the termination of the tenancy without the consent of the tribunal and any lessor guilty of such offence shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding twenty pounds."—(Mr. McGovern.)

Question put, That those words be there added.

The Committee divided:

Tellers for the—Mr. McGovern.

Yea,

Mr. Stephen : 8.

Mr. Boulton : 229.

Noes,

Mr. Drewe : 224.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 8 agreed to.

Clause No. 9 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 10 (Short title, extent and duration).

Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 29, to leave out from the word "until," to the end of the Clause, and add the words "sufficient houses have been supplied to overcome the housing crisis."—(Mr. McGovern.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Schedule.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 7, after the word "State," to insert the words "in consultation with the local authority."—(Mr. Gallacher.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted:

The Committee divided:

Tellers for the—Mr. Kirkwood.

Yea,

Mr. Sloan : 15.

Mr. Pym : 224.

Noes,

Mr. Stephen : 8.

Mr. Boulton : 229.

Another Amendment made.

Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Title amended.

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, and had amended the Title as follows:—A Bill to make provision with regard to the rent of houses or parts thereof in Scotland let at a rent which includes payment for the use of furniture or for services.
Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be now taken into consideration:

The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Workmen’s Compensation (Temporary Increases) Bill.—(In the Committee)

Clause No. 1 (Supplementary allowances).

Motion, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Bevan.)

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 19, to leave out the word "five," and insert the word "ten."—(Mr. Ness Edwards.)

Question proposed, That the word "five" stand part of the Clause.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Secretary Morrison.)—put, and negatived.

Original Question put:
The Committee divided:

Tellers for the
Mr. Boultm, Yea: 153.
Mr. Pym:

Tellers for the
Mr. Bernard Taylor: 42.
Mr. Foster:

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 1, to leave out the words "who was married to him at the time of the accident."—(Mr. Foster.)

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. 2, after the word "accident" to insert the words "or a female workman who has a husband wholly dependent upon her at the time of the accident."—(Mr. Sloan.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 8, to leave out the word "male."—(Mr. Ness Edwards.)

Question proposed, That the word "male" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 10, after the word "child," to insert the words "whether born before or after the accident."—(Mr. Ness Edwards.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Peake.)—put, and agreed to.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply:

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means:

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Water Undertakings Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Regency Bill [Lords];

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Wage-earners’ Income Tax Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Parliament (Elections and Meeting) 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 Parliament (Elections and Meeting) [Money];

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Prolongation of Parliament Bill:

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

And it being after half-past Five of the clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House, without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then ten minutes after Nine of the clock, till to-morrow.

[No. 114.]

Thursday, 28th October, 1943.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Attorney General presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of the Report of the Matrimonial Causes (Trial in the Provinces) Committee.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Dalton presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 22nd October 1943, entitled the General Hardware and Ironmongery (Maximum Prices) Order, 1943.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—


Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

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 one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to enable traders to regulate the disposal of their stocks of certain descriptions of goods to which section nine of the Goods and Services (Price Control) Act, 1941, applies in accordance with licences issued by the Board of Trade with a view to the efficient prosecution of the war and the maintenance of essential supplies; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Price Control (Regulation of Disposal of Stocks) Bill [Lords] was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Price Control (Regulation of Disposal of Stocks) Bill [Lords] was read the second time: The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

The Price Control (Regulation of Disposal of Stocks) Bill [Lords] was read the third time, and passed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Regency Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 and No. 2 agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the 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.

A Motion was made and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.

—(Sir James Edmondson.)

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Tuesday next.

Resolved, That the Clearing Office (Italy) Debts Clearing Offices Amendment Order, 1943, dated 8th October 1943, 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 12th day of this instant October, be approved.—(Mr. Ashteton.)

Resolved, That it is expedient that a Tribunal be established for inquiring into a definite matter of urgent public importance, that is to say, the conduct before the Hereford Juvenile Court of the proceedings against Craddock and others, with particular reference to the responsibility for the irregularities which led to the finding of guilt against Craddock being quashed by the Divisional Court.—(Mr. Attorney General.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjourned.

And it being half an hour after Five of the clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House, without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, till Tuesday next, pursuant to the Resolution of the House this day.

[No. 115.]

Tuesday, 2nd November, 1943.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

P R A Y E R S.

Mr. Attlee presented, pursuant to the Chartered and directions of several Acts of Parliament, Other Bodies (Temporary Provisions) Order, 1943, entitled—

(1) the Dental Board (Temporary Provisions) Order, 1943.


(3) the Malvern Hills Conservators (Temporary Provisions) Order, 1943, and

(4) the Poole Harbour Commissioners (Extension of Term of Office) Order, 1943.

Copies of Orders in Council, dated 28th October 1943, entitled—

(1) making Regulations entitled the Defence (Sale of Food) Regulations, 1943.

(2) amending the Defence (Women’s Forces) Regulations, 1941.
(3) amending Regulation 9 of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939, and
(4) adding Regulation 58A to the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Goods and Services (Price Control).
Mr. Dalton presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 21st October 1943, entitled the Glass Tumblers (Maximum Prices) Order, 1943.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Domestic Help.
Mr. Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command.—Copy of the Report of the Committee on Minimum Rates of Wages and Conditions of Employment in connection with Special Arrangements for Domestic Help.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Poor Law (England).
Mr. Ernest Brown presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Rules, dated 25th October 1943, entitled the Huddersfield (Adjudicating Officers) Order, 1943.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Pensions.
Mr. Secretary Johnston presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Rules, dated 25th October 1943, entitled the Pensions Appeal Tribunals (Scotland) Rules, 1943.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Import Duties (Exemptions).
Mr. Assheton presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 28th October 1943, entitled the Import Duties (Exemptions) (No. 4) Order, 1943.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Emergency Powers (Defence).
Copy of an Order, dated 26th October 1943, entitled the Potatoes (1943 Crop) (Charges) Order, 1943.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Business of the House.
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.)

Wage-earners' Income Tax Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Wage-earners' Income Tax Bill;
And a Motion being made and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time;
An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "be," to the end of the Question, and adding the words "and, as amended, there added:
And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—It passed in the Negative.

And the Question being proposed, That the proposed words be there added:
The proposed words were amended in l. 5, by adding, at the end thereof, the words "and in respect of the Amendments standing in the name of Mr. Douglas."—(Mr. Douglas.)—and, as amended, were there added.

And the Main Question, so amended, being put:
Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House in respect of the Amendments, the New Clause (Interpretation) and the New Schedule (Conditions as to Emoluments and Pensions), standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, and in respect of the Amendments standing in the name of Mr. Douglas.
Resolved, That this House will, immediately, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House accordingly proceeded to take the Amendments standing in the name of Mr. Douglas, and the New Schedule (Conditions as to Emoluments and Pensions), standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, and in respect of the Amendments standing in the name of Mr. Douglas.

Resolved, That the Bill be now read the third time, and passed.

Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 29, to leave out paragraph (b), and insert the words,—
"(b) the amount deducted or repaid at each period of payment of emoluments shall be related to the amount of such payment and to a proportional part of a provisional adjustment for allowances and relief."—(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. 3 and No. 4 amended, and agreed to.
A Clause (Interpretation),—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer,)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.
A Schedule (Conditions as to Emoluments and Pensions),—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer,)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.
Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.
Ordered, That the Bill, as amended on re-committal, 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 Mr. Speaker's Certificate.
I hereby certify that this Bill is a Money Bill within the meaning of the Parliament Act, 1911.

D. CLIFTON BROWN, Speaker.

The Price Control (Regulation of Disposal of Stocks) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.
Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Captain MacEwen.)
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 28th day of October last, That the Water Undertakings Bill [Lords] be now read a second time:

And the Question being again proposed:—

Ordered, That the House be now adjourned.

—(Mr. Ernest Brown.)

Adjournment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—

(Captain McEwen);

And it being Five of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed without a Question being put.

Adjournment.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—

(Sir James Edmondson.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes after Five of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 116.]

Wednesday, 3rd November, 1943.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

ORDRED, 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 Durham (Consett Division) in the room of David Adams, Esquire, deceased.—(Mr. Whiteley.)

Supreme Court (Northern Ireland) (Procedure).

Mr. Secretary Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order of the Lord Chief Justice of Northern Ireland, dated 14th October 1943, adding a new Rule to Order LXXXIV of the Rules of the Supreme Court (Northern Ireland), 1936.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Africa (Importation of Spirits).

Mr. Secretary Stanley presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Report for 1942, 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.

Trinidad and Tobago (Prisons).

Mr. Secretary Stanley also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Rules made by the Governor of Trinidad and Tobago in Executive Council on the 27th day of July 1943, entitled the Prison Rules, 1943.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Mr. Attlee.)

Sir James Edmondson reported from the Committee on Parliament (Elections and Meeting) [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as follows:—

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session making temporary provision as respects parliamentary elections and the registration of parliamentary electors, it is expedient to authorise—

(i) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of—

(a) expenses incurred by a Registrar-General of births, deaths and marriages, including certain expenses incurred and charges made by officers of certain local authorities; and

(b) expenses incurred by a registration officer, including:

(i) charges for his own services;

(ii) costs incurred by him as party to certain appeals;

(iii) expenses incurred and charges made by officers of certain local authorities or persons appointed in their stead, in and for performing duties at his request or on his requisition; and

(iv) in the case of a registration officer in Northern Ireland, expenses of printing for which arrangements are made by a county council; and

(ii) the payment into the Exchequer of fees and certain other sums received by a registration officer in respect of his duties as such an officer.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Parliament (Elections and Meeting) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Special register for war-time parliamentary elections).

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 2, to leave out the words ' as respects,' and insert the words ' with regard to. '—(Major Manningham-Buller.)

Question proposed, That the words ' as respects,' stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses No. 2 to No. 4 agreed to.

Clause No. 5 (Civilian residence register).

Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 18, after the word ' incapacity,' to insert the words ' and not being a person who at the outbreak of the present war was ordinarily resident in Eire. '—(Sir Derrick Ginston.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 23, to leave out the word ' two,' and insert the word ' three.'—(Major Manningham-Buller.)

Question proposed, That the word ' two' stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 31, after the word ' constituency,' to insert the words ' or in the same county or county borough.'—(Sir Harold Webbe.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 22, to leave out from the word "furnished," to the word "to," in l. 24.---(Major Manningham-Buller.)

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 (Business premises register).

Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 2, after the word "unless," to insert the word "either."—(Mr. Keeling.)

Question, That the words "either" be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 5, at the end, to insert the words,—

"Provided also that it shall be the duty of the registration officer to send within the prescribed time to each person rated in respect of business premises a copy of such form and to draw his attention to the provisions of this subsection."—(Major Lloyd.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted:

The Committee divided;

Tellers for the Mr. Turton, 112.
Sir Derrick Gunston: 146.

Tellers for the Mr. Boulton, Mr. Pym:

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 5, at the end, to insert the words,—

"Provided also that any person qualified to be registered by virtue of the foregoing provisions of this subsection may apply on behalf of the wife or husband of such person."—(Sir Derrick Gunston.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 7 (Civilian absent voters).

Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 27, at the end, to add the words,—

"(c) Subject also to the provisions of this part of the Act a person being on the qualifying date a British subject of full age and fulfilling the conditions of registry prescribed in subsection (1) of section five, but subject to such physical incapacity that he is unable to exercise the right conferred on him by this Act, may appoint a proxy to vote for him, or be placed upon the absent voters' list at any election for which he may be registered in the civilian residence register."—(Major Peto.)

Question proposed, That those words be there added:

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 8 (Service register).

Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 35, to leave out from the word "or," to the end of the paragraph, and insert the words "elects that constituency as the constituency in which he desires to record his vote."—(Mr. Turton.)

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. 37, at the end, to insert the words "or (c) immediately prior to his service as a member of the forces or a seaman was occupying business premises in the constituency."—(Mr. Turton.)

Question, That those words be there added, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 37, at the end, to insert the words,—

"residing for those seeking inclusion in the services register shall mean the place where the person is living or would but for his service be living and shall not include the place at which such person is stationed or billeted for the purpose of such service unless that person has been stationed or billeted there for two months preceding the qualifying date."—(Major Manningham-Buller.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 8, l. 3, after the word "deemed," to insert the words "until the contrary is proved."—(Major Lloyd.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 9 (Mode of voting of service voters).

Amendment proposed, in p. 9, to leave out ll. 26 to 28.—(Mr. Turton.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 10 (Arrangements for exercise of rights by service voters).

Amendment proposed, in p. 9, l. 34, to leave out from the word "person," to the word "shall," in l. 35, and insert the words "serving in the armed forces and every seaman."—(Mr. Turton.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 11 (War workers abroad).

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.—(Sir Herbert Williams.)

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

Clause No. 12 (Preparation of register).

Amendment proposed, in p. 10, l. 26, to leave out from the word "Act," to the end of the subsection.—(Major Lloyd.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses No. 13 and No. 14 amended, and agreed to.

Clauses No. 15 to No. 17 agreed to.

Clauses No. 18 and No. 19 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 20 agreed to.

Clause No. 21 (Interpretation of Part I).

Amendment proposed, in p. 17, l. 10, to leave out from the word "university elections," to the end of the paragraph.—(Mr. Pickthorn.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses No. 22 to No. 34 agreed to.

A Clause (Appointment of proxies for service voters at university elections.)—(Mr. Pickthorn.)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

First Schedule amended, and agreed to.

Second Schedule amended, and agreed to.

Amendments made.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 26, l. 46, to leave out the words "two voters," and insert the words "one voter."—(Mr. Brooke.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Other Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 27, l. 23, after the first word "person," to insert the words "other than a service voter."—(Mr. Turton.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Third and Fourth Schedules amended, and agreed to.

Fifth to Seventh Schedules agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration to-morrow; and be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Prolongation of Parliament Bill.

(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 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 Workmen's Compensation (Temporary Increases) 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 Price Control (Regulation of Disposal of Stocks) Bill [Lords];

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

And it being after half-past Five of the clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House, without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then twenty-six minutes before Nine of the clock, till to-morrow.

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Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:—

The Lords have agreed to the Town and Country Planning (Interim Development) (Scotland) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Rent of Furnished Houses Control (Scotland) Bill.

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.

Resolved, That the Proceedings in connection with a statement to be made by the Prime Minister and on any consequential business be held in Secret Session.—(The Prime Minister.)

Ordered, That the Proceedings on any Motion for the Adjournment of the House moved by a Minister of the Crown be exempted at this day's Sitting from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House) for one hour after the hour appointed for the interruption of business.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Supplementary Vote of Credit, 1943. (Expenditure arising out of the War.)

Resolved, That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £1,250,000,000, be granted to His Majesty, towards defraying the expenses which may be incurred during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1944, for general Navy, Army and Air services and supplies in so far as specific provision is not made therefor by the Army and Air Services and Supplies in so far as specific provision is not made therefor by

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.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ways and Means.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1944, the sum of £1,250,000,000 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Workmen's Compensation (Temporary Increases) Bill.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Workmen's Compensation (Temporary Increases) Bill;—Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Workmen's Compensation (Temporary Increases) 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 Price Control (Disposal of Stock) Bill [Lords];—Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Parliament (Elections and Meeting) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—Adjournment.

(Mr. Young.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till one minute before Six of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 118.]

Friday, 5th November, 1943.

The House, 5th November, 1943.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Noel Baker presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Agreements between the undermentioned War Risks Associations and the Minister of War Transport for re-insurance of British ships against King's enemy risks:—


(2) The London Steam Ship Owners' Mutual Insurance Association, Limited.


(7) The United Kingdom Mutual War Risks Association, Limited.


Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Resolved, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn till Tuesday next.—(Mr. James Stuart.)
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. Secretary Morrison.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Workmen's Compensation (Temporary Increases) Bill.

Clause No. 1 (Supplementary Allowances). Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 10, after the word "child," to insert the words "whether born before or after the accident." Question again proposed, That those words be there inserted.

Clause No. 2 ( Lump sum payments). Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 24, to leave out the word "two-thirds," and insert the word "seven-eighths."—(Mr. Tom Brown.) Question proposed, That the word "two-thirds" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 17, to leave out the word "seven," and insert the word "nine."—(Mr. Foster.) Question proposed, That the word "seven," stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 28, at the end, to add the words:—"(5) in paragraph (v) of subsection (2) of Section eight of the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1925 (which provides for reasonable expenses for medical attendance and burial) for the word 'fifteen,' there shall be substituted the word 'thirty.'"—(Mr. Foster.) Question proposed, That those words be there added:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses No. 3 and No. 4 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 5 agreed to.

A Clause ( Allowances to families not supported by injured men.)—(Mr. Hogg.)—brought up, and read the first time.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and 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 an Amendment.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with an Amendment; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Resolved, That the Diocesan Education Committee Measure, 1943, passed by the National Assembly of the Church of England, be presented to His Majesty for His Royal Assent in the form in which the said Measure was laid before Parliament.—(Mr. Willink.)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.— Adjournment. (Mr. Drewe.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till eight minutes before Four of the clock, adjourned till Tuesday next, pursuant to the Resolution of the House this day.
Tuesday, 9th November, 1943.

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 Captain Stuart Hugh Minto Russell, Member for the County of Lancaster (Darwen 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.

Mr. Dalton presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 3rd November 1943, entitled the War Risks (Commodity Insurance) (No. 4) Order, 1943. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Johnston presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of the First Report of the Local Government and Public Health Consolidation (Scotland) Committee.


Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—Account of the Sums received into and paid out of the Herring Fund Advances Account in the year ended the 31st day of March, 1943, 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.

Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, That he will be graciously pleased to give directions that there be laid before this House a Return showing, with regard to each Parliamentary Constituency in England and Wales, the total number of Electors on the register now in force.—(Sir Reginald Blair.)

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, with regard to each Parliamentary Constituency in Scotland, the total number of Electors on the register now in force.—(Sir Reginald Blair.)

Mr. Assheton reported from the Committee of Supply of the 4th day of this instant November, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

Resolved, That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £1,250,000,000, be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom, for the service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1944, for general Navy, Army and Air services and supplies 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. Assheton reported from the Committee Ways and Means of the 4th day of this instant November, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

Resolved, That towards making good the Supply Consolidated granted to His Majesty for the service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1944, the sum of £1,250,000,000 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 Mr. Assheton do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Assheton 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-four, and to appropriate the further Supplies granted in this Session of Parliament: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Resolved, That the Fish Sales (Charges) (No. 3) Order, 1943, dated 19th October 1943, 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 26th day of October last, be approved.—(Mr. Mabane.)

Resolved, That the Potatoes (1943 Crop) (Charges) Order, 1943, dated 26th October 1943, 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 2nd day of this instant November, be approved.—(Mr. Assheton.)

Resolved, That the 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 Hucknall, a copy of which was presented to this House on the 4th day of this instant November, be approved.—(Mr. James Stuart.)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—Adjournment. (Mr. James Stuart.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till fourteen minutes after Twelve of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
[No. 120.]

Wednesday, 10th November, 1943.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Assheton presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of a Certificate, dated 4th November 1943, issued by the First Lord of the Treasury for the purposes of subsection i of Section 1 of the House of Commons Disqualification (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1942, certifying that the appointment of the Honourable John Scott Maclay, a Member of the Commons House of Parliament, to be a member of the British Merchant Shipping Mission in the United States, is required in the public interest for purposes connected with the prosecution of the present war.

Account of the Receipts and Expenditure of the Accountant General of the Supreme Court in respect of the Funds of Suitors of the Court in the year ended the 28th day of February 1943;—And, a Statement of the liability of the Consolidated Fund:—And, an Account of the National Debt Commissioners for the same period in respect of Funds held by them on behalf of the Supreme Court of Judicature, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the said Account be printed.

Mr. Ernest Brown presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Fourth Annual Report of the National Camps Corporation Limited (for the year ended the 31st day of March 1943).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

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.

D. Clifton Brown, Speaker.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn—Adjournment.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by Mr. James Stuart;

And it being Five of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed without a Question being put.

Resolved, That the Purchase Tax (Alteration of Rates) (No. 2) Order, 1943, dated 16th October 1943, 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 26th day of October last, be approved.—(Captain Waterhouse.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—Adjournment.

Mr. Speaker presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of the Fourth Annual Report of the National Camps Corporation Limited (for the year ended the 31st day of March 1943).

Ordered, that the said Certificate be printed.

The Lords have agreed to the Income Tax (Employments) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Prolongation of Parliament Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Workmen’s Compensation (Temporary Increases) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Parliament (Elections and Meeting) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendment made by this House to the Price Control (Regulation of Disposal of Stocks) Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—Adjournment.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-six minutes after Five of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
Thursday, 11th November, 1943.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Robert Hudson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 6th November 1943, authorising the landing of one Libyan Ram from Algiers (Order No. 6,333).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Assheton presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Paper entitled Report on Mutual Aid.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Edward Campbell reported from the Committee on National Expenditure, That they had made further Progress to the matters 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 examined the Petition presented upon the 22nd day of September last, and directed him to make two Reports thereof to the House: And the Reports were brought up and read.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir John Wardlaw-Milne reported from the Committee on National Expenditure, That they had made further Progress to the matters 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. Craddock and others. The following Papers, presented by His Majesty's Command during the Adjournment, papers (Adjournment).

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 Middlesex (Acton Division) in the room of Captain Hubert John Duggan, deceased. —(Mr. James Stuart.)

The following Papers, presented by His Parliamentary Committee of Enquiry into Detention Barracks. The House met at Eleven of the clock.

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PRAYER.
Copy of a Statement of proposed action by His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland regarding the aforementioned draft conventions adopted by the General Conference of the International Labour Organisation of the League of Nations:—

1. Draft Convention, No. 56 (Sickness Insurance (Sea)).
2. Draft Convention, No. 50 (Recruiting of Indigenous Workers) and Draft Convention, No. 65 (Penal Sanctions (Indigenous Workers)).

Mr. Assheton presented, by His Majesty's command,—Copy of a Certificate, dated 17th November, 1943, issued by the Treasury, certifying that it is inexpedient to lay before Parliament the Statement prepared by the Board of Trade under Section 99 of the War Damage Act, 1943, with respect to the Business Scheme, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1943.

Copy of a Certificate, dated 17th November 1943, issued by the Treasury, certifying that it is inexpedient to lay before Parliament copies of the Accounts of the War Risks (Marine) Insurance Fund and the War Risks (Commodities) Insurance Fund, respectively, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1943.

Mr. Assheton also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of a Certificate, dated 17th November, 1943, issued by the First Lord of the Treasury for the purposes of subsection (2) of Section 1 of the House of Commons Disqualification (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1941, certifying that the appointment of Ben Smith, Esquire, a Member of the Commons House of Parliament, to be Minister Resident in Washington for Supply, is required in the public interest for purposes connected with the prosecution of the present war.

Copy of a Statement of the Payments by the War Damage Commission and Contributions received by the Commissioners of Inland Revenue under Part I of the War Damage Act, 1943, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1943.

Return of the amount of Notes issued more than 40 years and outstanding on the 27th day of October 1943, which have been written off from the total amount of Notes issued from the Issue Department of the Bank of England.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the second Paper relative to War Damage be printed.

Secretary Sir Archibald Sinclair presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 11th November, 1943, 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) (2nd Edition).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Pensions (Governors of Dominions, &c.) (No. 2) Order, 1932.

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, dated 11th November, 1943, for the alteration of Coroners' Districts in the County of Lancaster.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Bevin presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Report by a Court of Inquiry concerning a dispute between the Clerical and Administrative Workers' Union and certain colliery companies in South Wales and Monmouthshire.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Paper, pursuant to the Report of the Select Committee on Expiring Laws in the Session of 1866, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—


Ordered, That the Paper relative to Temporary Laws be printed.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table:—List of the Bills, Reports, Estimates and Accounts and Papers printed by order of the House, and of Papers presented by Command, Session 1942-43, with a General Alphabetical Index thereto, Thirty-seventh Parliament, Eighth Session, 6th and 7th George VI, 11th November 1942 to 23rd November 1943.

Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

Francis William Beech, Esquire, Member for the Borough of Woolwich (West Division), sworn, for New Member for the County of Durham (Consett Division), was sworn.

James Edward Glanville, Esquire, Member for the County of Lancaster, was sworn.

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 Proceedings in connection with a statement to be made by Mr. Attlee be held in Secret Session.—(Mr. Attlee.)

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 proroguing the
The results of this most fruitful meeting in Navies, Armies and Air Forces in the midst of its foundation. They have shaken the guilty confederacy of our enemies. Their task will be notably eased by the facilities granted by My oldest Ally, Portugal, in her Atlantic islands. Over Germany itself our Air Forces are striking increasingly heavy blows at the heart of the enemy, in the face of the most desperate opposition. Throughout Europe a mounting tide of resistance is rising against the oppressor. In the Mediterranean resounding victories have been won. The name has been driven from the soil of Africa; Sicily, Sardinia and Corsica have been liberated; the Italian fleet is in our hands; one-third of Italy has been occupied; and My troops and those of the United States confront the foe on the mainland occupied; one-third of Italy has been won.

The dangerous attack of the U-boats has been largely broken by our Navies and Air Forces, whose continued success rejoices all forces, whose continued success rejoices all. The perseverance and industry of My people in the United Kingdom has been emulated by My peoples in My Dominions and Colonial territories and in India. I trust that the special hardships which the war has lately brought to many My Indian subjects will be relieved; and that the steps My Government have already taken will assist the Governments in India in relieving the grave shortage of food in certain areas of India.

The unity of My peoples with those of My Allies has continued to hearten our friends and confound our enemies. Once again we have had the advantage of the wise counsel of My Prime Minister of the Union of South Africa; and several of My Ministers from other Dominions have also been able to visit us, with beneficial results. The Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs has visited My Dominions of Canada and Newfoundland; and the Secretary of State for the Colonies has recently returned from a visit to My territories in East and West Africa. We have been happy to welcome here many distinguished members of the United States Administration.

Matters of great import for the future of the United Nations and of freedom-loving peoples everywhere have been considered at international discussions; and My Ministers here have welcomed the opportunity of exploratory conversations on the future of these memorable operations and Myself to witness their courage and ardour. I continue with My people to watch with admiration the increasing successes of the armies of our brave Russian Allies, and rejoice with them in the liberation of great regions from the ravages of our common foe.

In the Far East the advance of the enemy has been halted and the offensive of the United Nations has begun. I trust that this may soon bring some relief to our Chinese Allies, whose long struggle against the Japanese invader has inspired our deepest sympathy. In South-East Asia a new command has been created and new Commanders appointed. In the Western Pacific freedom has already been restored to some of the islands which were overrun by the enemy. I look forward to the day when we shall, with God's help, restore to all My peoples the blessing of peace and progress.

These successful operations in all theatres of war have been sustained and supplied by the uniting efforts of the men and women working in the industries and services essential to the prosecution of the war—in the great manufacturing industries, in agriculture, in the mines, and in transport by land and by sea. For the third successive year we have been blessed with a bounteous harvest.

The splendid courage and determination of My merchant seamen and those of the United Nations, and of the men of the fishing fleets, with the uniting aid of the minewepers, have continued to assure the flow of supplies essential to the prosecution of the war and to the life of My peoples. I have also watched with pride the fortitude and endurance shown by those whose duties, though no less necessary, are less directly concerned with the activities of war—the women at home, so many of whom combine their domestic duties with other work, and the men and women working in the industries supplying the essential civil needs of My people.

The dangerous attack of the U-boats has been largely broken by our Navies and Air Forces, whose continued success rejoices all our hearts. Their task will be notably eased by the facilities granted by My oldest Ally, Portugal, in her Atlantic islands. Over Germany itself our Air Forces are striking increasingly heavy blows at the heart of the enemy, in the face of the most desperate opposition. Throughout Europe a mounting tide of resistance is rising against the oppressor. In the Mediterranean resounding victories have been won. The enemy has been driven from the soil of Africa; Sicily, Sardinia and Corsica have been liberated; the Italian fleet is in our hands; one-third of Italy has been occupied; and My troops and those of the United States have fought in close and continuous fellowship with the House ofPeers, to hear the Commission read.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, I go up to the House ofPeers, where 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:

The unity of My peoples with those of My Allies has continued to hearten our friends and confound our enemies. Once again we have had the advantage of the wise counsel of My Prime Minister of the Union of South Africa; and several of My Ministers from other Dominions have also been able to visit us, with beneficial results. The Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs has visited My Dominions of Canada and Newfoundland; and the Secretary of State for the Colonies has recently returned from a visit to My territories in East and West Africa. We have been happy to welcome here many distinguished members of the United States Administration.

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civil air transport with representatives from My Commonwealth and Empire.

The Treaty for the abolition of extraterritorial rights has been successfully concluded with My Chinese Ally. In the summer we had the pleasure of welcoming Dr. T. V. Soong, the Chinese Minister for Foreign Affairs, on a brief visit, which unhappily was overshadowed by the death of the Chinese President, Dr. Lin Sen.

My Government have welcomed the establishment of the French Committee of National Liberation at Algiers, and have recognised it as the body qualified to ensure the conduct of the French effort in the war within the framework of inter-Allied co-operation. We look forward to the liberation of France and her restoration to the ranks of the Great Powers.

Members of the House of Commons,

I thank you for the provision that you have made towards the cost of the war. The ready support given by My people to the measures you have adopted has ensured that the very heavy expenditure required by the war has been met with due regard to the social and economic interests of My country.

My Lords and Members of the House of Commons,

It is a matter of especial satisfaction to The Queen and Myself that Parliament has complied with My request that the Regency Act should be so amended as to enable Our beloved daughter Princess Elizabeth, when she attains the age of eighteen, to serve as one of the Counsellors of State should occasion arise for their appointment.

I have given My Assent to a number of measures which have been brought before you during the course of the year. These have included Acts providing for the reorganisation of My Foreign Service, for strengthening public control over the planning of town and country, and for the development of hydro-electric power in Scotland. Legislation has been passed to introduce a new system of taxation of wages and salaries, which will be of substantial convenience to all employees, particularly those whose earnings are liable to fluctuation. An Act has been passed to facilitate electoral registration under war conditions. Provision has been made for the regulating the conditions of employment in those trades, for improving the administration of pensions, and for further temporary increases in the rates of workmen's compensation.

Steps have also been taken to establish machinery for dealing with questions of wages and conditions in the coal-mining industry.

My Government have taken the necessary action to ratify the International Labour Conventions concerning the Regulation of Written Contracts of Employment of Indigenous Workers and Penal Sanctions for Breaches of Contracts of Employment by Indigenous Workers.

With you, I thank Almighty God for having brought us victoriously through a year of peril and anxiety, and I pray that His blessing may attend you at all times.

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 Twenty-fourth day of November, One thousand nine hundred and forty-three, to be then here holden; and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued until Wednesday the Twenty-fourth day of November, One thousand nine hundred and forty-three.
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